

(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 agency's 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.

Overview of this Information Collection

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

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Fee Remittance Form for Certain F-1, J-1 and UM-1 Nonimmigrants.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component sponsoring the collection:* Form I-901. Office of Adjudications, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or households. This form is used by nonimmigrant students and exchange visitors to submit the fee authorized by Public Law 104-208, Subtitle D, Section 641. The information is required to positively identify the individual submitting the form and to return a receipt.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 251,000 responses at 19 minutes (.316 hours) per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 79,316 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Richard A. Sloan 202-514-3291, Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, U.S. Department of Justice, Room 5307, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536. Additionally, comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response

time may also be directed to Mr. Richard A. Sloan.

If additional information is required contact Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center Building, 1001 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: February 14, 2000.

Richard A. Sloan,

Department Clearance Officer, Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Application for Asylum and Withholding of Removal.

The Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on November 3, 1999 at 64 FR 59792, providing notice to the public for the solicitation of public comments. The Service allowed a 60-day public comment period that ended on January 3, 2000. The Service received one comment from a non-governmental organization on the proposed extension of the existing information collection. This comment commended the INS on previous revision, noting that the form was more "user-friendly" than in the past. The comment also made several suggestions for revising the format on the information collection that will be incorporated to the extent possible. In addition, the comment highlighted several problems clients and attorneys have encountered related to the processing and distributing the application. These problems are being corrected through additional processing guidance, training and discussion by program staff.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until March 20,

2000. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Stuart Shapiro, Department of Justice Desk Officer, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20530; 202-395-7316.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information 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.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of currently approved collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for Asylum and Withholding of Removal.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Forms I-589 and I-589S. Office of International Affairs, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or Households. This information collection will be used to determine whether an alien applying for asylum and/or withholding of deportation in the United States is classifiable as a refugee, and is eligible to remain in the United States.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to*

respond: 50,000 responses at approximately 12 hours per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 600,000 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Richard A. Sloan 202-514-3291, Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, U.S. Department of Justice, Room 5307, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536. Additionally, comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time may also be directed to Mr. Richard A. Sloan.

If additional information is required contact: 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, NW, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: February 11, 2000.

Richard A. Sloan,

Department Clearance Officer, Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service

[INS No. 2046-00]

Immigration and Naturalization Service User Fee Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

Committee meeting: Immigration and Naturalization Service User Fee Advisory Committee.

Date and time: Wednesday, May 10, 2000, at 1 p.m.

Place: Immigration and Naturalization Service Headquarters, 425 I Street, NW, Washington, DC 20536, Shaughnessy Conference Room—Sixth Floor.

Status: Open. Twentieth meeting of this Advisory Committee.

Purpose: Performance of advisory responsibilities to the Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service pursuant to section 286(k) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, 8 U.S.C. 1356(k) and the

Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2. The responsibilities of this standing Advisory Committee are to advise the Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service on issues related to the performance of airport and seaport immigration inspection services. This advice should include, but need not be limited to, the time period during which such services should be performed, the proper number and deployment of inspection officers, the level of fees, and the appropriateness of any proposed fee. These responsibilities are related to the assessment of an immigration user fee pursuant to section 286(d) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, 8 U.S.C. 1356(d). The Committee focuses attention on those areas of most concern and benefit to the travel industry, the traveling public, and the Federal Government.

Agenda

1. Introduction of the Committee members.
2. Discussion of administrative issues.
3. Discussion of activities since last meeting.
4. Discussion of specific concerns and questions of Committee members.
5. Discussion of future traffic trends.
6. Discussion of relevant written statements submitted in advance by members of the public.
7. Scheduling of next meeting.

Public participation: The meeting is open to the public, but advance notice of attendance is requested to ensure adequate seating. Persons planning to attend should notify the contact person at least 5 days prior to the meeting. Members of the public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting to the contact person for consideration by this Advisory Committee. Only written statements received by the contact person at least 5 days prior to the meeting will be considered for discussion at the meeting.

Contact person: Charles D. Montgomery, Office of the Assistant Commissioner, Inspections, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Room 4064, 425 I Street, NW, Washington, DC 20536, telephone: (202) 616-7498, fax: (202) 514-8345, E-mail: charles.d.montgomery@udsoj.gov.

Dated: February 9, 2000.

Doris Meissner,

Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (00-018)]

National Environmental Policy Act; Sounding Rocket Program

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of the final supplemental environmental impact statement (FSEIS) for the Sounding Rocket Program (SRP).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and NASA policy and procedures (14 CFR part 1216 subpart 1216.3), NASA has prepared and issued a FSEIS for continuation of its SRP, which offers approximately 30 flight opportunities per year to space scientists. The FSEIS addresses environmental issues associated with the launch and recovery of the sounding rockets and/or associated scientific payloads. The purpose of the launches is to support space and earth science research. This FSEIS addresses the programmatic changes to the SRP that have occurred since the issuance of the 1973 final environmental impact statement (FEIS) for the NASA SRP and analyzes the site-specific environmental impacts at the three principal U.S. launch sites located at: Wallops Flight Facility, Wallops Island, Virginia; Poker Flat Research Range near Fairbanks, Alaska; and White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico.

DATES: NASA will take no final action or reach a final decision on continuation of the SRP program and use of Wallops Flight Facility, Wallops Island, Virginia, White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, and Poker Flat Research Range, Alaska before March 20, 2000 or 30 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's notice of availability of the SRP FSEIS, whichever is later.

ADDRESSES: The FSEIS may be reviewed at the following locations:

- (a) NASA Headquarters, Library, Room 1J20, 300 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20546 (202-358-0167).
- (b) NASA, Goddard Space Flight Center/Wallops Flight Facility, Public Affairs Office, Wallops Island, VA 23337 (757-824-1579).
- (c) Eastern Shore Public Library, Accomac, VA (757-787-3400).