

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Bureau of Justice Assistance****Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection Under Review; Fiscal Year 1996 Church Arson Prevention Grant Program.

In accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations (5 CFR Part 1320.13) the Department of Justice is requesting emergency approval by July 12, 1996, from the Office of Management and Budget for this collection of information. Emergency approval is needed to comply with 42 United States Code Section 3760.

During the emergency approval period the Department will apply for three year approval under the normal processing procedures contained in 5 CFR 1320.

Request written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days from the date listed at the top of this page in Federal Register.

ADDRESSES: Additional comments, suggestions, requests for information, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, should be addressed to Chief Andrew Mitchell, United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, 633 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20531. Information can also be obtained from Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20530.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chief Andrew Mitchell at (202) 616-3469.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Overview of this information collection:

(1) Type of Information Collection: New collection of information.

(2) Title of the Form/Collection: Fiscal Year 1996 Church Arson Prevention Grant Program Form.

(3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the United States Department of Justice sponsoring the collection: Bureau of Justice Assistance.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Units of county governments. Other: None. P.L. 90-351, as amended, enacted the Fiscal Year

1996 Church Arson Prevention Grant Program. This program awards grant funds to units of county governments for the purposes of reducing crime and improving public safety. The Application Form will be completed by each eligible unit of county government applicant and will provide information for application review and award processing.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 1291 responses at 15 minutes.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: annual burden 645.5 hours (including opportunity cost).

Request for Comments

Request written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. Our comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Tisha D. Elliott,

Acting Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

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Notice of Lodging of Settlement Agreement Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act

In accordance with Departmental policy, 28 CFR § 50.7, notice is hereby given that a proposed settlement agreement in *In re: Chem-Tech Systems, Inc.*, Case No. LA95-18924-SB (C.D. Cal.), was lodged on June 21, 1996 with the United States Bankruptcy Court for

the Central District of California. On August 30, 1995, the United States filed a Proof of Claim in the Debtor's Chapter 11 case, seeking reimbursement of past and future response costs for a cleanup at the Casmalia Resources Hazardous Waste Disposal Facility Site (the "Site") in Santa Barbara, California. Under section 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a), Chem-Tech is liable for these costs because of its contribution of hazardous substances to the Site.

The proposed settlement agreement provides that the United States' claim will be valued at \$1.6 million and will receive the same treatment as other general unsecured creditors. Chem-Tech will receive a covenant not to sue from the United States related to the Site and will receive protection from suits from other parties.

The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, comments relating to the proposed settlement agreement. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044; and refer to *In re: Chem-Tech Systems*, DOJ Ref. #90-7-1-611C.

The proposed settlement agreement may be examined at the office of the United States Attorney, Central District of California, 300 North Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, California 90012; at the Region IX office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California 94105; and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, NW., 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20005, (202) 624-0892. A copy of the proposed settlement agreement may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, NW., 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20005. In requesting a copy please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$4.00 (25 cents per page reproduction costs), payable to the Consent Decree Library.

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