

ADDRESSES: Hearing locations are as follows:

1. Lusby—Patuxent High School, 12485 Rousby Hall Road, Lusby, MD
2. Cambridge—Cambridge-South Dorchester High School, 2474 Cambridge Bypass, Cambridge, MD
3. Heathsville—Northumberland High School, 6234 Northumberland Highway (US Route 360), Heathsville, VA

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sue Evans or Ms. Kelly Burdick, (888) 276-5201.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508) implemental procedure provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Department of the Navy has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Increased Flight and Related Operations in the Patuxent River Complex, Patuxent River, MD. This notice announces the dates and locations of the public hearings.

The DEIS identifies and evaluates the potential environmental impacts of increasing flight and related ground operations in test areas of the Patuxent River Complex that are controlled and scheduled by the Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division (NAWCAD). The complex includes all the flight and ground test facilities at NAS Patuxent River and OLF Webster Field Annex, as well as the restricted airspaces, aerial and surface firing range, and targets (Hooper, Hannibal, and Tangier Island) comprising the Chesapeake Test Range (CTR). The DEIS assesses the impacts of the no action alternative and three proposed future operations workload alternatives. The no action alternative would maintain the complex's current level of flight hours into the future (18,400 annually, which represents an approximate ten-year average of annual flight hours). The three workload alternatives propose increases in baseline operations by as few as 2,500 annual flight hours or as many as 6,200 annual flight hours.

A Notice of Intent to prepare the EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on April 1, 1997 and five public scoping meetings were held between May 6 and May 15, 1997. A Notice of Availability of the DEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on May 15, 1998.

The DEIS has been distributed to various federal, state, and local agencies, elected officials, special interest groups, the public, and the media. In addition, copies are available

for review at 18 repositories around the Chesapeake Bay:

- Anne Arundel South County Branch Library, Deale, MD.
- Caroline County Public Library, Denton, MD.
- Calvert County Public Library, Prince Frederick, MD.
- Dorchester County Central Library, Cambridge, MD.
- Somerset County Libraries, Deale Island, Princess Anne, and Ewell (Smith Island), MD.
- St. Mary's County Libraries, Lexington Park and Leonardtown, MD.
- St. Mary's College Library, St. Mary's City, MD.
- Talbot County Libraries, Easton and Oxford, MD.
- Worcester County Library, Pocomoke City, MD.
- Eastern Shore Public Library, Accomac, VA.
- Central Rappahannock Law Library, Fredericksburg, VA.
- Northumberland County Library, Heathsville, VA.
- Tangier Island Public School Library, Tangier, VA.
- Laurel Public Library, Laurel, DE.

Three public hearings will be held to inform the public of the DEIS findings and to solicit and receive oral and written comments. From 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., the Navy will set up information stations that will describe the findings of the DEIS. Navy staff will be available to answer questions from meeting attendees and receive comments. At 7:00 p.m., a formal public hearing will be held where oral statements will be heard and transcribed by a stenographer; however, to ensure accuracy of the record, all statements delivered at the public hearing should be submitted in writing. All comments, both oral and written, will become part of the public record in the study. In the interest of available time, each speaker will be asked to limit oral comments to three minutes. Longer comments should be summarized at the public hearing and submitted in writing either at the hearing or mailed to Ms. Sue Evans at Office of Legal Counsel, 47031 Liljencrantz Road, Bldg. 435, Mail Stop 39, Patuxent River, MD 20670-5440, fax (301) 342-1840. Written comments are requested not later than June 29, 1998.

Dated: May 19, 1998.

Lou Rae Langevin,

LT, JAGC, USN, Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, 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 June 22, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, 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 requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

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 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 Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this 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 at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

Dated: May 19, 1998.

Hazel Fiers,

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

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Application for Ability to Benefit Testing Approval.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Businesses or other for-profits; Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 150,090.

Burden Hours: 77,040.

Abstract: The Secretary will publish a list of approved tests which can be used by postsecondary educational institutions to establish the ability to benefit for a student who does not have a high school diploma or its equivalent.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

**Agency Information Collection
Extensions: Proposed Collection
Comment Request**

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Agency Information Collection Extensions: proposed collection comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted an information collection package to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for extension under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13). The package covers the collection of information concerning annual applications from the owners of qualified renewable energy generation facilities for the consideration of renewable energy production incentive payments. This information is used by the Department to determine if the applicant's facility qualifies for these payments and to determine the amount of net electricity produced for sale that qualifies for these payments. This information is critical to ensure that the Government has sufficient information

to ensure the proper use of public funds for these incentive payments.

DATES: Comments regarding the information collection package should be submitted to the OMB Desk Officer at the following address no later than June 22, 1998. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the OMB Desk officer of your intention to do so as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-3084. (Also, please notify the DOE contact listed in this notice.)

ADDRESSES: Address comments to DOE Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert H. Brewer, Office of Utility Technologies (EE-10), Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-2206.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The package contains the following information: (1) Title of the information collection package; (2) current OMB control number; (3) type of respondents; (4) estimated number of responses; (5) estimated total burden hours, including record keeping hours, required to provide the information; (6) purpose; and (7) number of collections.

Package Title: Renewable Energy Production Incentives.

Current OMB No.: 1910-0068.

Type of Respondents: State, municipal, county, and non-profit electric cooperative owners of qualified renewable energy generation facilities that produce electricity for sale.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 18

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 205

Purpose: To receive annual payment consideration for electricity produced in the prior fiscal year, an annual application has to be submitted by the owner/agent of the owner that provides information which establishes the qualification of the facility (ownership qualifications, type of renewable energy source used, time of first use for new or converted facilities, sale of electricity produced, and location in a State) and information on the metered/calculated amount of electricity produced. An owner of a qualified facility can submit an annual application for each of the first ten fiscal years of that facility's operation.

Statutory Authority: Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. No 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 3507 (g) and (h).

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 18, 1998.

Dan W. Reicher,

Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

**Office of Energy Efficiency and
Renewable Energy**

**State Energy Program Special Projects
Financial Assistance**

AGENCY: The Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice for second round funding for 1998 State Energy Program special projects.

SUMMARY: As options offered under the State Energy Program (SEP) for fiscal year 1998, the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy is announcing the availability of financial assistance to States for special project activities for Remote Applications of Solar and Renewable Energy to Reduce or Avoid Diesel and Gasoline Power Generation. Funding is being provided by the Office of Utility Technologies in the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. States that are awarded funding for special projects will carry out their projects in conjunction with their efforts under SEP, with the special projects funding and activities tracked separately so that the end-use sector programs may follow the progress of their projects.

The projects must meet the relevant requirements of the program providing the funding, as well as of SEP, as specified in the program guidance/solicitation. Among the goals of the special projects activities are to assist States to: accelerate deployment of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies; facilitate the acceptance of emerging and underutilized energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies; and increase the responsiveness of Federally funded technology development efforts to private sector needs.

DATES: The program guidance/solicitation is available on May 22, 1998. Applications must be received by July 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES AND FOR FURTHER

INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Faith Lambert at the U.S. Department of Energy Headquarters, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-2319, for referral to the appropriate DOE Regional Support Office.