

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Presidential Determination on Classified Information Concerning the Air Force's Operating Location Near Groom Lake, Nevada

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the President has exempted the United States Air Force's operating location near Groom Lake, Nevada, from any Federal, State, interstate, or local provision respecting control and abatement of solid waste or hazardous waste disposal that would require the disclosure of classified information to any unauthorized persons.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. W. Kipling At Lee, Jr., Deputy General Counsel (Military Affairs), Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Washington DC 20330; telephone (703) 695-5663.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 42 USC Section 6961 makes each department, agency, and instrumentality of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the Federal Government (1) having jurisdiction over any solid waste management facility or disposal site, or (2) engaged in any activity resulting, or which may result, in the disposal or management of solid waste or hazardous waste subject to all Federal, State, interstate, and local requirements, both substantive and procedural (including any requirement for permits or reporting or any provisions for injunctive relief and such sanctions as may be imposed by a court to enforce such relief), respecting control and abatement of solid waste or hazardous waste disposal and management in the same manner, and to the same extent, as any person is subject to such requirements, including the payment of reasonable service charges. 42 USC Section 6961 also states that the President may exempt any solid waste management facility of any department, agency, or instrumentality in the executive branch from compliance with such a requirement if he determines it to be in the paramount interest of the United States to do so and that any exemption shall be for a period not in excess of one year.

On September 25, 1998, the President exempted the Air Force's operating location near Groom Lake, Nevada, from any Federal, State, interstate, or local provision respecting control and abatement of solid waste or hazardous waste disposal that would require the disclosure of classified information concerning that operating location to any unauthorized person.

Therefore, the text of the Memorandum from the President to the Secretary of the Air Force is set forth below.

Carolyn A. Lunsford,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

Presidential Determination No. 98-36

September 25, 1998

Memorandum for the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency [and] the Secretary of the Air Force
Subject: Presidential Determination on Classified Information Concerning the Air Force's Operating Location Near Groom Lake, Nevada

I find that it is in the paramount interest of the United States to exempt the United States Air Force's operating location near Groom Lake, Nevada, (the subject of litigation in *Kasza v. Browner* (D. Nev. CV-S-94-795-PMP) and *Frost v. Perry* (D. Nev. CV-S-94-714-PMP), from any applicable requirement for the disclosure to unauthorized persons of classified information concerning the operating location. Therefore, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 6961(a), I hereby exempt the Air Force's operating location near Groom Lake, Nevada, from any Federal, State, interstate, or local provision respecting control and abatement of solid waste or hazardous waste disposal that would require the disclosure of classified information concerning that operating location to any unauthorized person. This exemption shall be effective for the full one-year statutory period.

Nothing herein is intended to: (a) imply that in the absence of such a Presidential exemption, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) or any other provision of law permits or requires disclosure of classified information to unauthorized persons; or (b) limit the applicability or enforcement of any requirement of law applicable to the Air Force's operating location near Groom Lake, Nevada, except those provisions, if any, that would require the disclosure of classified information.

The Secretary of the Air Force is authorized and directed to publish this determination in the **Federal Register**.

William J. Clinton,

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Disposal and Reuse of the Charles River Park Parcel, Army Materials Technology Laboratory (AMTL), Watertown, MA

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army announces today the availability of the EA and Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for the disposal and reuse of the Charles River Park parcel, AMTL,

Watertown, Massachusetts. The 1988 Commission on Base Realignment and Closure established by the Defense Authorization Amendments and Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1988, Public Law 100-526, recommended the closure of AMTL. The proposed action is the disposal of property made available by the closure of AMTL.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the EA or inquiries into the FNSI may be obtained by writing to Susan Holtham, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District (ATTN: Environmental Resource Section), 696 Virginia Road, Concord, Massachusetts 01742-2571.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Susan Holtham at (978) 318-8536 or by telefax at (978) 318-8560.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EA evaluates the effects of disposal and subsequent reuse of the Charles River Park parcel which comprises approximately 11 acres. The Army will negotiate the transfer of 11 acres to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) or another owner. In 1920, the Army granted a permanent right-of-way for the parcel to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, MDC. Through the grant, MDC assumed responsibility for care, management and police jurisdiction over the property, however, ownership remained with the Army.

Three alternative methods of disposal were analyzed: Encumbered disposal, unencumbered disposal and retention of the property in caretaker status (i.e., no action alternative). The Army's preferred alternative for disposal of the Charles River Park parcel is encumbered disposal which involves conveying the property with conditions imposed on special easements, remedial activities, historic properties, and wetlands.

The EA, which is incorporated into the FNSI, examines potential effects of the proposed action and alternatives on resource areas and areas of environmental concern: Land use, climate, air quality, geology, water resources, infrastructure, hazardous and toxic substances, biological resources, cultural resources, economic development, social and economic development, and quality of life.

The EA concludes that the disposal and subsequent reuse of the property will not have a significant impact on the human environment. Issuance of a FNSI would be appropriate. An Environmental Impact Statement is not required prior to implementation of the proposed actions.

The EA also will be available for public review at the Watertown Free Library, 123 Main Street, Watertown, Massachusetts 02172-4401; call (617) 972-6430 for hours of operation.

Dated: October 19, 1998.

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

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 22, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and 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, D.C. 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Pat_Sherrill@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

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 Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief

Information Officer, publishes that 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.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: October 19, 1998.

Kent H. Hannaman,

*Leader, Information Management Group,
Office of the Chief Financial and Chief
Information Officer.*

Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Application for Grants Under Emergency Immigrant Education Program.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal Gov't; SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:

Responses: 57

Burden Hours: 9,177.

Abstract: This application is used by State educational agencies to apply for formula grants authorized under the Emergency Immigrant Education Act (Title VI of P.L. 98-511 as amended by P.L. 103-382).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Proposed Agency Information Collection

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) invites public comment on a proposed information collection that DOE is developing for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). This information collection would collect information from individual homeowners, solar energy system installers and other solar energy industry representatives concerning the details of newly installed solar energy systems (e.g., system size and technology).

DATES: Consideration will be given to comments submitted by December 22, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted to: Department of Energy, Attn: Kimberley Kendall, Office of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (EE-1), 6C-016/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20585. (202) 586-0927, E-mail: kim.kendall@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Collection Title: U.S. Department of Energy/Million Solar Roofs Initiative Registry.

Type of Review: New collection.

OMB Number: None.

Type of Respondents: Individuals, solar energy system installers, and other solar energy industry representatives.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 500.

Frequency of Response: One time only.

Abstract: DOE plans to publicize widely the existence of the registry through its Regional Support Offices, the Million Solar Roofs website, DOE's bi-weekly electronic Million Solar Roofs newsletter, meetings, conferences and the like, and through its relationship with renewable energy organizations. Due to the high level of interest in MSR in the solar energy community, DOE expects that many solar energy system installers, individuals, utilities, governments, and solar energy manufacturers will wish to "register" their solar energy systems. Registration would take place electronically (a paper form would also be available upon request) by responding to a series of very brief questions. If a system met the established criteria, a Million Solar Roofs certificate would automatically be generated and mailed to the respondent. Registration would take place one time only. DOE plans to aggregate the data and generate reports detailing the