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Those individuals requesting a hearing should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in this application summary are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: November 25, 1998.

Kevin Collins,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Notification of Request for Approval of Information Collection Activity—Customer Satisfaction Surveys

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In the August 11, 1998 **Federal Register** (63 FR 42832), the Consumer Product Safety Commission published a notice in accordance with provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) to announce the agency's intention to seek approval of surveys and other information-collection activities to determine the kind and quality of services CPSC customers want and customers' level of satisfaction with existing services. The Commission now announces that it has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for approval of that collection of information.

CPSC will use the information it obtains in these surveys to improve its work on behalf of the American public. In addition, the CPSC Office of Planning and Evaluation will use information from the surveys to prepare sections of the agency's annual performance report (required by the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA)). This information will provide measures of the quality and effectiveness of agency efforts related to three goals in its strategic plan (informing the public, industry services, and customer satisfaction).

CPSC will collect this information in several ways, using contractors and/or in-house staff. These ways include (1) Using CPSC's web site to solicit feedback on the level of satisfaction with CPSC's services, (2) using brief customer service follow-up queries (on-line) with samples of telephone hotline callers, (3) surveying a sample of firms using the Fast-Track Product Recall Program to assess their views and suggestions for improvements in the service aspects of the program, (4) including customer comment cards within the pages of the *Consumer Product Safety Review*, and (5) conducting mail surveys of state partners and samples of customers of the National Injury Information Clearinghouse. Fewer than 10 customer surveys or information collection activities a year would be conducted using this clearance.

Additional Information About the Request for Approval of Information Collection Activity

Title of information collection: Customer Satisfaction Surveys.

Type of request: Approval.

Frequency of collection: Occasional.

General description of respondents:

(1) Persons telephoning the Hotline; (2) persons or companies contacting the National Injury Information Clearinghouse for information; (3) State representatives who work with CPSC on cooperative programs; (4) firms using CPSC's Fast-Track Product Recall Program; (5) small businesses that have contacted the CPSC's small business ombudsman; and (6) other individuals CPSC is providing information to, such as those through the CPSC's Office of Information and Public Affairs.

Estimated number of respondents: 1,550 per year.

Estimated average number of responses per respondent: One per year.

Estimated number of responses for all respondents: 1,550 per year.

Estimated number of hours per response: 1/30 hour each.

Estimated number of hours for all respondents: 51.7 per year.

Estimated cost of collection for all respondents: \$620 per year.

Comments: Comments on this request for approval of an information collection activity should be submitted by December 31, 1998 to (1) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for CPSC, Office of Management and Budget, Washington DC 20503; telephone: (202) 395-7340, and (2) the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207. Comments may be delivered to the Office of the

Secretary, room 502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Comments may also be sent to the Office of the Secretary by facsimile at (301) 504-0127, or by e-mail at cpsc-os@cpsc.gov.

Copies of this request for approval of an information collection activity are available from Robert Frye, Director, Office of Planning and Evaluation, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone: (301) 504-0416, extension 2264.

Dated: November 23, 1998.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. § 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirement on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Corporation is soliciting comments concerning its proposed new AmeriCorps Application for Membership. This application will be used to screen and place applicants into the various AmeriCorps programs, and will replace the previously approved individual applications for the National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) and Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA). Applicants will be able to use this single, new application to apply to any of the AmeriCorps programs, thereby eliminating the need for multiple applications should the individual wish to be considered for multiple programs, either concurrently or consecutively.

Copies of the information collection requests can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

The Corporation is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Propose ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Propose ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section by February 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of AmeriCorps Recruitment, 8th Floor, Attn: Ms. Susie Zimmerman, 1201 New York Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20525.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Susie Zimmerman, (202) 606-5000, ext. 104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In the past, AmeriCorps*VISTA and AmeriCorps*NCCC required separate applications for their programs. A combined member application will gather similar data from applicants, including background information, educational history, skills and experience, and a motivational statement that AmeriCorps may use in evaluating the applicant's suitability for becoming a member and to place them in the most appropriate program(s) that match their skills and interests.

II. Current Action

The Corporation seeks approval of its new AmeriCorps Application for Membership. If approved, this application will streamline the process for applicants by enabling them to complete one application and be considered for multiple programs within AmeriCorps. This new

application will also be more cost-effective for the government by providing a centralized information source and streamlined process for receiving applications and placing them into the proper programs.

Type of Review: New.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: AmeriCorps Application for Membership.

OMB Number: None.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: Any individual interested in applying to become a member of AmeriCorps*NCCC, AmeriCorps*VISTA, or a state and local AmeriCorps program located throughout the United States.

Total Respondents: Approximately 60,000. (Approximately 40,000 individuals serve each year in AmeriCorps programs; (collection totals are inexact as the bulk of these completed applications are submitted to local programs and not back to the Corporation for National Service).

Frequency: An applicant need only complete the application once. Applicants may make copies of their completed forms; and submit copies (each, however, with an original signature) to several different AmeriCorps programs for consideration.

Average Time Per Response: 45 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 45,000 hours (if 60,000 individuals complete the form per year).

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 24, 1998.

Kenneth L. Klothen,

General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork

Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs announces the proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) 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 March 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, Room 2D521, 1500 Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1500, ATTN: Mr. John Paul Galles, Special Assistant for Employer Support Metrics, Washington, DC or e-mail at jgalles@osd.pentagon.mil.

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 Mr. John Paul Galles at 703/695-1677, x137.

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Training and Service, A Survey of Employer Characteristics, Opinions, Attitudes and Behaviors; OMB Number: 0704-[to be determined].

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to learn about employer tolerance for leaves of absence caused by the departure of National Guard and Reserve members from their workplaces to attend military training or to provide military service. Increasingly, National Guard and Reserve members are being called upon to provide frequent and protracted service for national defense. As a result, they are increasingly absent from the workplaces of their full-time employers. In order to sustain and not to diminish employer support, it is important to learn about employer tolerance of absences due to Guard/Reserve obligations, and how such absences can be least disruptive to the employer when Guard and Reserve