

124° 55.1'W will allow sufficient room for this slower moving traffic to transit without conflicting with the inbound traffic steering for the southern approach to the TSS. It also provides a greater margin of safety around the hazards of Duntze and Duncan Rocks, and Tatoosh Island, which is known for its strong tides.

NOAA proposes to apply the ATBA to commercial ships of 1,600 gross tons and above because these ships carry a substantial amount of bunker fuel. Concerns regarding spills of bunker fuel were heightened on the U.S. West Coast after the 1999 incident involving the New Carissa, which spilled approximately 70,000 gallons of bunker fuel. Requiring commercial ships of 1,600 gross tons and above to transit outside the ATBA would move these ships farther offshore, thus increasing the time available to respond to a propulsion or steering casualty and decreasing the potential for a drift or powered grounding. If there was a discharge of bunker fuel, the increased distance offshore would diminish the impact on the shoreline and provide more time to mobilize a response. NOAA analyzed various ship sizes to which the ATBA should be made applicable. Commercial ships of 1,600 gross tons (versus those of only 300 gross tons) are considered large enough to be able to maneuver safely while avoiding the ATBA, even in most weather conditions. NOAA has determined there will be minimal adverse impacts on shipping by expanding the applicability of the ATBA to commercial ships of 1,600 gross tons and above. It will not affect those ships bound for the Strait of Juan de Fuca from the north or west. Most ships coming from destinations well to the south of the ATBA will, if the amendment to the TSS is approved, have to alter their course to enter the TSS and thus the expanded applicability of the ATBA will have limited, if any, effect.

Ships bound to or from Grays Harbor, a tidal port that is located at the immediate southern end of the ATBA, will be minimally affected by this expanded applicability. Using 1999 data, an analysis on the impacts to ships transiting between Grays Harbor and the Strait of Juan de Fuca found that of the 107 vessels in transit, 48 are of sufficient size to be affected by the proposed change in applicability. Of those vessels, 80% transited outside the existing ATBA. With the proposed amendment of the TSS, the expanded ATBA applicability will add an approximate 10 miles in transit distance or 42 minutes in additional transit time.

The Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council and North Puget Sound Risk Management Panel have discussed the extension of the provisions of the ATBA to vessels not currently included. Both of these federal advisory bodies supported the extension of the ATBA applicability. The Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary has analyzed the population of vessels transiting the ATBA for the risk they pose to Sanctuary resources. The Sanctuary's analysis and further information on NOAA's proposal, including charts and reports, can be viewed at <http://www.ocnms.nos.noaa.gov/use/atbea.html>.

Dated: March 21, 2001.

Margaret A. Davidson,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Defense Security Service, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Defense Security Service (DSS) announces the proposed initiation of a public information collection affecting cleared DoD contractors and seeks public comments on the provision thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the information to be collected; and (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 May 29, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Defense Security Service, Industrial Base Clearance Requirements Office, ATTN: Mr. Stephen F. Lewis, 1340 Braddock Place, Alexandria, VA 22314-1650.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this

proposed data collection or obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instrument, please write to the above address, or call Defense Security Service, Industrial Base Clearance Requirements Office (703) 325-6085.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: "Personnel Security Investigation Projection for Industry Survey", DSS Form 232, OMB Number 0704-0417.

Needs and Uses: Executive Order (EO) 12829, "National Industrial Security Program (NISP)", stipulates that the Secretary of Defense shall serve as the Executive Agent for inspecting and monitoring the contractors, licensees, and grantees who require or will require access to classified information; and for determining the eligibility for access to classified information of contractors, licensees, and grantees and their respective employees. EO 12829 also authorizes the Executive Agent to issue, after consultation with affected agencies, standard forms that will promote the implementation of the NISP.

Under the NISP, the Defense Security Service (DSS) is responsible for conducting personnel security investigations of employees of those cleared contractor entities under its security cognizance. In the past, DSS has relied on historical data for agency budget projections regarding the numbers of personnel security investigations required by cleared contractor entities; however, historical data did not provide a particularly accurate or credible estimate of such workload. In this proposed collection of information, DSS requests the voluntary assistance of the Facility Security Officers of cleared contractor entities to provide projections of the numbers and types of personnel security investigations required. The data will be incorporated into DSS' budget submissions.

In an August 22, 2000 Memorandum, Subject: "Personnel Security Clearance Investigation", the Assistant Secretary of Defense' assigns DSS responsibility for the following types of investigations within industry:

- a. A Single Scope Background Investigation (SSBI).
- b. A National Agency Check with Local Agency Check and Credit Check (NACLC).
- c. SSBI Periodic Reinvestigation (SSBI-PR or TS-PR).

In accordance with DoD 5200.2-R, DSS is also responsible for conducting TS-PRs every 5 years, SECRET-PRs every 10 years and CONFIDENTIAL-PRs every 15 years. In addition, under

specified circumstances, DSS is required to conduct SSBIs, NACLCs and National Agency Checks (NACs) for sensitive positions that do not require personnel security clearances.

Representatives of various industry associations, the National Industrial Security Program Policy Advisory Committee (NISPPAC), the Military Services, various elements of the Department of Defense and other Federal Government Agencies were advised of the survey.

Affected Public: Businesses, Universities, Institutions or other profit and non-profit organizations.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 13,869.

Number of Respondents: 11,095.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Respondent: 75 minutes.

Frequency: Annually.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The execution of the DSS Form 232 is an essential factor in projecting the needs of cleared contractor entities for PSIs. This collection of information requests the voluntary assistance of the Facility Security Officer to provide projections of the numbers and types of PSIs. The data will be incorporated into DSS' budget submissions. The form is authorized for local reproduction and will be available electronically on the World Wide Web. The form will display OMB approval number 0704-0417.

Dated: March 22, 2001.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, announces the proposed extension of a currently approved 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 clarify 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 May 29, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should submit written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection to: Defense Technical Information Center, DoD Scientific and Technical Information Policy Office, ATTN: DTIC-S, 8725 John J. Kingman Road, Suite 0944, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-6218; E-mail comments submitted via the Internet should be addressed to: dapplr@dtic.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request further information on this proposed information collection, or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instrument, please write to the above address or call Mr. David Applr at (703) 767-9160.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Militarily Critical Technical Data Agreement, DD Form 2345, OMB Control Number 0704-0207.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary as a basis for certifying individuals or businesses to have access to DoD export-controlled militarily critical technical data subject to the provisions of 32 CFR 250. Individuals and enterprises that need access to unclassified DoD-controlled militarily critical technical data must certify on DD Form 2345, Militarily Critical Technical Data Agreement, that data will be used only in ways that will inhibit unauthorized access and maintain the protection afforded by U.S. export control laws. The information collected is disclosed only to the extent consistent with prudent business practices, current regulations, and statutory requirements and is so indicated on the Privacy Act Statement of DD Form 2345.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit; Non-profit institutions.

Annual Burden Houses: 2,000.

Number of Annual Respondents: 6,000.

Annual Responses to Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 20 Minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Use of DD Form 2345 permits U.S. and Canada defense contractors to certify their eligibility to obtain certain unclassified technical data with military and space applications. Nonavailability of this information prevents defense contractors from accessing certain restricted databases and obstructs conference attendance where restricted data will be discussed.

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Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Federal Advisory Committee for the End-to-End Review of the U.S. Nuclear Command and Control System

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of a forthcoming meeting of the Federal Advisory Committee for the End-to-End Review of the U.S. Nuclear Command and Control System (NCCS). The purpose of the meeting is to begin conduct of a comprehensive and independent review of the NCCS positive measures to assure authorized use of nuclear weapons when directed by the President while assuring against unauthorized or inadvertent use. This meeting will be closed to the public.

DATES: April 25, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Pentagon, Room 3C912.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. William L. Jones, U.S. Nuclear Command and Control System Support Staff (NSS), Skyline 3, 5201 Leesburg Pike, Suite 500, Falls Church, Virginia 22041, (703) 681-8681.

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