

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Records consist of individual's name, Social Security Number or service number, last known or current address, occupational information, date and extent of involvement in Persian Gulf military operations, perceived exposure information, medical treatment information, medical history of subject, and other documentation of reports of possible exposure to biological, chemical, disease, or environmental agents.

The system contains information from unit and historical records and information provided to the Department of Defense by individuals with first-hand knowledge of reports of possible biological, chemical, disease, or environmental incidents.

Information from health care providers who have evaluated patients with illnesses possibly related to service in the Persian Gulf is also included. Records include those documents, files, and other matter in the medical, operational, and intelligence communities that could relate to possible causes of Persian Gulf War Veterans illnesses.

Records of diagnostic and treatment methods pursued on subjects following reports of possible incidental exposure are also included in this system.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

10 U.S.C. 131, 10 U.S.C. 136, and E.O. 9397 (SSN).

PURPOSE(S):

Records are collected and assembled to permit investigative examination and analysis of reports of possible exposure to biological, chemical, disease, or environmental agents incident to service in the Persian Gulf War and to conduct scientific or related studies or medical follow-up programs.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

To the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Social Security Administration for appropriate consideration of individual claims for benefits for which that agency is responsible.

To the Department of Veterans Affairs for use, in conjunction with the Persian Gulf Health Registry, to permit investigative, scientific, medical and other analysis regarding possible causes,

symptoms, diagnoses, treatment, and other characteristics pertinent to Gulf War Illnesses.

To the Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses for purposes of carrying out those functions as set forth in Executive Orders 12961 and 13034 or such further Order as directed by the President.

The 'Blanket Routine Uses' set forth at the beginning of OSD's compilation of systems of records notices apply to this system.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**STORAGE:**

Paper records are maintained in file folders; electronic records are stored on magnetic media; microfilm/microfiche are maintained in appropriate storage containers.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records are retrieved by case number, name, Social Security Number or service number.

SAFEGUARDS:

Access to areas where records maintained is limited to authorized personnel. Areas are protected by access control devices during working hours and intrusion alarm devices during non-duty hours.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Files will be retained permanently. They will be maintained in the custody of the Persian Gulf Veterans Illnesses Investigative Team under the oversight of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) until completion of the Team's investigative mission. Upon disbanding of the Team, custody of the records will be transferred to OASD(HA) where they will be held for five years, and then transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), 1200 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1200.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system should address written inquiries to the Director, Persian Gulf War Veterans Illnesses Investigative Team, Suite 810, 5205 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3881, or to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), 1200 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1200.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking access to records about themselves contained in this

system of records should address written inquiries to the Director, Persian Gulf War Veterans Illnesses Investigative Team, Suite 810, 5205 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3881, or to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), 1200 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1200.

CONTESTING RECORDS PROCEDURES:

The OSD's rules for accessing records, for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are published in OSD Administrative Instruction 81; 32 CFR part 311; or may be obtained from the system manager.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information is from the individuals themselves, witnesses to a possible agent event, health care providers who have evaluated patients with illnesses possibly related to service in the Persian Gulf, as well as extracts from historical records to include: personnel files and lists, unit histories, medical records, and related sources.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Air Force****Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3502(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Associate Director for Civil Aviation, Directorate of Operations and Training, announces the proposed reinstatement of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (b) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (c) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by June 30, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to

HQ USAF/XOO-CA, 1480 Air Force Pentagon, Washington DC 20330-1480.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address or call (703) 697-5967.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Civil Aircraft Certificate of Insurance, DD Form 2400, OMB Number 0701-0050; Civil Aircraft Landing Permit, DD Form 2401, OMB Number 0701-0050; and DD Form 2402, Civil Aircraft Hold Harmless Agreement, OMB Number 0701-0050.

Needs and Uses: The collection of information is necessary to ensure that the security and operational integrity of military airfields are maintained; to identify the aircraft operator and the aircraft to be operated; to avoid competition with the private sector by establishing the purpose for use of military airfields; and to ensure the US Government is not held liable if the civil aircraft becomes involved in an accident or incident while using military airfields, facilities, and services.

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Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Second Record of Decision for a Dry Storage Container System for the Management of Naval Spent Nuclear Fuel

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing NEPA procedures, 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508; Chief of Naval Operations Environmental and Natural Resources Program Manual, OPNAV Instruction 5090.1B; and the Department of Energy NEPA regulations (10 CFR Part 1021); the Department of the Navy and the Department of Energy, as a Cooperating Agency, announce their decisions regarding the location of temporary dry storage facilities for naval spent nuclear fuel and special case waste at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL). The need for these decisions was identified in the final Environmental Impact Statement for a Container System for the Management of Naval

Spent Nuclear Fuel (EIS) dated November 1996. The Department of Energy (DOE), which participated as a cooperating agency, formally adopted that final EIS on October 9, 1996 (designated as DOE/EIS-0251). The need for the decisions was also identified in the first Record of Decision (ROD) (62 FR 1095, January 8, 1997) for that EIS, in which the Department of the Navy and the Department of Energy announced their decision regarding selection of a dual-purpose canister system for the loading, storage, transport, and possible disposal of naval spent nuclear fuel following examination.

In this second ROD, the Navy and DOE announce their decision that the naval spent nuclear fuel which is, or which will be, stored at the Idaho Chemical Processing Plant (ICPP) will be loaded into dual purpose canisters at the Naval Reactors Facility (NRF). Both the ICPP and the NRF are located on the INEEL in southeastern Idaho. The Navy and DOE also announce the additional decision that all dual purpose canisters loaded with naval spent nuclear fuel and special case waste will be stored at a site adjacent to the Expanded Core Facility (ECF) at the NRF. The storage of these canisters containing naval spent nuclear fuel at the NRF will occur regardless of whether the contained fuel had previously been stored at the ICPP, or had been received at INEEL before or after the dry storage facility at the NRF commenced operations. This Record of Decision neither decides nor presumes that naval special case waste will be shipped to a geologic repository or a centralized interim storage facility as will naval spent nuclear fuel.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the final EIS and other information related to this second Record of Decision or the first Record of Decision are available in the public reading rooms and libraries identified in the Navy's **Federal Register** notice that announced the availability of the Final EIS (61 FR 59423, November 22, 1996). For further information on the Navy's utilization of a dry storage container system for naval spent nuclear fuel, or to receive a copy of the final EIS and the first ROD, contact William Knoll, Department of the Navy, Code NAVSEA 08U, 2531 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22242-5160, (703)603-6126. For information on the DOE's NEPA process, please contact Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, D.C. 20585, (202)586-4600 or leave a message at 1-800-472-2756.

Introduction

More than 40% of the Navy's principal combatant warships are nuclear powered. Since 1955, U.S. nuclear powered warships have steamed safely more than one hundred ten million miles and accumulated over 4,800 reactor years of safe operation. Continued operation of the Navy's nuclear powered warships remains a vital element of the Navy's ability to fulfill its national security mission in support of our nation's defense.

The Navy creates spent nuclear fuel through the operation of its nuclear powered warships and training reactors. When a warship is refueled for continued service or is defueled because it is being inactivated, its spent nuclear fuel is removed at a shipyard. Similarly, naval spent nuclear fuel is removed from afloat and land-based training reactors when they are refueled or deactivated. In all cases, the naval spent nuclear fuel is transported to the INEEL in southeastern Idaho where it is examined at the Expanded Core Facility (ECF) located at the Naval Reactors Facility (NRF). This examination is essential to verify the performance of current naval nuclear fuel and to support the effort to design naval fuel with longer lifetimes. After examination, the naval spent nuclear fuel is transferred to the Idaho Chemical Processing Plant (ICPP) for storage in water pools pending final disposition. Currently, there are approximately 13 metric tons of heavy metal of naval spent nuclear fuel at the INEEL. A total of approximately 65 metric tons of heavy metal of naval spent nuclear fuel will exist by the year 2035.

The Navy is committed to ensuring that post-examination naval spent nuclear fuel is managed in a fashion which: (1) facilitates ultimate safe shipment to a permanent geologic repository or centralized interim storage facility outside the State of Idaho once one becomes available; (2) protects the environment while being temporarily stored at the INEEL; (3) is consistent with the DOE Programmatic Spent Nuclear Fuel Management and INEL Environmental Restoration and Waste Management Programs Final Environmental Impact Statement (April 1995) and Records of Decision dated May 30, 1995 and February 28, 1996; and (4) complies with the Settlement Agreement/Consent Order among the State of Idaho, the DOE, and the Navy, which is discussed in this Record of Decision under **LEGAL AND REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**.

Until a geologic repository or centralized interim storage facility