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Conclusion

Using the input gathered from the announced meeting and the written comments, the PTO will analyze the existing information dissemination program in light of the new and existing technologies, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, and OMB Circular A-130. The PTO will then redraft its policy and publish it for comment prior to finalizing it.

Dated: November 2, 1995.

Bruce A. Lehman,

*Assistant Secretary of Commerce and
Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Proposed Information Collection Available for Public Comment

AGENCY: Director of Information Systems for Command, Control, Communications, and Computers (DISC4), U.S. Army.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Department of the Army announces a 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.

U.S. Military Academy (USMA) programs and curricula undergo periodic review for accreditation by the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (ABET). As input to an upcoming review, perceptions of graduates about the effectiveness of their USMA education are required. The Superintendent delegates responsibility to the Director of Institutional Research for performing special institutional research projects such as program evaluations.

Title: West Point Graduates Survey 1996.

Needs and Uses: The perceptions of graduates on the effectiveness of the U.S. Military Academy programs and curricula are needed for periodic accreditation by the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (ABET). ABET considers graduate feedback essential to the program. The information collected will be used to evaluate programs/curricula and make changes deemed advisable.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,059.

Number of Respondents: 1,826.

Responses Per Respondents: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 35 minutes.

Frequency: One time.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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 below address or call the Department of the Army Reports Clearance Officer at (703) 614-0454.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to United States Military Academy, Institutional Research and Analysis Branch, ATTN: MAOR-R, (DR. W. BURKE), BLDG. 2101, West Point, New York 10996. Consideration will be given to all comments received within 60 days of the date of publication of this notice. Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Real Estate Acquisition for, and the Construction of, a U.S. Food and Drug Administration Mega-Laboratory

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Los Angeles District intends to prepare an EIS to support the FDA proposal to acquire ten (10) acres of land on the University of California Irvine Campus, and construct a 7,950 square meter (85,560 square foot) mega-laboratory. The purpose of the proposal is to allow the FDA to consolidate its current regional laboratories into a total of five (5) Mega-Laboratory facilities. The proposed project alternatives would include other sites in Orange County, as well as no action alternative. The EIS will analyze potential impacts on the environment of a range of alternatives, including the recommended plan. Scoping: The Army Corps of Engineers will conduct a scoping meeting prior to preparing the Environmental Impact Statement to aid in determining the significant environmental issues associated with the proposed action. The public, as well as Federal, State, and local agencies are encouraged to

participate in the scoping process by submitting data, information, and comments identifying relevant environmental and socioeconomic issues to be addressed in the environmental analysis. Useful information includes other environmental studies, published and unpublished data, alternatives that should be addressed in the analysis, and potential mitigation measures associated with the proposed action.

The public scoping meeting will be held on the UCI Campus in late November, 1995. The location, date, and time of the public scoping meeting will be announced in the local news media. A separate notice of this meeting will be sent to all parties on the project mailing list.

Individuals and agencies may offer information or data relevant to the environmental or socioeconomic impacts by attending the public scoping meeting. Comments, suggestions, and requests to be placed on the mailing list for announcements and for the Draft EIS, should be sent to Alex Watt, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Attn: CESPL-PD-RQ, P.O. Box 2711, Los Angeles CA 90053.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Dale Bulick, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Project Management Division at (213) 894-0956.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Army Corps of Engineers intends to prepare an EIS to assess the environmental effects associated with the land acquisition for, and the construction of, an FDA megalaboratory. The public will have the opportunity to comment on this analysis before any action is taken to implement the proposed action.

AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT EIS: The Draft EIS is expected to be published and circulated in February 1996, and a public hearing to receive comments on the Draft EIS will be held after it is published.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection requests.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Resources Group, 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 January 8, 1996.

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, SW., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronic mailed to the internet address #FIRB@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 Department of Education (ED) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (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 Director of the Information Resources Group, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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. ED 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: November 2, 1995.

Gloria Parker,

Director, Information Resources Group.

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Type of Review: Extension.
Title: Application for Grants Under the Library Literacy Program.

Frequency: Annually.
Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Reporting Burden:
Responses: 500.
Burden Hours: 8,500.
Recordkeeping Burden:
Recordkeepers: 0.
Burden Hours: 0.

Abstract: This form will be used by state and local public libraries to apply for funds under Title VI of the "Library Services and Construction Act" (P.L. 98-480) for planning and coordinating library literacy programs, training librarians and volunteers to carry out such programs, and acquiring necessary materials. Secretary on which applications should be funded.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Kirtland Area Office (Sandia); Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Kirtland Area Office (Sandia).

DATES: Wednesday, November 15, 1995: 7:30 pm-9:30 pm (Mountain Standard Time).

ADDRESSES: Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, 2401 12th St. NW., Albuquerque, NM.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Zamorski, Acting Manager, Department of Energy Kirtland Area Office, P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185 (505) 845-4094.