

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 February 27, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service—Kansas City, Financial Services Division (DFAS—DFDBD/KC), ATTN: Ms. Cynthia Burgess, 1500 East 95th Street, Kansas City, MO 64197–0030.

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, Ms. Cynthia Burgess, 816–926–3575.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Statement of Claimant Requesting Recertified Check, DD Form 2660; OMB Number 0730–0002.

Needs and Uses: In accordance with TFM Volume 1, Part 4, Section 706.20 and DoD 7000.14–R, Volume 5, there is a requirement that a payee identify himself/herself and certify as to what happened to the original check issued by the government (non-receipt, loss, destruction, theft, etc.). This collection will be used to identify rightful reissuance of government checks to individuals or businesses outside the Department of Defense.

Affected Public: Individuals or businesses or other for-profit.

Annual Burden Hours: 9,042 hours.

Number of Respondents: 108,500.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 5 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The Statement of Claimant Requesting Recertified Check is used to ascertain pertinent information needed by the Department of Defense in order to reissue checks to payees, if the checks have not been negotiated to financial institutions within one (1) year of the date of issuance, when an original check has been lost, not received, damaged, stolen, etc. The form will be completed

by the payee who was issued the original check. The information provided on this form will be used in determining whether a check may be reissued to the named payee.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Availability of The National Missile Defense Deployment Final Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Ballistic Missile Defense Organization (BMDO) announces the availability of the National Missile Defense (NMD) Deployment Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). The FEIS assesses the potential impacts associated with the possible deployment of the NMD system.

COMMENTS: The review period for the FEIS will end on January 29, 2001 and comments must be received by this date. Written comments and inquiries on the FEIS or a request for a copy of the FEIS should be directed to: SMDC–EN–V (Ms. Julia Hudson), U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, PO Box 1500, Huntsville, AL 35807–3801, telephone (256) 955–4822.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BMDO announced the availability of the National Missile Defense Deployment Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on October 1, 1999 (64 FR 190 53364) providing notice that the DEIS was available for comment. The public review period was from October 1, 1999 through January 19, 2000. Public hearings were held October 26 through November 9, 1999. Comments from the DEIS review and public hearings have been considered and included along with responses in the FEIS. Additionally, availability of an Upgraded Early Warning Radar Supplement to the NMD Deployment DEIS was announced on March 3, 2000 (65 FR 43 11560) with the public comment period from March 3, 2000 to May 12, 2000. This analysis and the comments and responses to the supplement to the DEIS have been included in the NMD Deployment FEIS.

The NMD System would be a fixed, land-based, non-nuclear missile defense

system with a land and space-based detection system capable of responding to limited strategic ballistic missile threats to the United States. Potential deployment locations for the NMD elements include sites in Alaska and North Dakota. In addition, as the operational requirements are refined other regions may be identified.

The Preferred Alternative is deployment of a NMD system with up to 100 Ground-Based Interceptor (GBI) silos and Battle Management Command and Control (BMC2) facilities at Fort Greely, Alaska; and an X-Band Radar (XBR) at Eareckson Air Station (AS) (Shemya Island), Alaska. Under the Preferred Alternative, the NMD system would make use of the existing Early Warning Radars (EWR), upgraded for NMD and the existing space-based detection system that would be in place at the time of deployment. The existing EWRs are located at Beale Air Force Base (AFB), California, Clear As, Alaska, and Cape Cod AS, Massachusetts. A decision on implementation of the EWR upgrades for NMD, however, is contingent upon the outcome of the U.S. Air Force's EIS that addresses modernization, maintenance, and sustainment of operations of the three radar facilities. Since the In-Flight Interceptor Communications System (IFICS) Data Terminals locations have not been identified, no preferred location has been selected.

Copies of the FEIS have been distributed to Federal, state, and local agencies; public officials; and organizations and individuals that previously requested copies of the DEIS or FEIS. Copies of the FEIS will be available for review at public libraries in communities adjacent to the potential NMD deployment sites. These communities include: Cavalier, Fargo, Grand Forks, and Langdon in North Dakota; Anchorage, Anderson, Delta Junction, Fairbanks, Healy, Kodiak, and Nenana in Alaska; Live Oak, Marysville, and Yuba City in California; Bourne, Falmouth, Mashpee, Sandwich, and West Barnstable in Massachusetts. The library locations and the FEIS are also available on the BMDO internet site: www.acq.osd.mil/bmdo/bmdolink/html/nmd.html.

Dated: December 1, 2000.

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