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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Federal Bureau of Prisons

Notice of Document Availability and Issuance of a Negative Declaration and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Water and Sewer Extension Project To Serve the United States Penitentiary at the Castle Airport and Aviation Development Center, Merced County, California

AGENCY: Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice/City of Atwater

SUMMARY: Notice Is Hereby Given regarding the availability of a Joint Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA) for public review at the City of Atwater Planning Department, located at 750 Bellevue Road, Atwater, California 95301, in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The IS/EA is also available through the Federal Bureau of Prisons, 500 First Street NW, Washington DC 20534 in conformance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

A Negative Declaration, filed by the Planning Department in conformance with CEQA, along with the Joint IS/EA may be reviewed at the City during normal business hours (8:00 AM to 5:00 PM) for a 30 day review period commencing on January 20, 2000.

The proposed project will extend municipal water and sewer services from the City of Atwater to the United States Penitentiary at the Castle Airport and Aviation Development Center. Given that the proposed project involves federal, state and local agencies, a joint CEQA/NEPA environmental document has been prepared.

All interested parties should review the document and provide written comments to the City of Atwater Planning Department (Attention: Mo Khatami, Planning and Redevelopment Director) no later than February 22, 2000. A separate Planning Commission public hearing notice will be issued by the City to provide an opportunity for interested parties to give oral comments.

Questions concerning the action can also be answered by: David J. Dorworth, 5stChief, Site Selection and Environmental Review Branch, Federal Bureau of Prisons, 320 First Street, NW,

Washington, DC 20534, Telephone (202) 514-6470, Telefacsimile (202) 616-6024, ddorworth@BOP.gov.

Dated: January 18, 2000.

David J. Dorworth,

Chief, Site Selection and Environmental Review Branch.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (MACOSH); Request for Nominations

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration, (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Request for nominations for persons to serve on MACOSH.

SUMMARY: OSHA intends to renew the charter of the Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (MACOSH). MACOSH advises the Secretary of Labor on matters relating to occupational safety and health programs, policies, and standards for the maritime industries of the United States. The Committee will consist of 15 members and will include a cross-section of individuals who represent the following interests: employers, employees; Federal and State safety and health organizations; professional organizations specializing in occupational safety and health; and national standards setting groups. OSHA invites persons interested in serving on MACOSH to submit their names in nomination for committee membership.

DATE: Nominations for MACOSH membership should be postmarked by March 6, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Nominations for MACOSH membership should be sent to: Chappell Pierce, Office of Maritime Standards, Room N-3609, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chappell Pierce, Acting Director, Office of Maritime Standards, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Room N-3609, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210; Telephone: (202) 693-2255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On October 18, 1999, OSHA announced its intention to request that MACOSH be rechartered for another two years. MACOSH was established to advise the Secretary on various issues pertaining to providing safe and healthful employment in the maritime industries, which include shipyard and longshoring activities. The Secretary consults with MACOSH on rulemaking issues affecting the industry, and has sought the committee's advice on other issues including streamlining regulatory efforts and improving training and outreach programs. In addition, MACOSH recommends enforcement initiatives that will help improve the working conditions and the safety and health of men and women working in the maritime industry.

II. Nominations

OSHA is seeking men and women with an interest in the safety and health of workers in the maritime industry for membership on MACOSH. Interested persons may submit their own name or the name of another whom they believe to be interested in and qualified to serve on MACOSH. The Agency is looking for nominees to represent the following interests or categories: Employees, Employers, State or Federal Safety and Health Organizations, and Professional Organizations or National Standards-Setting Groups.

OSHA seeks a broad-based and diverse membership for MACOSH. Nominations of women and minorities are encouraged. Nominations of new members or re-nominations of former or current members will be accepted in all categories of membership. Interested persons may nominate themselves or may be nominated by organizations from one of the categories listed above. Nominations should include the name and address of the candidate. Each nomination should include a summary of the candidate's training or experience relating to safety and health in the maritime industry and the interest the candidate represents. In addition to listing the candidate's qualifications to serve on the committee, each nomination should state that the person consents to the nomination and acknowledges the responsibilities of serving on MACOSH.

III. Authority

This document was prepared under the direction of Charles N. Jeffress, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210, pursuant to sections 6(b) and

7(b) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 655, 656), the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), and 29 CFR Part 1912.

Signed at Washington, DC this 18th day of January 2000.

Charles N. Jeffress,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Notice of Special Enrollment Rights, Health Insurance Portability for Group Health Plans; Correction

AGENCY: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Correction.

SUMMARY: In notice document 99-33599 beginning on page 72696 in the issue of Tuesday, December 28, 1999, make the following correction:

On page 72697 in the first column in the second paragraph, the submission date for written comments was on or before January 27, 2000. It should be changed to read on or before February 28, 2000.

Dated: January 19, 2000.

Gerald B. Lindrew,

Deputy Director, Office of Policy and Research Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

Proposed Extension of Information Collection; Comment Request; Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 78-6

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (Department), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA 95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

This helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection provisions of Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 78-6. A copy of the Information Collection Request (ICR) may be obtained by contacting the office listed in the addresses section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office shown in the addresses section below on or before March 24, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Gerald B. Lindrew, Office of Policy and Research, U.S. Department of Labor, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N-5647, Washington, D.C. 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-4782; Fax: (202) 219-4745. These are not toll-free numbers.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 78-6 allows a multiple employer welfare benefit plan maintained for the purpose of providing apprenticeship or other training programs (apprenticeship plan) to (1) purchase personal property and (2) lease personal property or real property (other than office space as described in section 408(b)(2) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA)) from an employer who makes contributions to an apprenticeship plan (contributing employer), from a wholly-owned subsidiary of a contributing employer, or from an employee organization any of whose members' work results in contributions being made to the apprenticeship plan. In the absence of this exemption, sections 406(a)(1) (A), (C) and (D) of ERISA might prohibit part or all of these transactions.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

The Department is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information,

including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

III. Current Action

This existing information collection should be continued because without this exemption, apprenticeship plans would have difficulty operating in accordance with the purposes for which they were established. For the Department to grant an exemption, however, it is required by the provisions of section 408(a) of ERISA to ensure the participants and beneficiaries are protected. It, therefore, included certain conditions and required that records be kept for six years from the date of the transaction so that the Department, contributing employers and their employees, the sponsoring employee organization, and plan participants can determine whether these conditions have been met. Without such records, the Department and other interested parties would be unable to enforce the terms of the exemption and ensure user compliance.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection of information.

Agency: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor
Titles: Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 78-6

OMB Number: 1210-0080

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 417

Respondents: 1,000

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Responses: 5,000.

Annual hour burden: 5 minutes.

Total Burden Cost (Operating and Maintenance): \$0.00.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 19, 2000.

Gerald B. Lindrew,

Deputy Director, Office of Policy and Research Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

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