

*VA PRA information:* VA PRA Clearance Office, 202-461-8900, [vacopaperworkreduact@va.gov](mailto:vacopaperworkreduact@va.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VHA invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

*Title:* Nonprofit Research and Education Corporations (NPCs)—Annual Report, Remediation Plans & Assessment Questionnaires (VA Forms 10-10073, 10-10073A, 10-10073B, and 10-10073C).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0783. <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAsearch> (Once at this link, you can enter the OMB Control Number to find the historical versions of this Information Collection).

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* Federal law at 38 U.S.C. 7366, Accountability and Oversight, states “(b) each such corporation (NPC) shall submit to the Secretary (Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA)) an annual report providing a detailed statement of its operations, activities, and accomplishments during that year.” The individual NPC annual reports are combined into one NPC Annual Report to Congress. VA oversight of NPCs includes reviews, audits, self-assessments, and remediation plans. This information collection is used for oversight of NPCs and includes the following:

- a. NPC Annual Report Template, VA Form 10-10073
- b. NPC Audit Actions Items Remediation Plans, VA Form 10-10073A
- c. NPPO Internal Control Questionnaire, VA Form 10-10073B
- d. NPPO Operations Oversight Questionnaire, VA Form 10-10073C

### **NPC Annual Report Template, VA Form 10-10073**

Since 1988, when the enabling legislation for the NPCs was passed, annual reports have been obtained from each NPC and combined into an NPC Annual Report to Congress. Congress uses the combined NPC Annual Report to Congress to monitor the progress of the overall NPC program it created. The NPC Annual Report to Congress is also used by top-level VA executives to evaluate the program and to recommend changes where needed. VHA's Nonprofit Oversight Board and the Nonprofit Program Office (NPPO) use both the combined NPC Annual Report to Congress and the individual NPC Annual Report Templates to monitor and oversee the NPCs. Trend analyses and other financial information are analyzed for each NPC and judgments made about each NPC's progress, financial viability, stewardship of assets, and accomplishments.

### **NPC Audit Actions Items Remediation Plans, VA Form 10-10073A**

The NPC Audit Action Items Remediation Plans information collection is used to review the NPCs' remedies for audit deficiencies and recommendations. The major objective of the information collection is to help ensure proper corrective action. If any of the remediation plans submitted are inadequate, then the NPPO will make recommendations for sound, workable remedies.

### **NPPO Internal Control Questionnaire, VA Form 10-10073B**

The NPPO Internal Control Questionnaire, or portions of it, will be used in conducting reviews, audits, and investigations of the NPCs. The major objective of the questionnaire is to uncover weaknesses and lapses in internal controls. The NPPO will then make recommendations for improved internal controls wherever there are weaknesses or lapses. The questionnaire also may be used as a voluntary self-assessment by the NPCs.

### **NPPO Operations Oversight Questionnaire, VA Form 10-10073C**

The NPPO Operations Oversight Questionnaire, or portions of it, will be used in conducting operational reviews of the NPCs. The major objective of the questionnaire is to uncover operating problems and areas that need improvement. The NPPO will then make recommendations for operations improvements wherever problems or opportunities for improvement are found. The questionnaire also may be

used as a voluntary self-assessment by the NPCs.

VHA does not anticipate any changes to the annual number of responses or burden hours. However, there are some minor updates to the forms for clarification and to comply with current guidance on standard PRA language.

*Total Annual Burden:* 858 hours.

*Total Annual Responses:* 300.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:*

a. NPC Annual Report Template—301 hours.

b. NPC Audit Actions Items Remediation Plans—84 hours.

c. NPPO Internal Control Questionnaire—344 hours.

d. NPPO Operations Oversight Questionnaire—129 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:*

a. NPC Annual Report Template—210 minutes.

b. NPC Audit Actions Items Remediation Plans—120 minutes.

c. NPPO Internal Control Questionnaire—240 minutes.

d. NPPO Operations Oversight Questionnaire—90 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Once annually.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:*

a. NPC Annual Report Template—86.

b. NPC Audit Actions Items Remediation Plans—42.

c. NPPO Internal Control Questionnaire—86.

d. NPPO Operations Oversight Questionnaire—86.

*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900-0587]

### **Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Equipment Operation and Maintenance Manuals**

**AGENCY:** Procurement Policy and Warrant Management Service (PPS), Office of Procurement Policy, Systems and Oversight, Office of Acquisition and Logistics, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of

1995, this notice announces that the Procurement Policy and Warrant Management Service, Office of Procurement Policy, Systems and Oversight, Office of Acquisition and Logistics, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden, and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent by December 27, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** To submit comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection, please type the following link into your browser: [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain), select “Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments”, then search the list for the information collection by Title or “OMB Control No. 2900–0587.”

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** VA PRA information: VA PRA Clearance Office, 202–461–8900, [vacopaperworkreduact@va.gov](mailto:vacopaperworkreduact@va.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* VAAR Clause 852.211–70, Equipment Operation and Maintenance Manuals.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900–0587  
<https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRASearch>.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 852.211–70, Equipment Operation and Maintenance Manuals, in solicitations and contracts for technical medical equipment, and other technical and mechanical equipment and devices where the requiring activity determines manuals are a necessary requirement for operation and maintenance of the equipment. Contractors are required to furnish both operation manuals and maintenance/repair manuals with the equipment provided to the Government. This clause sets forth those requirements and the minimum standards those manuals must meet to be acceptable. Generally, this is the same operation manual furnished with each piece of equipment sold to the general public and the same repair manual used by company technicians in repairing the company’s equipment. The cost of the manuals is included in the contract price or listed as separately priced line items on the purchase order. The operation manual will be used by

the individual actually operating the equipment to ensure proper operation and cleaning. The repair manual will be used by VA equipment repair staff to repair the equipment.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at 89FR76193, September 17, 2024.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 745 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per*

*Respondent:* 2 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 22,337.

*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Notice of Plans for Department of Veterans Affairs to Assess Exposures and Conditions of Interest for Veterans Who Served At Karshi-Khanabad Air Base and To Solicit Public Comment**

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announces that it plans to conduct an assessment of scientific literature and historical claims data to determine whether there is an association between military environmental exposure to toxic substances related to military service at Camp Stronghold Freedom in Karshi-Khanabad (K2) in Uzbekistan from 2001 to 2005 and medical conditions. VA entered into an agreement with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry and published a Report to Congress in 2022 that identified the known health consequences associated with the identified toxic substances, chemicals, and airborne hazards at K2. As part of a continuing effort to assess the health risks that may be associated with military service at K2, VA is soliciting public comment on environmental exposures at K2 and medical conditions developed by Veterans who served

there. This notice provides an opportunity for Veterans, caregivers, survivors, and the public to share relevant information with VA to inform decisions regarding presumptive benefits that could impact the roughly 16,000 Veterans who served at K2.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before December 27, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must be submitted through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Except as provided below, comments received before the close of the comment period will be available as soon as possible after they have been received at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) for public viewing, inspection, or copying, including any personally identifiable or confidential business information that is included in a comment. VA will not post public comments that make threats to individuals or institutions or suggest that the commenter will take actions to harm an individual. VA encourages individuals not to submit duplicative comments. We will post comments from multiple unique commenters even if the content is identical or nearly identical to other comments. Any public comment received after the comment period’s closing date is considered late and will not be considered in any potential future rulemaking.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Camp Stronghold Freedom was established at a former Soviet Air Base in K2 located in Southwest Uzbekistan in October 2001 and occupied by U.S. forces through the middle of 2005. During this period, several environmental site surveys were conducted by the Department of Defense (DOD) to assess contaminants that could impact the operational readiness of U.S. military operations and the safety of U.S. forces that deployed to K2. These surveys identified several contaminants, such as dust and particulate matter, underground jet fuel plumes, surface dirt with traces of asbestos, depleted uranium, benzene, chromium, and others. The Public Health website of the Defense Health Agency of the DOD lists contaminants of concern it identified at K2 [1].

Since 2021, VA has been assessing the potential health effects, including respiratory conditions and cancers, among K2 Veterans. Section 2010 of the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D.