

corps, and the U.S. Army Special Operations Command. The military units stationed at Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base (AFB) comprise approximately 44,000 soldiers and airmen. Major elements based at Fort Bragg include XVIII Airborne Corps, 82d Airborne Division, and Special Operations Forces. In addition to these units, Fort Bragg supports the training of soldiers from the Reserve Components of the U.S. Army. The 1995 Land Use Requirements Study identified a shortage of 125,512 acres needed to support training. The Army purchased the approximately 11,000-acre Overhills property in 1997 to help alleviate that training land deficit and protect the military missions of Fort Bragg and Pope AFB from encroachment by incompatible civilian development. The Army is in the process of acquiring the remaining private properties within Overhills, which are eight small parcels totaling 148.7 acres. Overhills is located in Cumberland and Harnett Counties in southeastern North Carolina and adjoins the northern boundaries of Fort Bragg and Pope AFB.

The EIS will consider several alternatives: (1) Incorporate Overhills into the NTA and use it only for military training. The Army would fence off and maintain at their current conditions the historical structures on "The Hill" and train on the golf course; (2) train on Overhills; Army would manage Overhills' facilities and resources solely as a caretaker; (3) no action alternative, which is to continue the status quo of permitting only low-impact military training at company level and not incorporating Overhills into the NTA while continuing caretaker operations for the rest of the property and facilities. Currently, units are conducting only light infantry training and driving only wheeled vehicles on roads and established trails.

During the scoping process, the Army will use any comments it receives as a result of this notice to identify potential impacts to the quality of the human environment. Individuals or organizations may participate in the scoping process by written comment or by attending a public scoping meeting. The date, time, and location of the public scoping meeting will be announced in the "Fayetteville Observer Times," "Charlotte Observer," "Raleigh News-Observer," and the "Paraglide" newspapers. The EIS will only consider comments received no later than 15 days following the public meeting.

Dated: November 28, 2000.

Raymond J. Fatz,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health), OASA(I&E).

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Education requests comments on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that the Secretary proposes to use for the 2002-2003 year. The FAFSA is completed by students and their families and the information submitted on the form is used to determine the students' eligibility and financial need for financial aid under the student financial assistance programs authorized under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, (Title IV, HEA Programs). The Secretary also requests comments on changes under consideration for the 2002-2003 FAFSA.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 2, 2001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 483 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), requires the Secretary, "in cooperation with agencies and organizations involved in providing student financial assistance," to "produce, distribute and process free of charge a common financial reporting form to be used to determine the need and eligibility of a student under" the Title IV, HEA Programs. This form is the FAFSA. In addition, Section 483 authorizes the Secretary to include non-financial data items that assist States in awarding State student financial assistance.

The Secretary requests comments on the draft 2002-2003 FAFSA that has been posted to the IFAP website (see below). In particular, in an effort to continually improve the application for students, parents, and schools, the Secretary seeks comments to further simplify the FAFSA form and reduce burden hours, including removing, replacing or combining data elements.

The Secretary is publishing this request for comment under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* Under that Act, ED must obtain the review and approval of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) before

it may use a form to collect information. However, under procedure for obtaining approval from OMB, ED must first obtain public comment of the proposed form, and to obtain that comment, ED must publish this notice in the **Federal Register**.

In addition to comments requested above, to accommodate the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Secretary is interested in receiving comments with regard to the following matters: (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 28, 2000.

John Tressler,

Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals and families.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 10,979,031.

Burden Hours: 6,670,932.

Abstract: The FAFSA collects identifying and financial information about a student applying for Title IV, Higher Education Act (HEA) Program funds. This information is used to calculate the student's expected family contribution, which is used to determine a student's financial need. The information is also used to determine the student's eligibility for grants and loans under the Title IV, HEA Programs. It is further used for determining a student's eligibility for State and institutional financial aid programs.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request. In addition, interested persons can access this document on the Internet:

- (1) Go to IFAP at <http://ifap.ed.gov>
- (2) Click on "Current SFA Publications"
- (3) Scroll down and click on "FAFSAs and Renewal FAFSAs"
- (4) Click on "By 2002–2003 Award Year"
- (5) Click on "Draft FAFSA Form/Instructions"

Please note that the free Adobe Acrobat Reader software, version 4.0 or greater, is necessary to view this file. This software can be downloaded for free from Adobe's website: <http://www.adobe.com> Comments regarding burden and/or the information collection activity requirements should be directed to Joseph Schubart at (202) 708–9266 or via his internet address Joe_Schubart@ed.gov. 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting

AGENCY: National Assessment Governing Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of teleconference meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting by teleconference of the Executive Committee of the National Assessment Governing Board. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES: December 5, 2000.

TIME: 4:00–5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ray Fields, Assistant Director for Policy, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20002–4233, Telephone: (202) 357–6938.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Assessment Governing Board is established under section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994 (Title IV of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994), (Pub. L. 103–382).

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National

Assessment of Educational Progress. The Board is responsible for selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment objectives, identifying appropriate achievement goals for each grade and subject tested, and establishing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons. Under Public Law 105–78, the National Assessment Governing Board is also granted exclusive authority over developing Voluntary National Tests pursuant to contract number RJ97153001.

On December 5, 2000, between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m., the Executive Committee of the National Assessment Governing Board will hold an open teleconference meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to review and take action on a proposal concerning assessment in urban school districts that was received from the Council of Great City Schools.

Because this is a teleconference meeting telephonic devices and seating space will be arranged to permit the public to have access to the Committee's deliberations.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite #825, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, DC, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dated: November 30, 2000.

Roy Truby,

Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Floodplain and Wetlands Statement of Findings for the Floodplain Strip Adjacent to the Boeing Property in Roane County, Tennessee

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Floodplain and wetlands statement of findings.

SUMMARY: This is a Floodplain and Wetlands Statement of Findings for the Floodplain Strip Adjacent to the Boeing Property in Roane County, Tennessee, in accordance with 10 CFR 1022, Compliance with Floodplain/Wetlands Environmental Review Requirements. A floodplains and wetlands assessment was conducted and is included in an Environmental Assessment (EA) that evaluated the potential impacts of transfer from DOE ownership. The floodplains and wetlands assessment describes the possible effects, alternatives, and measures designed to

avoid or minimize potential harm to floodplains and wetlands or their flood storage potential. DOE will allow 15 days of public review after publication of the Statement of Findings before implementation of the Proposed Action.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Katy Kates, Realty Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, Oak Ridge Operations Office, P.O. Box 2001, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831. Ms. Kates can also be reached at 865–576–0977 or facsimile 865–576–9204.

For Further Information on General DOE Floodplain/Wetlands

Environmental Review Requirements, Contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH–42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585. Ms. Borgstrom can also be reached at 202–586–4600 or by leaving a message at 1–800–472–2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A notice of Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement for the Floodplain Strip Adjacent to the Boeing Property was published in the **Federal Register** on May 3, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 86) and subsequently a floodplains and wetlands assessment was prepared and is included in an EA for divestiture of the Floodplain Strip from DOE ownership. The EA was prepared as part of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. The floodplain and wetlands assessment documented the floodplain and wetland communities on the Floodplain Strip, and assessed the potential impacts to floodplains and wetlands associated with conveyance of the 182-acre parcel. Alternatives considered include: (1) Conveyance of the Floodplain Strip to the abutting landowner for unrestricted use (the Preferred Alternative), (2) conveyance of the property to the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), (3) conveyance of the property to the City of Oak Ridge or Roane County, (4) DOE retention of ownership but with DOE granting easements to the abutting landowner, and (5) No Action. Any land conveyance would include land from the ordinary low water mark inward to the Boeing Property. The floodplains and wetlands assessment identified 69 acres of wetlands on the Floodplain Strip.

Some minor, short-term impacts could occur due to limited, proposed construction on the Floodplain Strip and potential development on the adjacent Boeing Property, which would primarily be associated with runoff and erosion of soil particles. Based on the limited planned improvements in the