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August 31, 2015

**FOR: ACTING DIRECTOR, INFORMATION & PERFORMANCE
MANAGEMENT (RA-IPM)**

FROM: DoD CLEARANCE OFFICER, WHS/ESD/DD

**SUBJECT: Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Emergency Submission for
Middle East Focus Groups and Survey**

- The Office of the Director, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation (DCAPE), is submitting the subject requirement for emergency review and approval of the subject information collection (IC). The information collection would be initiated at a time of relative peace in Yemen, but this country has experienced active conflict since April 2015. Recent events suggest that some stability has returned to the country, as Yemeni government forces have pushed Huthi rebels out of their strongholds in the south.
- This emergency submission is necessary so the information collection can take place while the potential for civil unrest has diminished. If the information collection is not approved under an emergency process it will not only impede the Department's ability to better understand views of political activism in the Middle East more generally, but would also have a negative impact on future US government efforts to counter violent extremism and to identify that factors that dissuade individuals from supporting violent extremist groups.
- The DoD cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures under title 5 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Act, Part 1320, since such procedures would delay or disrupt the collection of the information.
- The Paperwork Reduction Act submission package and the Statement of Determination are attached.

- As the DoD Clearance Officer, I have reviewed the submission and determined that it complies with the Paperwork Reduction Act and its implementing regulation, title 5, CFR, Part 1320, Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public.

RECOMMENDATION: Provide coordination signature.

COORDINATION:  Approved
Gary Evans, Office of the DoD CIO/RA-IPM

9/2/2015

Attachment(s):
As stated