

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6175-9]

Announcement of National Drinking Water Advisory Council Benefits Working Group Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under section 10(a)(2) of Pub. L. 92-423, "The Federal Advisory Committee Act," notice is hereby given that a conference call for the Benefits Working Group of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council (NDWAC) established under the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. S300f *et seq.*), will be held on October 27, 1998 from 2:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. EDT. The conference call meeting location will be in the Carson Room at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Education Center, 401 M Street, SW, Washington DC 20460. The meeting is open to the public but conference lines and/or seating will be limited and access will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis.

The purpose of this conference call is to review a draft report of advice and recommendations to NDWAC, based on discussions of the working group during its September 25, 1998 meeting. The meeting is open to the public to observe and statements will be taken from the public as time allows.

For more information, please contact, John Bennett, Designated Federal Officer, Benefits Working Group, U.S. EPA, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (4607), 401 M Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20460. The telephone number is 202-260-0446, fax 202-260-3762, and e-mail address bennett.johnb@epamail.epa.gov.

Dated: October 6, 1998.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**Notice of Public Information Collection(s) being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission**

October 6, 1998.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other

Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Persons wishing to comment on this information collection should submit comments December 14, 1998. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Les Smith, Federal Communications Commission, Room 234, 1919 M St., N.W., Washington, DC 20554 or via internet to lesmith@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection contact Les Smith at 202-418-0217 or via internet at lesmith@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:*OMB Approval Number:* 3060-0835.*Title:* Ship Inspection Certificates.*Form Numbers:* FCC 806, FCC 824, FCC 827, and FCC 829.*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit entities; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal government(s).*Number of Respondents:* 3,730.*Estimate Time Per Response:* 5 minutes.*Frequency of Response:*

Recordkeeping; On occasion reporting requirements; Third party disclosure.

Total Annual Burden: 313 hours.*Estimated Cost to Respondents:* \$0.*Needs and Uses:* The Commission adopted Rules that privatized ship

inspections of ships subject to inspection requirements of the Communications Act or Safety Convention. The Rules require this inspection to be conducted by an FCC-licensed technician. This change reduces the administrative burden on the public and the Commission. To ensure that vessel safety is not adversely affected by this proposal, the Commission adopted Rules that private sector technicians certify that the ship passed an inspection and issue the ship a safety certificate.

The Communications Act requires that the Commission must inspect the radio installation of large cargo ships and certain passenger ships at least once a year to ensure that the radio installation is in compliance with the requirements of the Communications Act. Additionally, the Communications Act requires the inspection of small passenger ships at least one every five years. The Safety Convention (to which the United States is a signatory) also requires an annual inspection, but permits an Administration to entrust the inspections to either surveyors nominated for the purpose or to organizations recognized by it. Therefore, the United States can have other entities conduct the radio inspection of vessels for compliance with the Safety Convention. The Commission adopted rules that FCC-licensed technicians provide a summary of the results of the inspection in the ship's log and furnish the vessel with a ship inspection safety certificate.

The purpose of the information is to ensure that the inspection was successful so that passengers and crew members of certain United States ships have access to distress communications in an emergency.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,*Secretary.*

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Report No. AUC-98-21-B (Auction No. 21); DA 98-1879]

Auction of Location and Monitoring Service Licenses; Auction Notice and Filing Requirements for 528 Multilateration Licenses Scheduled for December 15, 1998; Minimum Opening Bids and Other Auction Procedural Issues

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.