

stock(s) of marine mammals and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses. In addition, NMFS must prescribe regulations that include permissible methods of taking and other means effecting the least practicable adverse impact on the species and its habitat and on the availability of the species for subsistence uses, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating grounds, and areas of similar significance. The regulations must include requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such taking. Regulations governing the taking of seals and sea lions incidental to missile and rocket launches, aircraft flight test operations, and helicopter operations at Vandenberg were published on March 1, 1999 (64 FR 9930), and remain in effect until December 31, 2003.

In accordance with the MMPA, as amended, and implementing regulations, a 1-year LOA to take small numbers of seals and sea lions was issued on May 31, 2000, to the 30th Space Wing (65 FR 37361).

Summary of Request

On February 5, 2001, the 30th Space Wing, U.S. Air Force, requested a modification to their LOA issued on May 31, 2000. The letter requested modifications to the launch schedule and revisions to the LOA's current monitoring requirements, specifically: (1) to eliminate the number of launches specified for each type of launch vehicle (Titan II, Titan IV, Lockheed-Martin, Delta II, Taurus, Atlas, and Minotaur) to more accurately reflect the year to year variability of launch vehicle type; (2) to clarify that space launches occur from both North and South Vandenberg; (3) to increase the observation period prior to launches from 48 hours before any planned launch time to 72 hours before any planned launch time; (4) to include monitoring over a 2-week period during pupping season following any launches of government and commercial space vehicles, not just following Titan II and Titan IV launches as the current LOA requires; and, (5) to change the criterion for monitoring pinnipeds on the Northern Channel Islands from when sonic booms are predicted to be "focused" or greater than 2 pounds per square foot (psf) to criterion for monitoring pinnipeds on the Northern Channel Islands when predicted sonic booms are greater than 1 psf. A final modification request to conduct observations on harbor seal and other pinniped activity only during the harbor seal pupping season (March-June), as opposed to during any launch, was

inconsistent with the 5-year programmatic implementing regulations (64 FR 9930). Due to this discrepancy, NMFS determined that this final request must be denied because it first requires modification of the current regulations governing space vehicle and test flight activities (50 CFR 216.120-128). In addition to these requested modifications to the launch schedule and monitoring requirements, the 30th Space Wing also requested renewal of their 1-year LOA for the year 2001-2002.

Comments

On March 19, 2001 (66 FR 15406) NMFS published a notice of proposed modification and annual renewal and a 30-day public comment period was provided on the proposed modifications and annual renewal. During the 30-day public comment period no comments were received.

Authorization

In recognition of the timely receipt and acceptance of the reports required under 50 CFR 216.125(d) and a determination that the mitigation measures required pursuant to 50 CFR 216.124 and the LOA have been undertaken, NMFS has renewed and made the requested modifications to the 1-year LOA. Issuance of this LOA is based on a finding that the total takings will have no more than a negligible impact on the seal and sea lion populations off the Vandenberg coast and on the Northern Channel Islands.

Dated: May 23, 2001.

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Acting Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness).

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended, section 3506(c)(2)(A) of title 44, United States Code, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) announces the following proposal to renew public information collection forms 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 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 July 31, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) Department of Defense Education Activity, 4040 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203, Attn: Ms. Sara Riggs.

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 at (703) 696-3067 ext. 2652.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Control Number: Employment Opportunities for Educators; DS Forms 5010, 5011, 5012 and 5013; OMB Number 0704-0370.

Needs and Uses: The information collected by these forms concerns applicants for educator positions within the Department of Defense Dependent Schools. The information is used to verify employment history of educator applicants and to determine creditable previous experience for pay-setting purposes for candidates selected for educator positions. In addition, the information is used to ensure the selection for employment with the Department of Defense Dependents Schools or individuals possessing the abilities and personal traits that give promise of outstanding success under the unusual circumstances they will find working abroad. Information gathered is also used to ensure that the Department of Defense Dependents Schools personnel practices meet the requirements of Federal law. Completion of the forms is entirely voluntary.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 11,200.

Number of Respondents: 24,000.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 28 minutes.

Frequency: Annually.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Summary of Information Collection**

The primary objective of the information collection is to ensure a quality education from prekindergarten through grade 12 for the eligible minor dependents of the Department of Defense military and civilian personnel on official overseas assignments. This is accomplished by securing data from applicants for educational positions and officials with sufficient information to address an individual applicant's traits and characteristics.

The forms associated with this data collection are:

Department of Defense Dependents Schools Supplemental Application for Overseas Employment (DS Form 5010). The primary objective of this voluntary form is to ascertain an applicant's eligibility for educator positions.

Department of Defense Dependents Schools Professional Evaluation (DS Form 5011). This form is provided to officials in managerial and supervisory positions as a means of verifying abilities and personal traits of applicants for educator positions to ensure the selection of the best-qualified individuals to occupy educator positions.

Department of Defense Dependents Schools Voluntary Questionnaire (DS Form 5012). This voluntary form helps ensure that the Department of Defense Dependents Schools personnel practices meet the requirements of Federal law.

Department of Defense Dependents Schools Verification of Professional Educator Employment for Salary Rating Purposes (DS Form 5013). The purpose of this voluntary form is to verify employment history of educator applicants and to determine creditable previous experience for pay-setting purposes for selected candidates.

May 25, 2001.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request****ACTION:** Notice.

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 OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Supplement Part 223, Environment, Conservation, and Occupational Safety, and Related Clauses at DFARS Part 252; OMB Number 0704-0272.

Type of Request: Extension.
Number of Respondents: 8,873.
Responses Per Respondent: 1.66.
Annual Responses: 14,726.
Average Burden Per Response: 0.68 hours.

Annual Burden Hours: 9,997.
Needs and Uses: This information collection requires that an offeror/contractor provide information in response to solicitation provisions and contract clauses in DFARS 252.223, excluding those provisions and clauses relating to a drug-free workplace (which are approved under OMB Control Number 0704-0336). DoD contracting officers use this information to: (1) Verify compliance with requirements for labeling of hazardous material; (2) Ensure contractor compliance and monitor subcontractor compliance with DoD 4145.26-M, DoD Contractors' Safety Manual for Ammunition and Explosives, and minimize risk of mishaps; (3) Identify the place of performance of all ammunition and explosives work; and, (4) Ensure contractor compliance and monitor subcontractor compliance with DoD 5100.76-M, Physical Security of Sensitive Conventional Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives.

Affected Public: Business or Other For-Profit; Not-for-Profit Institutions.
Frequency: On Occasion.

Respondents Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. David M. Pritzker.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Pritzker at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: May 25, 2001.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request****ACTION:** Notice.

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

Title, Form, and OMB Number: Customer Comment Card; AF Form 3211; OMB Number 0701-0146.

Type of Request: Reinstatement.
Number of Respondents: 200.
Responses Per Respondent: 1.
Annual Responses: 200.
Average Burden Per Response: 5 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 17.

Needs and Uses: Each guest of Air Force Lodging and its contract lodging operations are provide access to AF Form 3211. The AF Form 3211 gives each guest the opportunity to comment on facilities and services received. Completion and return of the form is optional. The information collection is necessary for Wing leadership to assess the effectiveness of their lodging program. Respondents are authorized guests of Air Force Lodging.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households; Business or Other-For-Profit.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Respondents Obligation: Voluntary.

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.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing. Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

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L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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