

ducks and muskrats were the two biggest categories of oiled animals. Ospreys and great blue herons were also found oiled but to a lesser extent. The diamondback terrapin is a resource of special concern to the State of Maryland; both adults and nesting beaches for this species were oiled as a result of the spill. The Trustees are continuing to monitor the nesting success of ospreys and great blue herons and will develop studies to determine the impact of the spill on the muskrats and diamondback terrapins.

(C) Shellfish, Finfish and Crabs: The watershed provides valuable spawning and nursery habitat for anadromous species such as striped bass, white perch and herring, all of which were entering their spawning period at the time of the spill. The effect of the spill on these species will be determined during the damage assessment.

(D) Lost Use: MDE issued fishing, shellfishing, and crabbing advisories and closures immediately following the spill. These areas have since been reopened. In addition, sections of the river and its tributaries were closed to boat traffic as part of the response.

(2) Response actions during clean up have not adequately addressed the injuries resulting from the incident. Although response actions were initiated promptly, the nature of discharge and the sensitivity of the environment precluded prevention of injuries to some natural resources. It is anticipated that injured natural resources will eventually return to baseline levels, but there is a potential for significant interim losses to have occurred and to continue to occur, until return to baseline is achieved.

(3) Feasible primary and compensatory restoration exists to address injuries from this incident. Among the available procedures are marsh injury assessment studies to be used in conjunction with Habitat Equivalency Analysis to determine compensation for injuries to marsh vegetation and marsh services. Other approaches are available for evaluating injuries to fauna such as migratory birds. Components of a restoration plan may include wetland habitat enhancement, water quality improvement projects, bird and wildlife enhancement activities and compensation for lost human use.

Public Involvement: Pursuant to 15 CFR 990.44, the Trustees seek public involvement in restoration planning through public review and comment on the documents contained in the Administrative Record. Comments should be sent to Jim Hoff, NOAA Damage Assessment Center, Room

10218, 1305 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3281, (301) 713-3038 ext. 188.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jim Hoff, NOAA Damage Assessment Center, Room 10218, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3281; (301) 713-3038 ext. 188.

Beth McGee, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 177 Admiral Cochrane Drive, Annapolis, MD 21401; (410) 573-4524.

Carolyn V. Watson, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Tawes State Office Bldg, 580 Taylor Avenue C4, Annapolis, MD 21401; (410) 260-8113.

Bob Summers, Maryland Department of the Environment, 2500 Broening Hwy., Baltimore, MD 21224; (410) 631-3680.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

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Previously Announced Time and Date of Meeting: 2 p.m., November 29, 2000.

Changes in Meeting: The closed meeting regarding the Compliance Status Report is canceled. The meeting will be rescheduled.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-0709.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207 (301) 504-0800.

Dated: November 22, 2000.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork

Reduction Act of 1995, the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board announces the proposed public information collection 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 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 or information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by January 26, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to SAF/PAX, Air Force Public Affairs, 1690 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1690, Attention: Lt Col Anne Morris.

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 SAF/PAX at (703) 692-6228.

Title: The Public and the United States Air Force (USAF): Recruiting and Retention Challenges.

Needs and Uses: For the first time in its history, the USAF is struggling to meet its recruiting goals. The USAF also faces the challenge of improving retention levels for those people who have joined the Air Force. A combination of environmental factors, including increasing operations tempo, frequency and length of deployments and the robust American economy of the past few years have rendered continuing service in the USAF less desirable for some of its members. Both recruitment and retention challenges impact the Air Force's ability to sustain mandated end strength. To address these requirements and challenges, the USAF has launched the first paid network television advertising campaign in its history. New television advertisements began airing in September 2000 as a primary element of a focused national campaign to tell the Air Force story to Americans and, in the process, address recruiting and retention challenges. Continued audience research is needed to guide evaluation of the campaign's