

Questionnaires Submitted for Triennial Generic OMB Approval:
A Blackout Period Is Expected in April and May

The triennial submission of civil works questionnaires has been submitted for generic OMB approval. Because of statutory requirements to advertise the application for approval, final is not expected until some time in May. The current generic approval expires on the 31 March 2002. No new surveys can be administered during the blackout period. However, any survey that has been submitted for a ten day OMB clearance prior to 18 March 2002 with work having commenced on the survey by 31 March 2002 may continue until completion.

The new submission contains over 60 questionnaires, covering subject areas from flood damage reduction, navigation, environmental quality, operations, recreation, customer satisfaction, and recreation resource management. The current submission calls for an increase to over 16,000 respondent burden hours. Most of the increase is from new visitor center questionnaires.

Several more general customer satisfaction surveys have been added to the compendium of questionnaires. There have also been changes in the residential, nonresidential, and coastal flood damage surveys.

Further information on the current set of questionnaires can be found on IWR's web site at <http://www.iwr.usace.army.mil/iwr/omb/OMBHOMEA.HTM>. A general notice will go out when the new set of questionnaires is approved.

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