## Compliance With the Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule does not contain information collection requirements that require approval by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3507 et seq.

# List of Subjects in 30 CFR Part 925

Intergovernmental relations, Surface mining, Underground mining.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

## Office of the Secretary

## 32 CFR Part 209

## **University Research Initiative Support** Program (URISP)

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DoD.

#### **ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This proposed rule is to comply with section 802 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994 (Pub. L. 103-160), which requires the Department of Defense to establish URISP, and prescribe a regulation for carrying out the program. URISP is required to be a competitive university research program for research and development that is relevant to the requirements of the Department of Defense, that is set aside for Colleges and Universities that have received less than \$2 million dollars from the Department of Defense over the two previous fiscal years. URISP is oriented toward assisting institutions build university research infrastructure in the fields of science, engineering, and mathematics, so they may become more competitive.

DATES: Written comments on this proposed rule must be received by May 1. 1995.

ADDRESSES: Forward comments to the Office of Director of Defense Research and Engineering, Pentagon-3E1045, Washington, DC 20301-3080.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Art McGregor (703) 614-0205.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### Executive Order 12866, "Regulatory Planning and Review"

It has been determined that 32 CFR part 209 is not a significant regulation action. The rule does not:

(1) Have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more or adversely affect in a material way the economy; a sector of the economy; productivity; competition; jobs; the environment; public health or safety; State, local, or tribal governments or communities:

(2) Create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with an action taken or planned by another Agency; (3) Materially alter the budgetary impact of entitlements, grants, user fees, or loan programs, or rights and obligations of recipients thereof; or (4) Raise novel legal or policy issues arising out of legal mandates, the President's priorities, or the principles set forth in this Executive Order.

## Public Law 96-354, "Regulatory Flexibility Act" (5 U.S.C. 601)

It has been certified that this rule is not subject to the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601) because it would not, if promulgated, have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The proposed rule does not place any economic burdens on small entities. The primary effect on grantees administering this rule will be a reduction in administrative cost and other burdens resulting from the simplification and clarification of certain policies and the elimination of policy differences among the Federal Agencies promulgating this proposed rule.

## Public Law 96-511, "Paperwork Reduction Act" (44 U.S.C. Chapter 44)

It has been certified that 32 CFR part 209 does not impose any reporting or record keeping requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520).

# List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 209

Education, Grants, Institutions, and Universities.

Accordingly, title 32, chapter I, subchapter M is proposed to be amended to add part 209 to read as follows:

## PART 209—UNIVERSITY RESEARCH **INITIATIVE SUPPORT PROGRAM** (URISP)

Sec. 209.1

- Purpose. 209.2 Applicability.
- 209.3 Definitions.

# 209.4 Policy.

209.5 Responsibilities.

Authority: Sec. 802 of Pub. L. 103-160 (see 10 U.S.C. 2358 note)

### §209.1 Purpose.

This part establishes policy and assigns responsibilities under section 802 of Public Law 103-160 (see 10 U.S.C. 2358 note).

#### §209.2 Applicability.

This part applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, and Defense Agencies responsible for the majority of the university basic research grants in the Department of Defense.

### §209.3 Definitions.

(a) American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU). Institutions that are members of AASCU during the period that peers are selected.

(b) Eligible Institutions. Institutions that may compete for URISP funding are those that have received a total of less than \$2 million in obligations from the Department of Defense, over the two previous fiscal years (FYs). A list of ineligible institutions will be attached as an appendix to the URISP announcement, and institutions not on the list are eligible to participate.

(c) Institutions. Institutions of Higher Education that have accredited, degreegranting programs in science, engineering or mathematics.

(d) Merit-based selection process. A university-based review using peers who are members of the faculty or staff of an institution of higher education that is a member of NASULGC or AASCU (section 802 of Pub. L. 103-160).

(e) National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC). Institutions that are members of NASULGC during the period that peers are selected.

(f) Research Offices. The research office under the Military Services and Defense Agencies that are responsible for the majority of the university basic research grants in the Department of Defense. These are:

(1) Advanced Research Projects Agency.

(2) Ăir Force Office of Scientific Research.

(3) Army Research Office.

(4) Ballistic Missile Defense Organization.

(5) Office of Naval Research.

### §209.4 Policy.

It is DoD policy that:

(a) The purpose of URISP is to help build the infrastructure in the fields of science, engineering, and mathematics