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CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

Mr. Kevin Neyland
Deputy Administrator
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr Neyland:

In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.13, "Emergency Processing," the Department of Defense requests emergency processing and approval of a new public information collection requirement in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

The Paperwork Reduction Act submission package is attached at Enclosure 1. The Statement of Determination for emergency processing is at Enclosure 2.

The Department of Defense cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures under 5 CFR 1320 since such compliance could cause public harm to specific individuals who are waiting to be granted TRICARE coverage and would delay compliance with the statutory requirements in 10 U.S.C. 1554(a). The use of normal procedures under 5 CFR 1320 is likely to prevent or disrupt the collection of the information. The information collection is essential to the mission of the Department. We request emergency approval by December 30, 2008.

The point of contact for this action is Ms. Patricia Toppings, DoD Clearance Officer, at 703-696-5284.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David M. Wennergren", is written over a large, stylized, circular graphic element.

David M. Wennergren
DoD Deputy Chief Information Officer

Enclosures
As stated

