

Affected Public: Businesses, Universities, Partnerships or other profit and non-profit organizations under Department of Defense Security Cognizance.

Respondent burden:

Industrial security review data:

Total annual burden hours: 39,999 hours.

Total number of respondents: 12,111.

Possessors of classified: 4,781.

Non-Possessors of classified: 7,330.

Responses per respondent: 1.

Average burden hours per respondent:

Possessors of classified: 5.3 hours.

Non-Possessors of classified: 2 hours.

Frequency: Periodic (e.g.,

Possessors—Annually, Non-

Possessors—18 months, Compliance

Reviews, or when directed).

Industrial security facility clearance survey data:

Total annual burden hours: 3,522 hours.

Number of respondents: 1,761.

Responses per respondent: 1.

Average burden hours per respondent: 2 hours.

Frequency: On occasion (e.g., initial eligibility determination and when a significant changed condition, such as a change in ownership).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Executive Order (EO) 12829, "National Industrial Security Program (NISP)," dated January 6, 1993, as amended by EO 12885 dated December 14, 1993, established the NISP to safeguard Federal Government classified information released to contractors, licensees and grantees of the U.S. Government. Section 202(a) of EO 12829 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 or who store or will store classified information; and for determining the eligibility for access to classified information of contractors, licensees, and grantees and their respective employees. The specific requirements necessary to protect classified information released to private industry are set forth in DoD 5220.22M, "National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual (NISPOM)," dated February 28, 2006. The Executive Agent has the authority to issue, after consultation with affected agencies, standard forms or other standardization that will promote the implementation of the NISP. Contractors operating under DoD security cognizance are subject to an initial facility clearance survey and periodic government security reviews to determine their eligibility to participate

in the NISP and ensure that safeguards employed are adequate for the protection of classified information.

DoD Directive 5105.42, "Defense Security Service," dated May 13, 1999, delineates the mission, functions and responsibilities of DSS. DSS is an Agency of the Department of Defense under authority, direction and control of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence. DSS functions and responsibilities include the administration and implementation of the Defense portion of the NISP pursuant to Executive Order 12829.

DSS is the office of record for the maintenance of information pertaining to contractor facility clearance records and industrial security information regarding cleared contractors under its cognizance. To the extent possible, information required as part of the survey or security review is obtained as a result of observation by the representative of the CSA or its designated Cognizant Security Office. Some of the information may be obtained based on conferences with Key Management Personnel and/or other employees of the company. The information is used to respond to all inquires regarding the facility clearance status and classified information storage capability of cleared contractors. It is also used to assess and/or advise Government Contracting Activities regarding any particular contractor's continued ability to protect classified information.

Dated: December 5, 2006.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability for Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Application Concerning Ballistic Impact Detection System

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.4, 404.6 and 404.7, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of the invention set forth in PCT/US2005/021195 entitled "Ballistic Impact Detection System," filed June 16, 2005. The United States Government, as represented by the Secretary of the

Army, has U.S. and foreign rights in this invention.

ADDRESSES: Commander, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, ATTN: Command Judge Advocate, MCMR-ZA-J, 504 Scott Street, Fort Detrick, Frederick, MD 21702-5012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For licensing issues, Dr. Paul Mele, Office of Research & Technology Assessment, (301) 619-6664. For patent issues, Ms. Elizabeth Arwine, Patent Attorney, (301) 619-7808, both at telefax (301) 619-5034.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A wearable ballistic impact protection system detects impacts to a body. The system includes multiple sensors for detecting vibration. The sensed vibrations are converted to electrical signals which are filtered. Electronic components are provided to determine whether the filtered signals have frequency and amplitude characteristics of impact that cause injury to a body. Preferably, the sensors are Piezo-electric film sensing elements. Information regarding the extent of the impact and injuries to the body may be transmitted to a remote location so that medics or other personnel may be informed to the extent of injuries to the body so that they may provide medical assistance.

Brenda S. Bowen,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Mississippi River-Gulf Outlet, Louisiana, Navigation Project—Bank Stabilization

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District (Corps) intends to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Mississippi River—Gulf Outlet, Louisiana, Navigation Project—Bank Stabilization. In 2006, Congress authorized the Corps to provide foreshore bank protection in the form of revetment and/or rock to protect endangered wetlands and

provide erosion protection for hurricane protection projects along the Mississippi River-Gulf Outlet (MRGO) channel. The expenditure of funds will be limited to those activities necessary for the protection of existing wetlands, navigation, and flood and storm damage reduction projects along the MRGO channel. Funds shall not be expended on any project that would otherwise preclude or foreclose any final disposition of the navigation channel. The DEIS will analyze potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of implementing bank stabilization features along the MRGO and associated areas of Lake Borgne. The study area, located in the vicinity of St. Bernard Parish, LA, encompasses the entire navigation channel from Breton Sound to the Port of New Orleans, St. Bernard and Orleans Parishes, LA.

DATES: Submit comments on or before January 4, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to Dr. William P. Klein, Jr., U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, CEMVN-PM-RS, PO Box 60267, New Orleans, LA 70160-0267.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. William P. Klein, Jr., Telephone: (504) 862-2540.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Authority:

House Report 109-359 of the Fiscal Year 2006 Supplemental Appropriations Act directed the Corps to restore navigation channels and harbors to prestorm conditions and to repair flood damage reduction and other projects in states affected by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Ophelia, and Wilma. Funds totaling \$75,000,000 are provided for authorized operation and maintenance activities to enhance estuarine habitats through monitoring and control of marine and river flow and reef building initiatives and providing foreshore bank protection in the form of revetment and rock placement to protect endangered wetlands and provide erosion protection for hurricane protection projects along the MRGO Channel. The expenditure of funds shall be limited to those activities necessary for the protection of existing wetlands, navigation, and flood and storm damage reduction projects along the MRGO Channel. Funds shall not be expended on any project that would otherwise preclude for foreclose any final disposition of the navigation channel; funds are not available to conduct dredging of the MRGO Channel.

2. Proposed Action

The proposed action would provide foreshore bank protection in the form of revetment and/or rock to protect endangered wetlands and provide erosion protection for flood and storm damage reduction projects along the MRGO Channel.

3. Need for Proposed Action

Construction and maintenance of the MRGO caused widespread wetland loss and damage to estuarine habitats from the outer barrier islands in the lower Chandeleur chain to the cypress forests and tidal fresh marshes in the western reaches of the Lake Borgne basin. During construction of the MRGO, dredging and filling destroyed more than 19,000 acres of wetlands and breached an important hydrologic boundary when the channel cut through Bayou La Loutre. Continued operation of the MRGO results in high rates of shoreline erosion from ship wakes, which destroys wetlands and threatens the integrity of the Lake Borgne shoreline, adjacent communities, infrastructure, and cultural resources in the area. In addition, severe erosion of the MRGO channel continues to facilitate the transition of the upper Pontchartrain Basin estuary toward a more saline system. Land loss in the project area is due to both natural and man-made factors. Since 1932, over 51,000 acres have been lost from the project area. From 1964 to 1996, the shoreline erosion rate along the north bank varied from 8.7 feet per year (ft/yr) to more than 38 ft/yr, depending on the particular reach. The average erosion rate on the south bank is about 12.8 ft/yr. Erosion along the north bank of the MRGO results in the direct loss of approximately 100 acres of shoreline brackish marsh every year as well as causing additional losses of interior wetlands and shallow ponds as a result of high tidal ranges and rapid water exchange through the modified watercourse system.

4. Study Alternatives

Based upon preliminary analysis, alternatives recommended for consideration and more detailed analysis include: the No Action alternative; construction of foreshore dikes for bank stabilization; and various configurations of rock, earth, shell, aggregate, sheet pile, or some combination. Flotation access channels may be required to provide access to construction sites in the shallow open water zone adjacent to exposed banklines.

The decision whether and where to install the bank stabilization features will be based on evaluation of the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the proposed action. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits that reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against any reasonably foreseeable detriments.

5. Scoping Process

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing the NEPA process directs federal agencies that have made a decision to prepare an environmental impact statement to engage in a public scoping process. The scoping process is designed to provide an early and open means of determining the scope of issues (problems, needs, and opportunities) to be identified and addressed in the DEIS. Scoping is the process used to: (a) Identify the affected public and agency concerns; (b) facilitate an efficient DEIS preparation process; (c) define the issues and alternatives that will be examined in detail in the DEIS; and (d) save time in the overall process by helping to ensure that the draft statements adequately address relevant issues. Scoping is a process, not an event or a meeting. Scoping continues throughout the DEIS preparation process and may involve meetings, telephone conversations, and/or written comments (Council on Environmental Quality, Memorandum for General Counsel, April 30, 1981).

6. Request for Scoping Comments

A separate public notice will be mailed to affected and interested parties requesting comments regarding the scope of issues to be addressed and for identifying the significant issues related to the proposed action. See **DATES** for the scoping comment period. Affected and interested parties may submit written comments to Dr. Klein (see **ADDRESSES**) or to the following e-mail address: mrgobks@mvn02.usace.army.mil. Comments received as a result of the scoping process will be compiled into a scoping report and will be available to all scoping participants and interested parties. Scoping comments will be considered in the plan formulation process.

7. Public Involvement

Scoping is a critical component of the overall public involvement program. A public involvement program will be initiated and maintained to solicit input

from affected Federal, state, and local agencies, Indian tribes, and other interested parties.

8. Interagency Coordination

Coordination will be maintained with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service regarding threatened and endangered species under their respective jurisdictional responsibilities. Coordination will be maintained with the Advisory Counsel on Historic Preservation and the Louisiana State Historic Preservation Officer. The Louisiana Department of Natural Resources will be consulted regarding consistency with the Coastal Zone Management Act. The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries will be contacted concerning potential impacts to Natural and Scenic Streams.

9. Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement

It is anticipated that the DEIS will be available for public review mid-2007. Interested parties will have an opportunity to comment on the DEIS during the 45-day comment period following publication of the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register.

Dated: December 4, 2006.

Richard P. Wagenaar,

Colonel, U.S. Army, District Commander.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 12, 2007.

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 (OMB) provide interested

Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: December 6, 2006.

Dianne M. Novick,

Acting Leader, Information Policy and Standards Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

Institute of Education Sciences

Type of Review: New.

Title: Strategies for Native American Parent Involvement.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or household.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 40.

Burden Hours: 60.

Abstract: The Strategies for Native American Parent Involvement study entails four focus groups with Native American parents to explore: (1) The ways in which Native American parents and families get involved in their children's education; (2) the barriers to their involvement; and (3) school strategies that have helped these families get involved in their children's education. Participating parents will be chosen from Center Region states with high concentrations of Native American students. Results of the study will be provided to school, district, and SEA administrators so they can make use of strategies to increase parent involvement of Native American communities.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from http://edicsweb.ed.gov, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 3238. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-245-6623. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Effectiveness of Holding Company and Transaction Exemptions and Waivers

December 4, 2006.

Table with 2 columns: Company Name and Docket No. Includes entries for ALLETE, Inc., AOG Corporation, American States Water Company, Consolidated Edison, Inc., CH Energy Group, Energy East Corporation, RGS Energy Group, Inc., and Energen Corporation.