

Corps revised that document. In August 2001, the Corps published a Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement (RDEIS). The RDEIS, which did not identify a PA, analyzed the environmental effects of a set of six alternative water control plans for the Master Manual. During the 6-month public comment period on the RDEIS, 20 Tribal and public workshops and hearings were held throughout the Missouri River basin, including Tribal Reservations, and at some Mississippi River locations. About 54,000 Tribal and public comments were received.

Following publication of the RDEIS, the Corps and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) reinitiated consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). On November 3, 2003, the Corps provided the USFWS a Biological Assessment (BA) that identified the Corps proposed action for operation of the Missouri River Mainstem Reservoir System, Missouri River Bank Stabilization and Navigation Project, and Kansas River Reservoir System. The Corps proposed action includes the operational changes identified in the PA. The PA identified in the FEIS includes the features identified below:

- (1) More Stringent Drought Conservation Measures;
- (2) Unbalancing the Upper Three Reservoirs; and
- (3) Increased Summer Releases to the Lower River in Non-navigation Years.

On December 16, 2003, the USFWS provided the Corps an amendment to its November 2000 Biological Opinion (BiOp) on the Operation of the Missouri River Mainstem Reservoir System, Missouri River Bank Stabilization and Navigation Project, and Kansas River Reservoir System. The amended BiOp and comments received in response to the FEIS will be considered in the Corps' decision regarding a selected plan, which will be announced in the Corps' Record of Decision following the FEIS review period.

DATES: Due to a court order dated February 26, 2004, issued by the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, in Case No. 03-MD-1555, *In re: Operation of the Missouri River System Litigation*, the public review period for the FEIS extends from March 5, 2004 to March 19, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding the FEIS may be sent to Rosemary Hargrave, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Northwestern Division, 12565 West Center Road, Omaha, NE 68114-3869. Ms. Hargrave can also be contacted by telephone at

(402) 697-2527, or e-mail at rosemary.c.hargrave@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Missouri River extends 2,619 miles from its source at Hell Roaring Creek to its confluence with the Mississippi River near St. Louis, Missouri. The Missouri River is the longest river in the United States, draining one sixth of the country. The Mainstem Reservoir System consists of six dams and reservoirs located in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska. The Mainstem Reservoir System has the capacity to store 73.4 million acre-feet of water, which makes it the largest system of reservoirs in North America. Water flowing down the Missouri River is stored in the six lakes and released as needed for project purposes. The planes of conflict surrounding the revision of the Master Manual are numerous, complex, and contentious. While the basin has made historic progress during the last decade, significant controversy still remains. In the course of the Master Manual Review and Update, much controversy has centered on inclusion of more stringent drought conservation measures in a revised Water Control Plan and on changes in spring and summer releases from Gavins Point Dam for three species provided protection under the Endangered Species Act.

There are 30 Federally recognized American Indian Tribes in the Missouri River basin. Thirteen reservations are located on the mainstem of the Missouri River. The Tribes are dependent sovereign nations and the Corps has a Trust responsibility to the Tribes. The FEIS, which includes a Tribal Appendix, identifies impacts to Tribes resulting from changes in the operation of the Mainstem Reservoir System. Consultation with basin Tribes on the Master Manual Review and Update will continue throughout the NEPA process as the Corps meets its Tribal responsibilities.

Following the review period (*see DATES*), the Corps will prepare a Record of Decision, revise the Master Manual, and develop and implement an Annual Operating Plan in conformance with the revised manual.

Additional information can be found on the Corps' Northwestern Division Web page at <http://www.nwd.usace.army.mil>.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of the Navy.

ACTION: Notice to add a system of records.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy proposes to add a system of records notice to its inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

DATES: This action will be effective on April 5, 2004 unless comments are received that would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Department of the Navy, PA/FOIA Policy Branch, Chief of Naval Operations (NO9B10), 2000 Navy Pentagon, Washington, DC 20350-2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Doris Lama at (202) 685-6545 or DSN 325-6545.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of the Navy's record system notices for records systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.

The proposed system reports, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) of the Privacy Act, were submitted on March 1, 2004, to the House Committee on Government Reform, the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to paragraph 4c of Appendix I to OMB Circular No. A-130, 'Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals,' dated February 8, 1996, (61 FR 6427, February 20, 1996).

Dated: March 1, 2004.

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SYSTEM NAME:

Combat-Related Special Compensation Branch Files.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Combat-Related Special Compensation Branch, 720 Kennon Street SE., Suite 309, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5023.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Navy and Marine Corps career retirees who have applied for combat-related special compensation.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

File contains DD Form 2860; and may also contain: medical reports and disability compensation information from the Department of Veterans Affairs; medical reports from civilian medical facilities; medical board reports; statements of findings of physical evaluation boards; military health records; military personnel records; records and reports from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service; retirement records; pay information; requests for reconsideration submitted by the applicant; intra-agency and interagency correspondence concerning the case; correspondence from and to the applicant, members of Congress, attorneys, representatives, and other cognizant persons or parties; decisional documents issued by the Combat-Related Special Compensation Branch; any additional supporting documentation that the applicant submits to the Combat-Related Special Compensation Branch; and/or copies of any of the foregoing documents.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

5 U.S.C. 5013, Secretary of the Navy; 10 U.S.C. 1413a; and E.O. 9397 (SSN).

PURPOSE(S):

To determine whether Navy and Marine Corps career retirees who have applied for combat-related special compensation are entitled to it by establishing the combat-related circumstance(s), if any, under which the disability was incurred.

To notify the Defense Finance and Accounting Service of the findings in order to effectuate payment of combat-related special compensation.

To respond to official inquiries concerning the applications of particular applicants. The file may also be referred to by the Board for Correction of Naval Records in conjunction with their subsequent review of applications from applicants.

Routine uses of records maintained in the system, including categories of users and the purposes of such uses:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(3) as follows:

To officials and employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs to request and verify information of service-connected disabilities in order to evaluate applications for combat-related special compensation.

The DoD 'Blanket Routine Uses' that appear at the beginning of the Navy's

compilation of systems of records notices apply to this system.

Policies and practices for storing, retrieving, accessing, retaining, and disposing of records in the system:

STORAGE:

Paper records, computerized data base, CD-ROM.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Name and docket number, and/or Social Security Number.

SAFEGUARDS:

Files are maintained in file Suite(s) or other storage devices under the control of authorized personnel during working hours. Computerized system is password protected. Access during working hours is controlled by Naval Council of Personnel Boards personnel and the office space in which the file Suite(s) and storage devices are located is locked after official working hours. The office is located in a building on military installation that has 24-hour gate sentries and 24-hour roving patrols.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records are retained on-site at the Naval Council of Personnel Boards for one year. After that, they are retired to the Washington National Records Center, 4205 Suitland Road, Suitland, MD 20409 for retention. After a total of 75 years, records are destroyed.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Director, Naval Council of Personnel Board, Department of the Navy, 720 Kennon Street SE., Suite 309, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5023.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system should address written inquiries to Director, Naval Council of Personnel Boards, Department of the Navy, 720 Kennon Street SE., Suite 309, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5023.

The request should contain the full name of the individual, military grade or rate, docket number, Social Security Number and be signed.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking access to information about themselves contained in the system should address written inquiries to the Director, Naval Council of Personnel Boards, Department of the Navy, 720 Kennon Street SE., Suite 309, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5023.

The request should contain the full name of the individual, military grade

or rate, docket number, Social Security Number and be signed.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The Navy's rules for accessing records, and for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are published in Secretary of the Navy Instruction 5211.5; 32 CFR part 701; or may be obtained from the system manager.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Navy and Marine Corps career retirees who apply for combat-related special compensation; military medical boards and medical facilities; Department of Veterans Affairs and civilian medical providers and facilities; physical evaluation boards and other activities of the disability evaluation system, Naval Council of Personnel Boards, the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery; the Judge Advocate General; Navy and Marine Corps local command activities; the Defense Finance and Accounting Service; other activities of the Department of Defense; and correspondence from members of Congress, attorneys, representatives, and other cognizant persons or parties.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 5, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Melanie Kadlic, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the Internet address Melanie_Kadlic@omb.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget