

Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226).

East Coast Observers, Inc. will conduct sea turtle abundance and relocation trawls in conjunction with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) dredging projects in waters of the Atlantic coast. Up to 350 loggerhead, 150 green, 150 Kemp's ridley, 10 hawksbill, and 10 leatherback sea turtles, and 10 shortnose sturgeon will be captured. Collected sea turtles will be handled, measured, flipper and passive integrated transponder (PIT) tagged, temporarily marked with a non-toxic marker, and released at a relocation site approximately three to five miles away from the dredge project. A single tissue sample may be taken from each individual turtle for genetic analysis. Collected shortnose sturgeon will be captured, handled have a barbel clip taken, and relocated to a safe area. The permit authorizes a total of up to 5 sea turtle (loggerhead, green, Kemp's ridley, and hawksbill in combination) incidental mortalities over the course of the permit. The permit is issued for five years.

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of any endangered or threatened species, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: February 6, 2006.

Stephen L. Leathery,

Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered Species; File No. 1540

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, Marine Resources Division, P.O. Box 12559, Charleston, S.C. 29422–2559, has been issued a

permit to take loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), green (*Chelonia mydas*), leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*), and hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) sea turtles for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713–2289; fax (301)427–2521; and

Southeast Regional Office, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701; phone (727) 824–5312; fax (727)824–5309.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick Opay or Kate Swails, (301)713–2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 15, 2005, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 47813) that a request for a scientific research permit to take loggerhead, Kemp's ridley, green, leatherback, and hawksbill sea turtles had been submitted by the applicant. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226).

Researchers will capture up to 146 loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), 48 Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), 15 green (*Chelonia mydas*), 1 leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*), and 3 hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), during the first year of the permit's five-year period. The permit authorizes research on up to 346 loggerhead, 48 Kemp's ridley, 15 green, 1 leatherback, and 3 hawksbill, sea turtles annually for the remaining four-years. Turtles will be captured by trawls, handled, blood sampled, measured, flipper and PIT tagged, photographed, and released. A subsample of animals will have barnacles and keratin removed from their shell, have cloacal samples taken, have laparoscopic and ultrasound exams, and have satellite transmitters attached. Up to 7 loggerhead and 1 leatherback may potentially be taken as accidental mortalities over the course of the entire permit. Additionally, up to 5 Kemp's ridley, green, or hawksbill sea turtles (combined total but no more than two of any given species) may potentially be taken as accidental mortalities over the course of the entire

permit. The research will document size distributions, sex ratios, genetic contributions, and the health of sea turtles in coastal waters in the southeastern U.S. The research will take place in the waters from Winyah Bay, South Carolina to Cape Canaveral, Florida. The permit is issued for 5 years.

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of any endangered or threatened species, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary of Defense

Renewal of the Department of Defense Historical Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense Historical Advisory Committee was renewed, effective January 23, 2006, in consonance with the public interest, and in accordance with the provisions of the “Federal Advisory Committee Act.”

The Committee shall provide the Secretary of Defense and the Secretaries of the Military Departments independent advice and recommendations on matters regarding the professional standards, historical methodology, program priorities, liaison with professional groups and institutions, and adequacy of resources of the various historical programs and associated activities of the Department of Defense.

The DoD Historical Advisory Committee will continue to be well balanced in terms of the interest groups represented and functions to be performed. The members include distinguished representatives from academia, current U.S. Government and private sector historians, authors and librarians, and retired general officers of general/flag rank.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Dr. Stuart Rochester, Deputy Historian, OSD Historical Office, 703–588–7876.

Dated: February 6, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0147]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Pollution Prevention and Right-to-Know Information

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0147).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning pollution prevention and right-to-know information. This OMB clearance expires on June 30, 2006.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before April 11, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VIR), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT Ms. Kimberly Marshall, Contract Policy Division, GSA, (202) 208-0986.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Executive Order 12856 of August 3, 1993, "Federal Compliance With Right-to-Know Laws and Pollution Prevention Requirements," requires that Federal facilities comply with the planning and reporting requirements of the Pollution Prevention Act of 1990 and the Emergency Planning Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986. The executive order requires that contracts to be performed on a Federal facility provide for the contractor to supply to the Federal agency all information the Federal agency deems necessary to comply with these reporting requirements.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Number of Respondents: 14,500.
Responses Per Respondent: .921.
Annual Responses: 13,350.
Average Burden Per Response: .786.
Total Burden Hours: 10,500.
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PROPOSALS: Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VIR), Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control Number 9000-0147, Pollution Prevention and Right-to-Know Information, in all correspondence.

Dated: February 6, 2006.

Gerald Zaffos,

Director, Contract Policy Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

DoD Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Board of Actuaries

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: A meeting of the Board has been scheduled to execute the provisions of Chapter 56, Title 10, United States Code (10 U.S.C. 1114 *et seq.*). The Board shall review DoD actuarial methods and assumptions to be used in the valuation of benefits under DoD retiree health care programs for Medicare-eligible beneficiaries. Persons desiring to attend DoD Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Board of Actuaries meeting, or make an oral presentation or submit a written

statement for consideration at the meeting, must notify Margot Kaplan at 703-696-7404 by May 10, 2006. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES: June 15, 2006, 1:30 p.m.-5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: 4040 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 270, Arlington, VA 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Margot Kaplan, DoD Office of the Actuary, 4040 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 308, Arlington, VA 22203, (703) 696-7404.

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DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's (Board) public hearing and meeting described below. The Board will conduct a public hearing and meeting pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2286b and invites any interested persons or groups to present any comments, technical information, or data concerning safety issues related to the matters to be considered.

TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: 6 p.m., March 22, 2006.

PLACE: Duane W. Smith Auditorium, 1400 Diamond Drive, Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544. Additionally, as a part of the Board's E-Government initiative, the hearing and meeting will be videotaped. A link to the videotape will be available on the Board's Web site (<http://www.dnfsb.gov>) following the hearing and meeting.

STATUS: Open. While the Government in the Sunshine Act does not require that the scheduled hearing be conducted in a meeting, the Board has determined that an open meeting in this specific case furthers the public interests underlying both the Sunshine Act and the Board's enabling legislation.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: In this public hearing and meeting, the Board will examine the National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA) plans and actions to follow through with improvements in safety management that were identified prior to and during the suspension and resumption of operations at Department of Energy