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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); FY 98 DRG Updates

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Correction.

SUMMARY: This notice makes corrections to the FY 98 DRG Updates published in the **Federal Register** on October 30, 1997 (62 FR 587110). Change "discharges" to read "admissions" in the following areas:

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First column, second paragraph, section C.

First column, third paragraph, section D.

Second column, first paragraph, section H.

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L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Availability of Scope of Statement for Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement: Treatment of Non-Stockpile Chemical Warfare Materiel

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Scope of Statement (SoS) for the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) on the treatment of non-stockpile chemical warfare material (CWM) is available. The SoS is an important component of the PEIS process providing direction for the PEIS preparers.

ADDRESSES: To obtain copies of the SoS, contact Ms. Louise Dyson, Public Outreach and Information Officer, Office of the Project Manager for Non-Stockpile Chemical Material, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland 21010-5401 or by phone at 410-671-3445 or fax at 410-612-8737.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Louise Dyson at the above address and phone number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare the PEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on October 18, 1996 (FR 61 54421-54424), with a correction to that notice being published on November 13, 1996 (FR 61 58281). In the NOI, the Army invited interested agencies and the public to assist in determining the scope of the PEIS by providing comments by February 28, 1997, on the alternative strategies and important issues affecting the environment that should be addressed. The SoS describes the scoping process and the determinations reached by the Army's Non-Stockpile Chemical Material Program (NSCMP) as a result of the scoping process. The following items are included on the SoS:

1. Description and discussion of the proposed action and alternative strategies to be evaluated in the Draft PEIS;
2. Description and discussion of the major socioeconomic and environmental issues to be addressed in the Draft PEIS;
3. Preliminary schedule for the PEIS, including the approximate time frame in which the Draft PEIS and Final PEIS are expected to be made available to the public;
4. Discussion of the roles and responsibilities of different organizations involved in preparing, reviewing and approving the Draft PEIS;
5. Preliminary outline of the Draft PEIS that will be used in guiding its preparation;
6. Description of the actions undertaken by the NSCMP to involve interested organizations and the public in the PEIS scoping process; and
7. A summary of the comments received during the public scoping process and the NSCMP's consideration of those comments.

Changes to the proposed action and preliminary alternative strategies identified in the NOI have been made as a result of the public scoping process and these changes are reflected in the SoS.

The PEIS proposed action that will be evaluated is to select one or more strategies for the treatment of non-stockpile CWM utilizing transportable chemical treatment systems. The decision to be made by the Army, and for which the PEIS analysis will address environmentally, is whether transportable chemical treatment systems should be further developed and made available for deployment.

The preliminary alternative strategies identified in the NOI were as follows:

1. On-site chemical treatment of CWM with off-set destruction of the resultant

wastes either by thermal destruction or another disposal method;

2. On-site chemical treatment and on-site destruction/disposal of chemical treatment wastes;

3. On-site thermal destruction;

4. Off-site chemical treatment and/or thermal destruction or another disposal method; and

5. No action, which was defined as a continuation of the current methods for handling these types of CWM, including safely packing, shipping and storing CWM at permitted locations.

The alternative strategies that will be analyzed in the PEIS include the following:

1. On-site Strategy—further develop transportable chemical treatment systems and make the systems available for the treatment of non-stockpile CWM at the site where the CWM may be located;

2. Off-site Strategy—further develop transportable chemical treatment systems, transport non-stockpile CWM from where it is located to an off-site location, and make the systems available for the treatment of CWM at the off-site location; and

3. No Action Strategy—discontinue development of the prototype transportable chemical treatment systems and continue to store non-stockpile CWM until other systems can be made available for treatment of non-stockpile CWM. Storage of non-stockpile CWM will occur on site unless precluded by human health, safety, and environmental regulatory requirements.

The PEIS evaluation will be directed at determining those environmental and socioeconomic conditions under which each of the strategies could be implemented. The revised alternative strategies are those that are applicable to any site with non-stockpile CWM. The application of these strategies will be further considered in subsequent site-specific analyses should the Army decide to proceed with the transportable chemical treatment systems.

The PEIS will be prepared using an approach in which the affected environment will be described in terms of a range of environmental and socioeconomic conditions that could occur at any site or location where non-stockpile CWM may be present or where transportable chemical treatment systems could be utilized. Based on these ranges, the PEIS will evaluate whether or not adverse environmental and socioeconomic impacts could occur. Where such impacts could occur, the PEIS will identify mitigation measures to eliminate, reduce, or compensate any adverse impact.

For the off-site strategy, emphasis will be placed on evaluating the impacts and identifying mitigation measures associated with the potential transport of non-stockpile CWM, as the impacts and mitigation measures for the treatment of non-stockpile CWM would be the same as those to be identified under the on-site strategy. The off-site strategy will indicate that, under current law, non-stockpile CWM can only be transported in state or to the nearest chemical munitions stockpile storage facility that has the necessary permits for receiving and storing them. For the no action strategy, the potential adverse impacts and mitigation measures to be emphasized will be those associated with storage of non-stockpile CWM.

The Draft PEIS will be made available for public review and comment. Its availability will be announced, written comments on the Draft will be solicited, and information about a possible public meeting to comment on the Draft will be published at a later date. The Army expects to release the Draft PEIS in late 1998 and the Final PEIS by early 2000.

Dated: December 4, 1997.

Raymond J. Fatz,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Environment, Safety and Occupational
Health) OASA (I,L&E).*

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review;
comment request.

SUMMARY: The Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 12, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Dan Chenok, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room

5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

Dated: December 5, 1997.

Gloria Parker,

*Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of
the Chief Information Officer.*

Office of the Under Secretary

Type of Review: New.

Title: Study of School Violence Prevention.

Frequency: Two one-time reportings.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping
Hour Burden:*

Responses: 56,400.

Burden Hours: 35,850.

Abstract: The purpose of this study is to increase understanding of school violence and violence prevention efforts, especially efforts funded by the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Community Act programs, as required

by § 4117 of Title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Hanford Site Solid (Radioactive and Hazardous) Waste Program Environmental Impact Statement Richland, Washington; Public Scoping Period Extension

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Extension of public scoping period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is extending the public scoping period on the Hanford Site Solid (Radioactive and Hazardous) Waste Program Environmental Impact Statement to January 30, 1998.

DATES: Written comments on the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement must be submitted by January 30, 1998, to ensure consideration. Comments submitted after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments or requests for copies of the Notice of Intent should be addressed to: Allison Wright, Document Manager, Hanford Site Solid (Radioactive and Hazardous) Waste Program Environmental Impact Statement, U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (MSIN S7-55), Post Office Box 550, Richland, WA 99352, Telephone: (509) 372-2346, FAX: (509) 372-1926, EMAIL: solid_waste_eis-doe@rl.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the Environmental Impact Statement, contact Allison Wright at the above address. For general information on DOE's National Environmental Policy Act process, contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, U.S. Department of Energy (EH-42), 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, Telephone: (202) 586-4600, or leave a message at (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 27, 1997, DOE published a notice in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 55615) announcing its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Solid Waste Program at the Hanford Site in Richland, Washington and to conduct a 45-day public scoping process pursuant to National Environmental Policy Act. DOE subsequently conducted three public scoping meetings—two on November 12, 1997, in Richland, Washington and the other