

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title and Applicable Form: Application for Annuity—Certain Military Surviving Spouses; DD Form 2769.

Type of Request: New collection; Emergency Processing requested with a shortened public comment period ending April 14, 1998. An approval date of April 23, 1998, is requested.

Number of Respondents: 400.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 400.

Average Burden per Response: 1 hour.

Annual Burden Hours: 400 hours.

Needs and Uses: The Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 1998, Public Law 105–85, Section 644, requires the Secretary of Defense to pay an annuity to qualified surviving spouses. The DD Form 2769, "Application for Annuity—Certain Military Surviving Spouses," used in this information collection, provides a vehicle for the surviving spouse to apply for the annuity benefit. The Department will use this information to determine if the applicant is eligible for the annuity benefit and make payment to the surviving spouse. The respondents of this information collection are surviving spouses of each member of the uniformed services who (1) died before March 21, 1974, and was entitled to retired or retainer pay on the date of death or (2) was a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces during the period beginning on September 21, 1972, and ending on October 1, 1978, and at the time of member's death would have been entitled to retired pay.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Edward C. Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, or via facsimile at (202) 395–5167.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing at OSD/WH/SDIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202–4302, or via

facsimile at (703) 604–6270, or requested telephonically at (703) 604 4582.

Dated: April 1, 1998.

Patricia L. Toppings,
Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison
Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Board of Visitors, United States Military Academy

AGENCY: United States Military Academy, West Point, New York.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 10(a)(20) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92–463), announcement is made of the following meeting:

Name of Committee: Board of Visitors, United States Military Academy.

Date of Meeting: 2 May 1998.

Place of Meeting: Superintendent's Conference Room, Taylor Hall, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York.

Start Time of Meeting: Approximately 8 a.m.

Proposed Agenda: Annual Review of the Academic, Military and Physical Programs at USMA. All proceedings are open.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Colonel Joseph A. Dubyel, United States Military Academy, West Point, NY 10996–5000, (914) 938–4200.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Intent To Declare Action Defining Archiving of Occupational Health Exposure Data for Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground and Placing of Copies Into Individual Employee Medical Folders

AGENCY: Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, MEDCOM.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: This action pertains to documents from Kirk USA Health Clinic for chronic occupational exposures personally reported to health officials at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground from 1947 to 1978. Copies of these documents are to be included in

the medical folders of employees currently working at the Aberdeen Proving Ground. Original documents will be archived at the National Personnel Records Center, 111 Winnabago Street, St. Louis, MO 63118–4199.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. M.C. Wayman, Chief, Correspondence Section, Reference Service Branch, National Personnel Records Center, (314) 425–5733.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action places information resulting from patient visits to the Edgewood Toxic Exposure Aide Station into medical files. This information reflects medical care and treatment furnished to individuals by occupational health service dispensaries and preventive medicine organizations. Included are records and correspondence relating to the medical history, physical condition and treatment furnished.

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 Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507 (j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by May 1, 1998. A regular clearance process is also beginning. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 8, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer: Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request

should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 7th & D Streets, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. Written comments regarding the regular clearance 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(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3506(c)(2)(A) requires that the Director of OMB 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 Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 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: April 1, 1998.

Gloria Parker,

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

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: New.

Title: Application for New Grants—State Program Improvement Grants for Children with Disabilities.

Abstract: This information collection is necessary to make awards authorized by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part D, Subpart 1—State Program Improvement Grants. Eligible grantees are State Departments of Education. This program was newly authorized by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997 (Pub. L. 105-17). The purpose of this program is to assist State educational agencies, and their partners in reforming and improving their systems for providing educational, early intervention, and transitional services, including their systems for professional development, technical assistance, and dissemination of knowledge about best practices, to improve results for children with disabilities. Appropriations for the first awards under this program become available for obligation on July 1, 1998.

Additional Information: This application package is intended to be made available to potential applicants in May 1998, for submission of applications in August. The impact of not receiving clearance in less than 60 days will be to provide less time for State educational agencies to enter into partnerships with local agencies as required by the Act, and less time for them to collect the information on personnel needs and strategies to address those needs. It is important, in the first year of this program, to make awards on a timely basis, as soon after the availability of funds as possible.

Frequency: Annually.

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

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 30.

Burden Hours: 2,700.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity; Meeting

AGENCY: National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the proposed agenda of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity. Notice of this meeting is required under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of its opportunity to attend this public meeting.

DATES AND TIMES: June 8-10, 1998, 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Latham Hotel, 3000 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20007.

The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. An individual with a disability who will need an accommodation to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistance listening device, or materials in an alternate format) should notify the contact person listed in this notice at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although the Department will attempt to meet a request received after that date, the requested accommodations may not be available because of insufficient time to arrange them.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Bonnie LeBold, Executive Director, National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, U.S. Department of Education, 7th and D Streets, SW., Room 3082, ROB-3, Washington, DC 20202-7592, telephone: (202) 260-3636. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity is established under Section 1205 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), as amended by Pub. L. 102-325 (20 U.S.C. 1145). The Committee advises the Secretary of Education with respect to the establishment and enforcement of the criteria for recognition of accrediting agencies or associations under subpart 2 of part H of Title IV, HEA, the recognition of specific accrediting agencies or associations, the preparation and publication of the list of nationally