

Environmental Impacts

There were no significant environmental impacts associated with the selected alternative. However, the Department of the Navy will initiate measures, described in the EIS, to mitigate impacts resulting from the action being taken. With the adoption of the measures identified in the EIS, the Department of the Navy has exercised all practicable means to avoid or minimize harm from the alternative selected.

Response to Comments

The Department of the Navy made the FEIS available to the public for a 30-day review period. This review period was extended for an additional 30 days period. During the review period 19 comments were received: eight supporting the action and 11 opposed. The governmental bodies of Yuma City and Yuma County support the selected alternative. Opposition continues from the property owners and citrus and crop growers. No new substantive comments were received that were not previously addressed in the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements.

Conclusion

On behalf of the Department of the Navy, I have decided to implement the 1,641 Acre Alternative, as set out in the EIS, to improve ordnance storage at MCAS Yuma. In making this decision, I considered the following: existing assets and capabilities at MCAS Yuma; Marine Corps, Navy, DoD and allied operational and training requirements; ordnance handling and storage requirements; environmental impacts; socioeconomic impacts; costs associated with land acquisition and facility construction, the operation and maintenance of equipment and aircraft, and training of personnel; and comments received during the EIS process.

After carefully weighing all of these factors, I have determined that the Preferred Alternative, acquiring and developing 1,641 acres of agricultural and residential land to the south of MCAS Yuma, best meets the requirements.

Dated: February 1, 2000.

Duncan Holaday,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy
(Installations and Facilities).*

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 11, 2000.

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.

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: February 7, 2000.

Patrick Sherrill,

Acting Leader Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs

Type of Review: New.

Title: Federal Family Education Loan Program Federal Consolidation Loan Application and Promissory Note.

Frequency: One time.

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

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 263,000;

Burden Hours: 263,000

Abstract: This application form and promissory note is the means by which a borrower applies for a Federal Consolidation Loan and promises to repay the loan, and a lender or guaranty agency certifies the borrower's eligibility to receive a Consolidation loan.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346.

Written comments or questions regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Joseph Schubart at (202) 708-9266 or via his internet address Joe_Schubart@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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