

ecology studies from 30 to 100 seals annually for the duration of the permit, and to: (1) allow retrieval of time-depth recorders (TDRs) from Hawaiian monk seals; (2) provide additional take by instrumentation (including sonic tags) to support continued research into the foraging ecology of Hawaiian monk seals; and (3) allow an additional procedure, isotopic water dilution, to estimate the body composition as an indication of foraging success and condition of study subjects. For this amendment, some of these seals may be taken up to three times: Once to apply a VHF transmitter, a second time to apply a TDR or satellite-linked time-depth recorder (SLTDR), and a third time to retrieve the TDR/SLTDR.

Issuance of this amendment, 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 the endangered species which is the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: DECEMBER 27, 1999.

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Office of Protected Resources, National  
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY  
COMMISSION**

**Collection of Information; Proposed  
Extension of Approval; Comment  
Request—Follow-Up Activities for  
Product-Related Injuries**

**AGENCY:** Consumer Product Safety  
Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Consumer Product Safety Commission requests comments on a proposed extension of approval of a collection of information from persons who have been involved in or have witnessed incidents associated with consumer products. The Commission will consider all comments received in response to this notice before requesting an extension of approval of this collection of information from the Office of Management and Budget.

**DATES:** The Office of the Secretary must receive comments not later than March 6, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be captioned "Product-Related Injuries"

and mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207, or delivered to that office, Room 502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Written comments may also be sent to the Office of the Secretary by facsimile at (301) 504-0127 or by e-mail at cpsc-os@cpsc.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information about the proposed extension of approval of the collection of information, or to obtain a copy of any of the interview guides or forms used for this collection of information, contact Linda L. Glatz, Office of Planning and Evaluation, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207; telephone (301) 504-0416, extension 2226; email lglatz@cpsc.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. Background**

Section 5(a) of the Consumer Product Safety Act, 15 U.S.C. 2054(a), requires the Commission to collect information related to the causes and prevention of death, injury, and illness associated with consumer products. That legislation also requires the Commission to conduct continuing studies and investigations of deaths, injuries, diseases, other health impairments, and economic losses resulting from accidents involving consumer products. The Commission uses this information to support development and improvement of voluntary standards, rulemaking proceedings, information and education campaigns, and administrative and judicial proceedings. These safety efforts are vitally important to help make consumer products safer and to remove unsafe products from the channels of distribution and from consumers' homes.

Persons who have sustained injuries or who have witnessed safety-related incidents associated with consumer products are an important source of safety information. From consumer complaints, newspaper accounts, death certificates, hospital emergency room reports, and other sources, the Commission investigates a limited number of incidents. These investigations may involve face-to-face or telephone interviews with accident victims or witnesses. The Commission also receives information about product-related injuries from persons who provide written information by using forms displayed on the Commission's internet web site or printed in the *Product Safety Review* and other Commission publications.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the collection of information concerning product-related injuries under control number 3041-0029. OMB's most recent extension of approval will expire on May 31, 2000. The Commission now proposes to request an extension of approval with changes of this collection of information. As explained below, the changes consist of a net reduction of 752 burden hours.

**B. Estimated Burden**

Each year, the Commission staff obtains information about incidents involving consumer products from approximately 8,500 persons. The staff conducts face-to-face interviews at incident sites with approximately 400 persons each year (down from the 700 persons estimated in 1997). On average, an on-site interview takes approximately 5 hours. The staff will also conduct approximately 1,600 in-depth investigations by telephone (down from the 2,200 estimated in 1997). Each in-depth telephone investigation requires approximately 20 minutes. Additionally, the Commission's hotline staff interviews approximately 4000 persons each year about incidents involving selected consumer products (up from 1997's estimate of 160). These interviews take an average of 10 minutes each (up from 1997's estimate of 1.5 minutes each). Each year, the Commission also receives information from about 2,500 persons (up from 1997's estimated 1000) who complete forms requesting information about product-related incidents or injuries. These forms appear on the Commission's internet web site and are printed in the *Product Safety Review* and other Commission publications. The staff estimates that completion of the form takes about 12 minutes.

The Commission staff estimates that this collection of information imposes a total annual hourly burden of 3,700 hours on all respondents: 2,000 hours for face-to-face interviews; 533 hours for in-depth telephone interviews; 500 hours for completion of written forms; and 667 hours for responses to Hotline telephone questionnaires.

The Commission staff estimates the value of the time of respondents to this collection of information at \$13.50 an hour. This is based on the average hourly wage for all workers in the United States reported by the U.S. Bureau of the Census in the 1999 edition of the *Statistical Abstract of the United States*. At this valuation, the estimated annual cost to the public of this information collection will be about \$50,000.

**C. Request for Comments**

The Commission solicits written comments from all interested persons about the proposed collection of information. The Commission specifically solicits information relevant to the following topics:

- Whether the collection of information described above is necessary for the proper performance of the Commission's functions, including whether the information would have practical utility;
- Whether the estimated burden of the proposed collection of information is accurate;
- Whether the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected could be enhanced; and
- Whether the burden imposed by the collection of information could be minimized by use of automated, electronic or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology.

Dated: December 29, 1999.

**Sadye E. Dunn,**

*Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary****Joint Advisory Committee on Nuclear Weapons Surety; Meeting.**

**ACTION:** Notice of Advisory Committee Meeting

**SUMMARY:** The Joint Advisory Committee on Nuclear Weapons Surety will conduct a closed session on January 14, 2000 at Science Applications International Corporation, San Diego, California.

The Joint Advisory Committee is charged with advising the Secretaries of Defense and Energy, and the Joint Nuclear Weapons Council on nuclear weapons surety matters. At this meeting the Joint Advisory Committee will receive classified briefings on nuclear weapons production and surety status.

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended, Title 5, U.S.C. App. II, (1988)), this meeting concerns matters sensitive to the interests of national security, listed in 5 U.S.C. Section 552b(c)(1) and accordingly this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: December 28, 1999.

**L.M. Bynum,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****U.S. Marine Corps****Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Marine Corps, DoD.  
**ACTION:** Amend Records Systems

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Marine Corps proposes to amend eight systems of records notices in its inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

**DATES:** This action will be effective without further notice on February 3, 2000 unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the Head, FOIA and Privacy Act Section, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, 2 Navy Annex, Washington, DC 20380-1775.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. B. L. Thompson at (703) 614-4008 or DSN 224-4008.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Marine Corps record system notices for records systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.

The proposed actions are not within the purview of subsection (r) of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, which would require the submission of a new or altered system report for each system. The specific changes to the records systems being amended are set forth below followed by the notices, as amended, published in their entirety.

Dated: December 28, 1999.

**L. M. Bynum,**

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

**MMN00021**

**SYSTEM NAME:**

Weapons Registration (*February 22, 1993, 58 FR 10630*).

**CHANGES:**

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**AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

Delete entry and replace with '5 U.S.C. 301, Departmental Regulations;

10 U.S.C. 5013, Secretary of the Navy; 10 U.S.C. 5041, Headquarters, Marine Corps; and E.O. 9397 (SSN).'

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**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

Delete entry and replace with 'Record destroyed when member departs command.'

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**MMN00021**

**SYSTEM NAME:**

Weapons Registration.

**SYSTEM LOCATION:**

Organizational elements of the U.S. Marine Corps. U.S. Marine Corps official mailing addresses are incorporated into the Department of the Navy's address directory, published as an appendix to the Navy's compilation of systems of records notices.

**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:**

All individuals, military or civilian, registered firearms or other weapons with Provost Marshal.

All individuals who purchase a firearm or weapon at authorized exchange activities.

Any individual who resides in government quarters who possesses privately owned firearms.

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

Weapon registration cards, weapon permit cards, notification to commanding officers of failure to register a firearm purchased at authorized exchanges, exchange notification or firearm purchase. Such records showing name, rank, Social Security Number, organization, physical location of subject weapon, weapon description and such other identifiable items required to comply with all federal, state, and local weapons registration ordinances.

**AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

5 U.S.C. 301, Departmental Regulations; 10 U.S.C. 5013, Secretary of the Navy; 10 U.S.C. 5041, Headquarters, Marine Corps; and E.O. 9397 (SSN).

**PURPOSE(S):**

To provide a record of weapons registered to individuals on base to ensure proper control of firearms/weapons and to monitor purchase and disposition of firearms/weapons.

**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

*In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C.*