

specified period after the end of their Peace Corps service and will not use former Volunteers for certain purposes or in certain positions. Information regarding such agreements may be obtained from the Office of the General Counsel.

#### § 305.7 Special circumstances.

(a) *Couples*. Two Applicants who are married to one another or two unmarried Applicants who are in a same-sex or opposite-sex domestic partnership or other committed relationship are eligible to apply for service as a couple. In the case of an unmarried couple, each member of the couple must provide a sworn statement, in a form acceptable to the Peace Corps, attesting to their domestic partnership status or committed relationship (as the case may be) and their request to be considered for assignment as a couple. In all cases, both members of the couple must apply and qualify for assignment at the same location.

(b) *Serving with dependents and other family members*. In general, dependents and other family members may not accompany a Volunteer during service. However, the Peace Corps may from time to time make exceptions either on a case-by-case basis or for particular categories of Volunteers to the extent permitted by Federal law.

(c) *Military service*. The Peace Corps welcomes applications from veterans, reservists, and active duty military personnel who are interested in Peace Corps service after completion of their military service. After receiving an invitation for Peace Corps service, applicants with reserve obligations are reminded to comply with all requirements to notify their reserve component that they will be unavailable for drills and annual training because of their Peace Corps service. Such applicants are urged to obtain written confirmation from their reserve component that they have complied with these requirements.

#### § 305.8 Background investigation.

Section 22 of the Peace Corps Act requires that each Applicant be investigated to ensure that enrollment of the Applicant as a Volunteer is consistent with the national interest. The Peace Corps therefore obtains an appropriate background investigation for all Applicants who are invited to serve in the Peace Corps. Information revealed by the background investigation may be grounds for disqualification from Peace Corps service. Under the Peace Corps Act, if a background investigation regarding an Applicant develops any data reflecting

that the Applicant is of questionable loyalty or is a questionable security risk, the Peace Corps must refer the matter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a full field investigation. The results of that full field investigation will be furnished to the Peace Corps for information and appropriate action.

Dated: December 13, 2016.

**William Stoppel,**

*Acting Associate Director, Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### 32 CFR Part 154

[Docket ID: DOD-2016-OS-0121]

RIN 0790-AJ55

#### Department of Defense Personnel Security Program Regulation

**AGENCY:** Office of the Under Secretary for Intelligence, DoD.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This final rule removes DoD's regulation concerning personnel security. The codified rule is outdated and no longer accurate or applicable as written. The rule does not impose obligations on members of the public that are not already imposed by statute. It paraphrases and summarizes relevant sources of law and does not substantively deviate from them.

**DATES:** This rule is effective on January 5, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patricia Toppings at 571-372-0485.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DoD internal guidance concerning personnel security will continue to be published in DoD Manual 5200.02. Once the revision of DoD Manual 5200.02 is signed, a copy will be made available at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pub1.html>.

It has been determined that publication of this CFR part removal for public comment is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to public interest since it is based on removing DoD internal policies and procedures that are publically available on the Department's issuance Web site.

The removal of this rule will be reported in future status updates of DoD's retrospective review plan in accordance with the requirements in Executive Order 13563. DoD's full plan can be accessed at: <http://www.regulations.gov/#/docketDetail;D=DOD-2011-OS-0036>.

## List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 154

Classified information, Government employees, Investigations, Security measures.

### PART 154—[REMOVED]

■ Accordingly, by the authority of 5 U.S.C. 301, 32 CFR part 154 is removed.

Dated: December 27, 2016.

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*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### 32 CFR Part 286

[DOD-2007-OS-0086; 0790-AI24]

#### DoD Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Program

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Interim final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This part revises the Department of Defense (DoD) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) regulation to implement the FOIA and incorporate the provisions of the OPEN Government Act of 2007 and the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016. This part promotes uniformity in the Department of Defense (DoD) FOIA Program. It takes precedence over all DoD Component issuances that supplement and implement the DoD FOIA Program.

**DATES:** *Effective date:* This rule is effective January 5, 2017. *Comment date:* Comments must be received by March 6, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Hogan, 571-372-0462.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Executive Summary

This rule revises 32 CFR part 286 to implement section 552 of title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.) and incorporate the provisions of the OPEN Government Act of 2007 and the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016. This part promotes uniformity in the DoD FOIA Program across the entire Department.

The FOIA, 5 U.S.C. 552, requires agencies to “promulgate regulations, pursuant to notice and receipt of public comment, specifying the schedule of fees applicable to the processing of requests [the FOIA] and establishing procedures and guidelines for determining when such fees should be waived or reduced.” Additionally,