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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

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Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Department of the Army announces a proposed 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 February 26, 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.

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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, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Institute for Water Resources, Corps of Engineers Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center, 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118, ATTN: CEIWR-NDC-C (Mickey LaMaca), or call Department of the Army Reports Clearance Officer at (703) 428-6440.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Description of Vessels, Description of Operations; ENG Forms 3931 and 3932; OMB Control Number 0710-0009.

Needs and Uses The Corps of Engineers uses ENG Forms 3931 and 3932 as the basic instruments to collect vessel and operating descriptions for use in waterborne commerce statistics. These data constitute the sole source for domestic vessel characteristics and operating descriptions for domestic vessels operating on U.S. navigable waterways. These data are collected from vessel operating companies. These data are essential to plans for maintaining U.S. navigable waterways. These data are also critical to the enforcement of the "Harbor maintenance Tax" authorized under section 1402 of Public Law 99-662

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Annual Burden Hours: 2,048.

Number of Respondents: 3,058.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 40 minutes.

Frequency: Annually.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The information collection is the basic data from which the Corps of Engineers compiles and published waterborne commerce statistics. The data is used not only to report to Congress, but also to perform cost benefit studies for new projects, rehabilitation projects, and O&M of existing projects. It is also used by other federal agencies involved in transportation and security. This data collection program is the sole source for domestic navigation statistics.

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