

The USG has also determined that serious damage to this industry is directly attributable to a sharp and substantial increase in imports of the subject yarn from Thailand. Imports from Thailand have increased significantly, both absolutely and relative to domestic production and world imports, thereby increasing Thailand's share of U.S. imports and the U.S. market. Thailand's low-valued imports adversely affected U.S. domestic prices. U.S. imports of the subject yarn from Thailand rose to 1,279,683 kilograms in 1996, an increase of 22.3 percent above the 1,046,174 kilograms imported during 1995. In the first quarter of 1997, imports from Thailand surged to 610,843 kilograms, 85.8 percent above the 328,698 kilograms imported in the first quarter of 1996. Imports from Thailand for the year ending June 1997 reached 1,557,205 kilograms, 39.7 percent above the 1,114,926 kilograms imported during the same period a year earlier.

The USG further determined that increases in imports of the subject yarn from all sources constitute the actual threat of serious damage or the exacerbation of serious damage to the defined domestic industry producing a like and/or directly competitive product, and that, based on sharp and substantial increases in imports of the subject product from Thailand, such threat was attributable to Thailand.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

#### HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Meeting

The C2 Advisory Group Meeting in support of the HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board will meet at Norfolk, VA on October 29-30, 1997, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather information and receive briefings.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with section 552b of Title 5, United States Code, specifically subparagraphs (1) and (4) thereof.

For further information, contact the HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Secretariat at (703) 697-8404.

**Barbara A. Carmichael,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Scientific Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP), DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. (92-463) announcement is made of the following open meeting:

*Name of Committee:* Scientific Advisory Board (SAB).

*Dates of Meeting:* 13-14 November 1997.

*Place:* Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Building 54, 14th St & Alaska Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20306-6000.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (13 November 1997); 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (14 November 1997).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Ridgely Rabold, Center for Advanced Pathology (CAP), AFIP, Building 54, Washington, DC 20306-6000, phone (202) 782-2553.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*General function of the board:* The Scientific Advisory Board provides scientific and professional advice and guidance on programs, policies, and procedures of the AFIP.

*Agenda:* The Board will hear status reports from the AFIP Deputy Directors, Center for Advanced Pathology Director, the National Museum of Health and Medicine, and each of the pathology departments. Board Members will visit several of the pathology departments.

*Open board discussions:* Reports will be given on all visited departments. The reports will consist of findings, recommended areas of further research, and suggested solutions. New trends and/or technologies will be discussed and goals established. The meeting is open to the public.

**Mary V. Yonts,**

*Alternate Army Federal Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection requests.

**SUMMARY:** The Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the

proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507 (j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by October 1, 1997. A regular clearance process is also beginning. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 18, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Dan Chenok, Desk Officer: Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 7th & D Streets, SW., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Written comments regarding the regular clearance and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronic mailed to the internet address #FIRB@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3506 (c)(2)(A)) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (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 Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief

Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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. ED invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

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: September 15, 1997.

**Gloria Parker,**

*Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

### Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Applications for Assistance (sections 8002 and 8003) and State Certification Requests (section 8009)—Impact Aid.

*Abstract:* A local educational agency must submit an application to the Department to receive Impact Aid payments under sections 8002 or 8003 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), and a State requesting certification under section 8009 of the ESEA must submit data for the Secretary to determine whether the State has a qualified equalization plan and may take Impact Aid payments into consideration in allocating State aid.

*Additional Information:* This application has been revised as a result of an amendment to Title VIII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Section 3(a) of the Impact Aid Technical Amendments of 1996 (P.L. 104-195) added section 8003(a)(4) to the Impact Aid law. This amendment authorizes the Impact Aid program to consider United States military

dependents living off base ("military b" children) as if they were living on base ("military a" children) when base housing is undergoing renovation. This provision will result in increased payments for applicants with qualifying children. Therefore, the Department is seeking approval for the new Table 9 to be added to the previously approved Impact Aid application for FY 1999.

An emergency clearance has been requested by October 1, 1997 for the following reasons: (1) If not approved in time, it would cause public harm because it will result in payments being delayed to all section 8003 applicants; and (2) section 8005 of the Impact Aid law requires the Secretary to establish a deadline for the submission of Impact Aid applicants. Late applications would result in reduced payment or no payment at all. The Secretary established a deadline of January 31 through regulations (34 CFR Section 222.3(a)). It is necessary to receive an emergency clearance of Table 9 so that applicants have sufficient time to comply with the application deadline.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 925,698.

Burden Hours: 943,318.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Intent To Prepare a High-Level Waste and Facilities Disposition Environmental Impact Statement, Idaho Falls, ID

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate alternatives for managing the high-level waste and associated radioactive wastes and facilities at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL). Under the terms of a 1995 Settlement Agreement with the State of Idaho, which has been incorporated into a court order, DOE agreed to treat high-level radioactive wastes currently stored at the Idaho Chemical Processing Plant (ICPP) at INEEL and remove these wastes from Idaho. The proposed EIS, titled the High-Level Waste and Facilities Disposition Environmental

Impact Statement, will assist the Department in making the decisions necessary for management of these radioactive wastes in a manner that will comply with applicable laws and regulations, and protect the environment and the health and safety of the workers and the public in a cost-effective manner.

This EIS will be tiered from two Environmental Impact Statements: (1) the Department of Energy Programmatic Spent Nuclear Fuel Management and Idaho National Engineering Laboratory Environmental Restoration and Waste Management Programs EIS (SNF & INEL EIS, issued in April 1995), and (2) the DOE Waste Management Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (WM PEIS, issued in May 1997). As a result, this EIS will make use of previously developed information and analyses.

The DOE's proposed action is to treat high-activity calcine and sodium-bearing liquid radioactive wastes in a new facility using a radionuclide partitioning technology to separate high-level waste from low-level waste. The proposed action would also include closure of 11 underground storage tanks, the New Waste Calcining Facility, and associated laboratories and support buildings at the ICPP.

This EIS will consider reasonable alternatives for treatment of the high-activity calcine and the sodium-bearing wastes, and for disposition of facilities associated with those wastes. Alternatives ranging from grouting wastes in existing high-level waste facilities at the ICPP Tank Farm to the complete removal and disposal of these wastes will be considered. Alternatives involving the separation of only the transuranic constituents from the wastes, separation of and removal of hazardous wastes, and full actinide and metal recovery will also be considered.

DOE will conduct public scoping workshops on this proposed EIS on October 16, in Idaho Falls, ID and on October 23, 1997, in Boise, ID.

**DATES:** DOE announces two public workshops and welcomes public discussion on the scope of the EIS, including the alternatives the Department is considering. This public scoping period begins with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** and will continue until November 24, 1997. DOE invites other Federal agencies, Native American tribes, State and local governments and the general public to comment on the scope of this EIS.

Two public workshops will be held during this scoping period: