

out that a review of tests involving the Century Model 590, in particular the VRTC test of September 18, 1995, suggests that the performance of some seats manufactured in 1994 may be marginal.

When a safety standard establishes minimum performance requirements for motor vehicles or items of motor vehicle equipment through the use of specific values for particular parameters, as is the case here, NHTSA does not consider performance failures at higher levels to, in themselves, demonstrate that a safety-related defect exists. Moreover, NHTSA has consistently taken the position that the fact that a vehicle or item of equipment would not comply with a newly-issued, more stringent safety standard, which was not in effect on the date the vehicle or equipment was manufactured, does not constitute evidence that the vehicle or equipment is defective. Thus, given the fact that the Century Model 590 appears to satisfy the performance requirements of FMVSS No. 213 when tested with a 17-pound test dummy utilizing a conforming acceleration pulse, its performance with heavier dummies or at higher test speeds and accelerations does not indicate the existence of a safety defect.

In consideration of the available information, there is no reasonable possibility that an order concerning the notification and remedy of a safety-related defect based on the petitioner's allegations would be issued at the conclusion of an investigation. Therefore, the petition has been denied. However, the information developed regarding the reported failures of Century Model 590 seats in actual vehicle collisions merits further analysis. NHTSA will, therefore, initiate a Preliminary Evaluation to further investigate the actual collision performance of this seat in side impact crashes, which are not covered by FMVSS No. 213 or any other Federal motor vehicle safety standard.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30162(a); delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8.

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Michael B. Brownlee,
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance.

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Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation

Advisory Board; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public

Law 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. I) notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, to be held at 2:00 p.m., March 27, 1996, at the Corporation's Washington, DC office, 400 7th Street, SW., Suite 5424, Washington, DC 20590 via conference call. The agenda for this meeting will be as follows: Opening Remarks; Consideration of Minutes of Past Meeting; Review of Programs; Business; and Closing Remarks.

Attendance at meeting is open to the interested public but limited to the space available. With the approval of the Acting Administrator, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing further information should contact not later than March 20, 1996, Marc C. Owen, Advisory Board Liaison, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; 202-366-0091.

Any member of the public may present a written statement to the Advisory Board at any time.

Issued at Washington, DC on March 5, 1996.

Marc C. Owen,
Advisory Board Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the Office of Management invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this information collection. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology, as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposal for the collection of information should be received on or before May 13, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Ron Taylor, Office of Management (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. All comments will become a matter of public record and will be summarized in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. This document solicits comments concerning the following information collection:

OMB Control Number: 2900-0548.

Title and Form Number: Voluntary Customer Surveys to Implement Executive Order 12862—Department of Veterans Affairs.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Need and Uses: In compliance with Executive Order 12862, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will continue to conduct a series of qualitative and quantitative information collections to determine the kind of services its direct and indirect customers want, as well as customer levels of satisfaction with existing services. The surveys will solicit voluntary opinions. They will not be used to collect information required to obtain or maintain eligibility for a VA program or benefit. Baseline data obtained through these information collections will be used to develop customer service standards. VA is requesting generic approval to conduct a series of information collections over the next 3 years.

Current Circumstances: VA conducts a variety of activities to implement the Executive Order. If these activities were not conducted, VA would be unable to comply with the Executive Order, and would not have the information needed to establish standards for the best possible customer-focused service. VA uses the information gathered to determine where and to what extent services are satisfactory, and where and to what extent they may be improved. The information collected may lead to policy changes to enhance or streamline VA's overall operations.

Affected Public: Individuals and households—Business or other for-profit-Not-for-profit institutions—State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Annual Burden: 611,428 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes (average).

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 305,714.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of collection of information proposal should also be directed to Department of Veterans Affairs, Attn:

Jacque McCray, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, Telephone (202) 565-8266 or FAX (202) 565-8267.

Dated: March 1, 1996.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director Information Management Service.

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Security and Law Enforcement, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the Office of Security and Law Enforcement invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this information collection. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology, as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposal for the collection of information should be received on or before May 13, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Tanya Al-Khateeb, Office of Security and Law Enforcement (07C), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. All comments will become a matter of public record and will be summarized in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. This document solicits comments concerning the following information collection:

OMB Control Number: 2900-0524.

Title and Form Number: VA Police Officer Pre-Employment Screening Checklist, VA Form 0120 (formerly VA Form 10-0120).

Type of Review: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Need and Uses: The form is needed to document the pre-employment screening process and special

background checks for applicants seeking employment as VA police officers.

Current Actions: It is the policy of VA that no person be employed as a VA police officer who has been convicted of a serious crime or whose history reflects a disregard for laws and regulations, questionable character, or a pattern of misconduct or poor work habits. Pre-employment screening for VA police officers and full verification of qualifications and suitability have been a long-standing policy. This form provides a record of the accomplishment of pre-employment vouchering following selection standards which serve as the VA's basic assurance that federal criminal law enforcement authority is granted cautiously and responsibly.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Governments—Business or other for-profit—Federal Government.

Estimated Annual Burden: 250 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Generally one-time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,500.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to Department of Veterans Affairs, Attn: Ron Taylor, VA Clearance Officer (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, telephone (202) 565-4412 or FAX (202) 565-8267.

Dated: March 1, 1996.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director Information Management Service.

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Cemetery System, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, National Cemetery System (NCS) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this information collection. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize the

burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology, as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposal for the collection of information should be received on or before May 13, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Robert Kline, National Cemetery System (401A1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. All comments will become a matter of public record and will be summarized in the NCS request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. In this document NCS is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

OMB Control Number: 2900-0232.

Title and Form Number: Verification of Eligibility for Burial in a National Cemetery, VA Form 40-4962.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Need and Uses: The information is used to verify and determine eligibility for burial in a national cemetery and to establish permanent records of interments.

Current Actions: Cemetery directors now collect the information via the Burial Operation Support System (BOSS). BOSS is an automated program used to verify and determine eligibility and replaces the need for the routine use of VA Form 40-4962. The next-of-kin (or veteran) may provide an honorable discharge document to a cemetery director which would accelerate the verification and determination procedure. However, a majority of the requests for burial are made by telephone, and primarily by a funeral director. Many times discharge documents are unavailable to the next-of-kin, funeral director, or person making the final arrangements. The necessary information needed to verify and determine eligibility is entered into BOSS by the cemetery director. The information collected also provides a means whereby other documents can be completed. Inscription data for headstones or markers, scheduling of interments, preparation for the number of attendees, honor, etc., are noted in BOSS to facilitate a burial. VA Form 40-4962 is a basic working document that is used during BOSS downtime to collect information and then supply input for required forms or permanent documents, and indicates action to be taken.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.