

be applied to the TRICARE IDME formula. The new multiplier for the IDME adjustment factor for TRICARE for FY 2009 is 1.02.

H. Expansion of the Post Acute Care Transfer Policy

For FY 2009, TRICARE is adopting CMS' expanded post acute care transfer policy according to CMS' final rule published August 19, 2008.

I. Blood Clotting Factor

For FY 2009, TRICARE is adopting CMS' payment methodology for blood clotting factor according to CMS' final rule published August 18, 2006.

J. Cost to Charge Ratio

While CMS uses hospital-specific cost to charge ratios, TRICARE uses a national cost to charge ratio. For FY 2009, the cost-to-charge ratio used for the TRICARE DRG-Based Payment System for acute care hospitals and neonates will be 0.3726 which is increased to 0.3796 to account for bad debts. This shall be used to calculate the adjusted standardized amounts and to calculate cost outlier payments, except for children's hospitals. For children's hospital cost outliers, the cost-to-charge ratio used is 0.4099.

K. Updated Rates and Weights

The updated rates and weights are accessible through the Internet at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil> under the sequential headings TRICARE Provider Information, Rates and Reimbursements, and DRG Information. Table 1 provides the ASA rates and Table 2 provides the DRG weights to be used under the TRICARE DRG-Based Payment System during FY 2009 and which is a result of the changes described above. The implementing regulations for the TRICARE/CHAMPUS DRG-Based Payment System are in 32 CFR Part 199.

Dated: October 22, 2008.

Patricia L. Toppings,
OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,
Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Air University Board of Visitors Meeting

ACTION: Amended Notice of Meeting of the Air University Board of Visitors, Reference Published **Federal Register** Notice, Vol. 73, No. 181, Wednesday, September 17, 2008.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.150, the Department of Defense announces that the Air University Board of Visitors' meeting will take place on Monday, November 17th, 2008, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and Tuesday, November 18th, 2008, from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Due to conference room renovation, portions of the meeting will be held off-base in the local community. Please contact Dr. Dorothy Reed, 334-953-5159 for further details of the meeting locations.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide independent advice and recommendations on matters pertaining to the educational, doctrinal, and research policies and activities of Air University. The agenda will include topics relating to the policies, programs, and initiatives of Air University educational programs.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102-3.155 all sessions of the Air University Board of Visitors' meeting will be open to the public. Any member of the public wishing to provide input to the Air University Board of Visitors should submit a written statement in accordance with 41 CFR § 102-3.140(c) and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and the procedures described in this paragraph. Written statements can be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer at the address detailed below at any time. Statements being submitted in response to the agenda mentioned in this notice must be received by the Designated Federal Officer at the address listed below at least five calendar days prior to the meeting which is the subject of this notice. Written statements received after this date may not be provided to or considered by the Air University Board of Visitors until its next meeting. The Designated Federal Officer will review all timely submissions with the Air University Board of Visitors' Board Chairperson and ensure they are provided to members of the Board before the meeting that is the subject of this notice. Additionally, any member of the public wishing to attend this meeting should contact either person listed below at least five calendar days prior to the meeting for information on base entry passes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Dorothy Reed, Federal Designated Officer, Air University Headquarters, 55 LeMay Plaza South, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama 36112-6335, telephone

(334) 953-5159 or Mrs. Diana Bunch, Alternate Federal Designated Officer, same address, telephone (334) 953-4547.

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DAF, Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

[Docket No. USA-2008-0005]

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).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by December 1, 2008.

Title, Form, and OMB Number: Application for a Department of the Army Permit; ENG Form 4345, OMB Control Number 0710-0003.

Type of Request: Revision.
Number of Respondents: 89,450.
Responses Per Respondent: 1.
Annual Responses: 89,450.
Average Burden per Response: 11

hours.

Annual Burden Hours: 984,000.

Needs and Uses: Information collected is used to evaluate, as required by law, proposed construction or filing in waters of the United States that result in impacts to the aquatic environment and nearby properties, and to determine if issuance of a permit is in the public interest. Respondents are private landowners, businesses, non-profit organizations, and government agencies. Respondents also include sponsors of proposed and approved mitigation banks and in-lieu fee programs.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; farms; Federal government; State; local or tribal government.

Frequency: On occasion.
Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.
OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Jim Laity.

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

You may also submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by the following method:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal*: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

DOD Clearance Officer: Ms. Patricia Toppings.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Toppings at WHS/ESD/ Information Management Division, 1777 North Kent Street, RPN, Suite 11000, Arlington, VA 22209-2133.

Dated: October 24, 2008.

Patricia L. Toppings,
Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

[Docket ID: USA-2008-0077]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army (OAA-RPA), DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Department of the Army announces a proposed extension of a 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 of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by December 30, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal*: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail*: Federal Docket Management System Office, 1160 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1160.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

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 Department of the Army, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, 661 Sheppard Place, Ft. Eustis, VA 23604, or call Department of the Army Reports Clearance Officer at (703) 428-6440.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Signature and Tally Record; DD Form 1907; OMB Control Number 0702-0027.

Needs and Uses: Signature and Tally Record (STR) is an integral part of the Defense Transportation System and is used for commercial movements of all sensitive and classified material. The STR provides continuous responsibility for the custody of shipments in transit and requires each person responsible for the proper handling of the cargo to sign their name at the time they assume responsibility for the shipment, from point of origin, and at specified stages until delivery at destination. A copy of the STR, along with other transportation documentation is forwarded by the carrier to the appropriate finance center for payment.

Affected Public: Business or Other For-Profit.

Annual Burden Hours: 3,750.

Number of Respondents: 130.

Responses Per Respondent: 577.

Average Burden Per Response: 3 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The destination transportation officer uses the DD Form 1907 to assure that the carriers utilize the STR and provide the

transportation service as requested by origin shipper. A copy of the STR, along with other transportation documentation, is forwarded by the carrier to the appropriate finance center for payment. The DD Form 1907 verifies the protected services requested in Bill of Lading that was provided.

Dated: October 24, 2008.

Patricia L. Toppings,
OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement To Permit Construction of Dam and Reservoir along Murder Creek, Conecuh County, AL

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Mobile District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) intends to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to address the potential impacts associated with permitting construction of a dam and reservoir along Murder Creek in Conecuh County, AL. Evaluation of the proposed project via an EIS will proceed in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Upon completion of the EIS, the Corps will evaluate a permit application for the proposed work under the authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the proposed action, the NEPA process and the Draft EIS should be addressed to Mr. Chuck Sumner, Planning and Environmental Division, phone (251) 694-3857 or e-mail at lewis.c.sumner@usace.army.mil, Mobile District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 2288, Mobile, AL 36628-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. The applicant for the permit is the Conecuh County Commission. The permit application proposes construction of a dam and the creation of an estimated 2,650 acre lake on Murder Creek in central Conecuh County, AL, approximately three miles northwest of the City of Evergreen. The lake is proposed to be used as a source of irrigation for local agriculture and a water source for the anticipated bio-fuel