

The Navy plans to continue periodic monitoring of bird populations on Kaula with assistance from the State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

#### *Cultural Resources*

To protect cultural resources, PMRF will implement the mitigation measures contained in the March 18, 1999 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Hawaii State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Concerning Niihau, the MOA requires the involvement of the island's proprietors, the residents of Niihau, and the SHPO in determining the nature and scope of surveys to identify potential impacts to historic properties, including traditional cultural properties. The MOA also requires appropriate mitigation measures in the event that there are potentially adverse impacts to such properties from PMRF's actions on Niihau.

#### *Geology and Soils*

To protect geological and soil resources at PMRF/Main Base and Niihau, the following mitigation measures will be implemented: (1) PMRF will not launch solid propellant missiles when it is raining, (2) A water deluge system for cooling or noise suppression will not be employed, (3) Excavated material will be watered frequently, and (4) Soil additives will be used to bond exposed surface soils when necessary.

To protect geological and soil resources at PMRF/Main Base, Makaha Ridge, Kokee, Kamokala Magazines, and Niihau from erosion, PMRF will: (1) Minimize areas exposed during digging, (2) use soil stabilizers and sandbags, (3) add covering to slopes, and (4) revegetate slopes as necessary.

#### *Hazardous Materials and Waste*

PMRF will extend main base waste management procedures to include Niihau. Hazardous materials will not be permanently stored at Niihau, and hazardous wastes generated by Navy and other DOD activities will be shipped from Niihau for proper disposal. PMRF will construct all launch pads and storage devices with containment or sump systems to contain any potential spills and will conduct any required remediation.

#### *Health and Safety*

In the Restrictive Easement, PMRF will continue to clear the easement area during missile launches, in accordance

with the provisions of the lease with the State of Hawaii.

#### *Land Use*

To protect land resources on Niihau, PMRF will work with the landowner or Niihau residents to minimize operations that might exclude residents from traditional fishing areas during the best times of day or seasons.

#### *Socioeconomics*

To prevent potential negative socioeconomic impacts on Niihau, PMRF will periodically review and strengthen the protection protocol to help reduce construction and operational impacts, and provide cultural sensitivity training to off-island personnel who may come into contact with Niihau residents. To benefit the residents, the maximum feasible number of Niihau residents will be employed.

#### *Transportation*

To prevent minor ongoing transportation impacts (access to Polihale Park) expected as a result of implementation of the action within the Restrictive Easement, PMRF will: (1) Issue advance warnings of closures to citizens, (2) minimize closure times, and (3) reopen road access as soon as possible. Such actions shall be taken in accordance with the provisions of the state lease.

#### *Visual and Aesthetic Resources*

To protect visual resources at PMRF/Main Base and Niihau, PMRF will maintain as much natural vegetation around existing launch pads and newly constructed facilities as safety will allow. Emphasis will be placed along the ocean side of the launch pads and newly constructed facilities. To minimize impacts to visual resources at the Kamokala Magazines, the storage magazines will be covered with earth material except for entrance doors that will face the cliffs outside of public view. Grass and other limited height vegetation will be allowed to grow on the storage magazines to help reduce erosion. To minimize aesthetic effects on Niihau, PMRF will use earth-toned paint on all structures.

#### **Response to Comments Received Regarding the Final EIS**

The Department of Navy received three comment letters on the Final EIS. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) withdrew environmental objections raised during comments on the Draft EIS upon the removal of Term Island and Johnston Atoll from the sites under consideration. The EPA further

suggested that the Navy document, in the Record of Decision, any mitigation measures it intends to implement. This Record of Decision provides that documentation. Two comment letters were received from individuals who disagreed with the conclusions of the Final EIS. The subject of one of the letters was outside the scope of the EIS. The other letter renewed comments that had been made on the Draft EIS. The comments questioned analysis techniques used in the Final EIS and expressed concerns about risk of brush fires and U.S. treaty implications. Responses have been provided in the Final EIS, and some are reflected in this Record of Decision.

#### **Conclusions**

On behalf of the Department of the Navy, I have selected the Preferred Alternative of the PMRF EIS for implementation as set out in this Record of Decision. In determining whether and how to enhance the capabilities of the PMRF, I considered the following: existing assets and capabilities of PMRF; the Navy and DOD operational, testing, and training requirements; range improvements necessary to support PMRF as a TBMD test site; environmental impacts; costs associated with construction of facilities, the operation and maintenance of ships and aircrafts, and training of personnel; and comments received during the EIS process.

After carefully weighing all of these factors and analyzing the data presented in the Final EIS, I have determined that the Preferred Alternative best meets the requirements for the enhancement of the capabilities at PMRF.

Dated: April 14, 1999.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Leader, Information Management Group, 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 May 24, 1999.

**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, N.W., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Pat\_Sherrill@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 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 Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 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 at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

Dated: April 20, 1999.

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#### **Office of Postsecondary Education**

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* TRIO Dissemination Program.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:*

Responses: 50.

Burden Hours: 2,250.

*Abstract:* The TRIO Dissemination Program provides grants to enable TRIO projects to work with other institutions and agencies that serve first-generation, low-income persons in replicating or adapting successful TRIO program components and practices.

The application package is available on the Department's web site: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/OHEP/heps/dissem/>

Comments regarding this package may be submitted to the following electronic mailbox: TRIO@ED.gov.

This information collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections (1890-0001). Therefore, this 30-day public comment notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

##### **Notice of Availability: Revised Draft Hanford Remedial Action Environmental Impact Statement and Comprehensive Land-Use Plan**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of the Revised Draft Hanford Remedial Action Environmental Impact Statement and Comprehensive Land-Use Plan (HRA-EIS), DOE/EIS-0222D, for public review. The proposed action is to establish a comprehensive land use plan for the next 50 years for the Hanford Site near Richland, Washington. This EIS identifies alternative future land uses for the Hanford Site and discusses the potential associated environmental impacts. Because DOE has significantly revised the scope of the HRA-EIS and alternatives considered in response to comments received on the draft EIS published in August 1996, it is

appropriate to issue this revised draft HRA-EIS. Since land use was an objective of the previous draft EIS, no further scoping meetings are required. The 1996 Draft HRA-EIS focused on developing an overall strategy for remediating the Hanford Site and included a proposed land use plan as an appendix; the revised Draft HRA-EIS focuses only on land use planning. To reflect this reduction in scope, DOE is soliciting comments on changing the name of this EIS to the Hanford Comprehensive Land-Use EIS as well as on the contents of the Revised Draft HRA-EIS. The draft HRA-EIS evaluates five "action alternatives," each of which represents a Federal, State, local agency, or Tribe's preferred land-use alternative, and also evaluates a "no-action alternative" of continuing current land use practices. DOE's preferred alternative for future uses of the Hanford Site includes consolidating waste management operations in the Central Plateau; allowing industrial development in the eastern and southern portions of the site; increasing recreational access to the Columbia River; and expanding the Saddle Mountain National Wildlife Refuge to include all of the Wahluke Slope.

**DATES:** The public comment period begins today and concludes on June 7, 1999. DOE invites Federal agencies, Native American Tribes, State and local governments, and the public to comment on the Revised Draft HRA-EIS. DOE will consider all timely comments in preparing the Final EIS, and will consider comments provided after the close of the comment period to the extent practicable.

Public information meetings and hearings will be held during the comment period.

May 18, 1999: State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon Street, Portland, Oregon. DOE will conduct informal information session from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by a public hearing beginning at 7 p.m.

May 20, 1999: Shilo Inn, 50 Comstock Road, Richland, Washington. DOE will conduct informal information session from 3 to 5 p.m. and from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by a public hearing beginning at 7 p.m.

June 3, 1999: Ridpath Hotel, West 515 Sprague Avenue, Spokane, Washington. DOE will conduct informal information session from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by a public hearing beginning at 7 p.m.

In addition, during the comment period DOE will participate in public involvement activities sponsored by the other cooperating agencies, at times and locations to be determined.