The marine environment and shorelines are constantly changing. NOAA makes every effort to update information portrayed in charts and described in the Coast Pilot. Sources of information include, but are not limited to: pilot associations, shipping companies, towboat operators, state marine authorities, city marine authorities, local port authorities, marine operators, hydrographic research vessels, naval vessels, Coast Guard cutters, merchant vessels, fishing vessels, pleasure boats, U.S. Power Squadron Units, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Units, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

The purpose of NOAA’s Nautical Discrepancy and Data Reporting System is to offer formal, standardized instruments for recommending changes, corrections, and updates to nautical charts and the Coast Pilot, and to monitor and document the accepted changes. Coast Survey solicits information through the Aimed Stakeholder Interaction and Survey Tool (ASSIST) (https://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/customer-service/assist/).

This collection also includes a Citizen Science component, which allows boating groups or individuals to submit reports to update the charts. The Citizen Science component to the collection benefits Coast Survey by allowing the public to “adopt” a product or part of a product and provide annual data updates that directly affect that product or products. Data obtained through Citizen Science reports may be used to update certain U.S. nautical charts and the Coast Pilot.

The Nautical Data Branch (NDB) receives numerous potential construction notifications in the form of USACE-issued Public Notices, Permit Applications, and Permits, which could include a proposal or authorization to dredge and/or construct, remove, or abandon structures. NDB vets these Public Notices, Permit Applications, or Permits for the potential of a charting action and registers them into a database. To facilitate the ability of NDB to learn the status of USACE-permitted projects and to obtain as-built and/or survey data associated with the completion of these projects, Coast Survey is proposing to add three Project Status Report Forms to the collection.

The solicitation forms, titled Permit/ Public Notice Status Report, Artificial Reef/Mariculture Status Report, and Submerged Pipeline Status Report Form, provide a standardized method for reporting project statuses to the Nautical Data Branch and provide special instructions regarding the submission of digital as-builts and/or survey data. Upon receipt of the forms, NDB may register the forms, along with the USACE Permit and any as-built data, into the Marine Chart Division’s (MCD) internal database in support of potential updates to the applicable NOAA nautical chart(s).

These forms provide an effective way for permittees to notify MCD of the status of their permitted projects and help MCD garner pertinent data necessary for chart application. This mode of data delivery facilitates the ability of NDB to capture complete, more efficient, registration-ready source packages that require less frequent correspondence with the permittee prior to source registration. This process is instrumental in accelerating the availability of important, and/or possibly critical, nautical data to the cartographic production branches for charting action.

The title of this collection is also being updated from Nautical Discrepancy Reporting System to Nautical Discrepancy and Data Reporting System.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; state, local, and tribal government; universities; individuals or households; not-for-profit institutions, professional and other mariners, etc.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: None.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

For Further Information Contact:
Copies of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, Elizabeth Appel, at 202–967–5070 or by email to eappel@cns.gov.

Supplementary Information: The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:
• Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of CNCS, including whether the information will have practical utility;
• Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information,
including the validity of the methodology and assumptions;
  • Propose ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
  • Propose ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A 60-day Notice requesting public comment was published in the Federal Register on March 14, 2022 at 87 FR 14255. This comment period ended May 13, 2022, and AmeriCorps received 56 comments by the comment deadline identifying a number of issues.

Many comments directly addressed the time burden required by this information collection. Everyone who commented on the agency’s estimated time burden noted that the estimated 5 minutes per individual was significantly lower than the time actually required to fulfill a National Service Criminal History Check (NSCHC) for an individual in order to obtain the required records under this information collection. Recommended new estimates ranged from 30 minutes per individual to 4 hours per individual.

Several commenters noted that a missing element of the estimate is the travel time it takes to take individuals to get fingerprinted, given that the closest fingerprinting facilities in rural or remote areas may be located up to a four hours’ drive away. A few commenters also noted that the burden of completing the NSCHC training course and staying updated on requirements had not been factored into the time estimate. Based on this input, AmeriCorps has adjusted its estimates of time burden to reflect that it takes, on average, an estimated 135 minutes (2 hours and 15 minutes) per covered individual. AmeriCorps has streamlined and clarified requirements on its website at americorps.gov/grantees-sponsors/history-check over the past year, and will continue to review to determine whether any additional clarifications could be made to reduce burden given that respondents are responsible for reading and understanding the requirements for compliance with the law.

Commenters also raised issues related to difficulties with the AmeriCorps-approved vendors. AmeriCorps underwent the required Federal procurement process to select Fieldprint and Trueprint to serve as the approved vendors. AmeriCorps will forward these comments to the vendors for any appropriate remedial action and will consider the issues presented in soliciting future proposals for approved vendor contracts.

Comments also raised issues that are beyond the scope of this information collection; however, AmeriCorps is maintaining a comprehensive record of all these comments and the issues raised in the comments for consideration as it continues implementation of the statutory requirements for NSCHCs.

Finally, the other issues raised in the comments in response to the 60-day notice were already raised and addressed in the rulemaking process that culminated in 2021 in the current regulation, such as who must undergo an NSCHC, what the NSCHC consists of, and when the NSCHC must be completed. See 86 FR 1141 (February 24, 2021).

Title of Collection: National Service Criminal History Check Recordkeeping Requirement.

OMB Control Number: 3045-0150.

Type of Review: Renewal.

Respondents/Affected Public: Businesses and organizations (AmeriCorps grantees and subgrantees).

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 337,071.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 758,410.

Abstract: Section 189D of the National and Community Service Act of 1990, as amended, requires AmeriCorps grantees and subgrantees to conduct a National Service Criminal History Check on individuals in covered positions. Documenting compliance with the requirement is critical to that responsibility. The Check includes a nationwide check of the National Sex Offender Public website, a check of the State criminal history record repository or agency-designated alternative for the individual’s State of residence and State of service, and a fingerprint-based check of the FBI criminal history record database through the State criminal history record repository or agency-approved vendor. One way for grant recipients or subrecipients to obtain and document the required components is through the use of agency-approved vendors, but use of vendors is not required. The currently approved information collection is due to expire on July 31, 2022. This notice announces AmeriCorps’ intention to seek renewal of the information collection approval without revisions, but with an adjustment of burden hours.