

of Review consisting of five members to review appeals of former members of the Armed Forces. The DD Form 293, "Application for Review of Discharge or Separation from the Armed Forces of the United States," provides the respondent a vehicle to present to the Board their reasons/justification for a discharge upgrade as well as providing the Services the basic data needed to process the appeal.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Edward C. Springer.

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

DoD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: July 11, 1997.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary of Defense

Department of Defense Wage Committee; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of Pub. L. 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that closed meetings of the Department of Defense Wage Committee will be held on August 5, 1997; August 12, 1997; August 19, 1997; and August 26, 1997; at 10:00 a.m. in Room A105, The Nash Building, 1400 Key Boulevard, Rosslyn, Virginia.

Under the provisions of section 10(d) of Pub. L. 92-463, the Department of Defense has determined that the meetings meet the criteria to close meetings to the public because the matters to be considered are related to internal rules and practices of the Department of Defense and the detailed wage data to be considered were obtained from officials of private establishments with a guarantee that the data will be held in confidence.

However, members of the public who may wish to do so are invited to submit material in writing to the chairman concerning matters believed to be deserving of the Committee's attention.

Additional information concerning the meetings may be obtained by writing to the Chairman, Department of Defense Wage Committee, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Finding of No Significant Impact for the Defense Logistics Distribution Depot Restructuring

AGENCY: Defense Logistics Agency (DLA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: An environmental assessment on the consolidation of the DLA distribution management function was prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR Part 1500-1508). The environmental assessment concluded that there will be no significant impact on the environment and that preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement will not be necessary. Interested parties may submit comments to the address listed below for a 30-day period from the date of this notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 17 July 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ms. Kathy Stephens, Public Affairs Office (CAAV), Defense Logistics Agency, 8725 John J. Kingman Rd., Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060-6221, (703) 767-6200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Reduced workload, budget reductions, and good management practice has compelled the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) to develop a strategy to restructure its distribution depot system while maintaining readiness and affordability of its services. As a designated Combat Support Agency, distribution of military equipment and supplies is one of DLA's primary business areas. A reliable and robust distribution system is critical to military readiness and sustainability, but it must be affordable. DLA has been reducing its distribution costs commensurate with the decline in

military force structure for several years and has significantly reduced many of the direct costs of operations. The proposed action is intended to adjust the management overhead and reduce overall distribution infrastructure to recognize the changing way in which DLA has to do business to provide its military customers responsive and affordable support.

An environmental assessment has been prepared to address the proposed restructuring, possible alternative approaches, and environmental consequences of the proposed action. This environmental assessment has been prepared by DLA in accordance with Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations and DLA implementing regulation 1000.22, Environmental Considerations in DLA Actions in the United States.

The proposed action concerns the consolidation of the defense distribution depot management function with a loss of management and support positions. The management function is currently exercised from two regional offices: Defense Distribution Region East located in New Cumberland, PA, and Defense Distribution Region West in Stockton, CA. The proposed action will consolidate the management function into a single Defense Distribution Center located at one of the two sites. The result of the action will be that the site not selected for the Defense Distribution Center will lose up to 500 employees and the selected site will experience a lesser decrease in staff.

The environmental assessment considered environmental and socioeconomic impacts of the alternatives to implement the proposed action and the no-action alternative. The conclusion of the assessment is that the consolidation of the distribution management is not considered a major action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment or requiring the development of an Environmental Impact Statement.

A public comment period regarding the environmental assessment will begin at the time of publication of this notice and will conclude 30 days following. Copies of the environmental assessment are available for inspection at the DLA Public Affairs Office and at the addresses listed below. Interested parties may also contact the DLA Public Affairs Office at commercial telephone (703) 767-6200.

Doug Imberi (ASCW-WP), Defense Distribution Region West, Office of Public Affairs, 700 East Roth Road, Bldg. S1, Stockton, CA 95296-0010, Tel: (209) 982-2839.

Keith Beebe (DDRE-CB), Defense Distribution Region East, Office of Command Affairs, 14 Dedication Drive, Suite 2, New Cumberland, PA 17070-5001, Tel: (717) 770-7209/6223.

Dennis J. Lillo,

*Director, Environmental Quality,
(Environmental and Safety Policy).*

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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 Director, Information Resources Management Group, 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 August 18, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments 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 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 Director of the Information Resources Management Group 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: July 10, 1997.

Gloria Parker,

Director, Information Resources Management Group.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Title: Economic Hardship Deferment Request Form.

Frequency: On occasion.

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

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 1,148,818.

Burden Hours: 183,811.

Abstract: This form is the means by which a borrower applies for a deferment of repayment of the principal balance on a loan for reasons of economic hardship and by which the lender or loan servicer determines whether a borrower is entitled to the postponement of payments.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Assessment Governing Board; meeting

AGENCY: National Assessment Governing Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Design and Methodology Committee of the National Assessment Governing Board. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend.

Date: July 21, 1997.

Time: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (open).

Location: O'Hare Hilton Hotel, O'Hare International Airport, Terminal #2, Chicago, Illinois, 60666.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Ann Wilmer, Operations Officer, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20002-4233, Telephone: (202) 357-6938.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Assessment Governing Board is established under Section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994 (Title IV of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994), (Pub. L. 103-382).

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Educational Progress. The Board is responsible for selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment objectives, identifying appropriate achievement goals for each grade and subject tested, and establishing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons.

The public is being given less than fifteen days notice of this meeting because of summer schedules which made it difficult to find a date mutually agreeable to a quorum of the Committee.

On July 21, 1997 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. the Design and Methodology Committee will meet to review the draft versions of the commissioned papers and planning grants submitted in response to the NAEP Redesign competition. The Committee will then formulate final recommendations for the Board to consider regarding redesign issues that are critical to the drafting of the NAEP operations RFP. Also, the Committee will discuss the development of cost estimates for the NAEP redesign proposals.

Summaries of these activities and related matters, which are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of section 5 U.S.C. 553b(c), will be available to the public within 14 days of the meeting.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dated: July 15, 1997.

Roy Truby,

Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.

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