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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Submission for OMB Review;  
Comment Request**

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:* Request for Reference; DD Form 370; OMB Number 0704-0167.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement.

*Number of Respondents:* 43,000.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 43,000.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 7,167.

*Needs and Uses:* Sections 504, 505, 508, and 12102, Title 10 U.S.C., establish minimum standards for enlistment into the Armed Forces. This information collection requirement is necessary to obtain personal reference data, in order to request a waiver, on a military applicant who has committed a civil or criminal offense and would otherwise be disqualified for entry to the Armed Forces of the United States. The DD Form 370 is used to obtain reference information evaluating the character, work habits, and attitudes of an applicant from a person of authority or standing within the community. The information collected provides the Armed Services with specific background information on an applicant. A history of criminal activity, arrests, or moral offenses is disqualifying for military service. An applicant, with such a disqualifier, is required to submit references from community leaders who will attest to his or her character, attitudes, or work habits. The DD Form 370 is the method of information collection which requests an evaluation and reference from a specific individual, within the community, who has the knowledge of the applicant's habits, behaviors, personality, and character. The information will be used to determine suitability of the applicant for military service and the insurance of a waiver for acceptance.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Business or Other For-Profit; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

*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.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers**

**Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Walla Walla District Dredged Material Management Study, Columbia, Snake, and Clearwater Rivers, Oregon, Washington and Idaho**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Walla Walla District, intends to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for dredging, dredged material disposal activities, and measures to reduce dredging requirements within the navigable waterways of the Walla Walla District. This EIS will cover a twenty year period that will begin upon completion and approval of the final EIS and the Dredged Material Management Plan (DMMP). The study reach considered includes Lake Wallula above McNary Dam on the Columbia River in Oregon and Washington; the four lower Snake River reservoirs extending from the mouth of the Snake River upstream to the communities of Lewistown, Idaho, and Clarkston, Washington; and the lower 2 miles of the Clearwater River from its confluence with the

Snake River at Lewiston upstream to the U.S. Highway 12 Bridge. The DEIS will evaluate the environmental effects of dredging and dredged material disposal activities in addition to measures proposed to reduce dredging requirements within the study reach over the twenty-year period. Specific disposal sites will be identified and initial environmental compliance actions, including characterization of the material to be dredged, will be performed in an effort to reduce lead time required prior to actual dredging activity. Beneficial uses of dredged material will be considered and the environmental effects evaluated.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Please contact Mr. Jack Sands, Study Manager, Walla Walla District Corps of Engineers, CENWW-PD-EP, 201 North Third Avenue, Walla Walla, WA 99362, phone (509) 527-7287 or Ms. Sandra Simmons, NEPA Coordinator, Walla Walla District Corps of Engineers, CENWW-PD-EC, 201 North Third Avenue, Walla Walla, WA 99362, phone (509) 527-7265.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** By memorandum dated June 5, 1995, form Corps Headquarters, Corps District offices were directed to prepare a Dredged Material Management Plan (DMMP) for all navigation projects including components of the inland waterway system. The DMMP will define the procedure for the next twenty-year period for disposing of dredged material removed for those reaches of the Columbia, Snake and Clearwater Rivers that make up that portion of the Columbia/Snake Rivers Inland Navigation Waterway within the Walla Walla District boundaries.

The DEIS developed during the planning study to define the DMMP will include the following within its range of alternatives:

- I. Upland Disposal of Dredged Material
- II. In-Water Disposal of Dredged Material
- III. Various Beneficial Uses of Dredged Material
  - A. Land Fill
  - B. Beach Replenishment
  - C. Fish and Wildlife Habitat Creation and Restoration
  - D. Recreation
- IV. Measures to Reduce Dredging Requirements
  - A. In-Stream Structural Components to Redirect Flow & Increase Stream Velocities
  - B. Upland Land Treatment Programs
  - C. Modification of Project Pool Elevations and/or Flow Releases During Severe Runoff Events
  - D. Modification of the Height of the Levees at Lewiston, Idaho
- V. No Action