

Investigator), Department of Marine Biology, Texas A&M University, 5001 Avenue U, Suite 105, Galveston, Texas 77551, has been issued a permit to take Northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*) for purposes of scientific research.

**ADDRESSES:** The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221);

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ruth Johnson or Simona Roberts, 301/713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 11, 2000, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 6997) that a request for a scientific research permit to take fur seals had been submitted by the above-named individual. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

Dated: June 6, 2000.

**Ann D. Terbush,**

*Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

### Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts is scheduled for June 15, 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Commission's offices at the National Building Museum (Pension Building), Suite 312, Judiciary Square, 441 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20001-2728. Items of discussion will include designs for projects affecting the appearance of Washington, D.C., including buildings and parks.

Inquiries regarding the agenda and request to submit written or oral statements should be addressed to Charles H. Atherton, Secretary, Commission of Fine Arts, at the above address or call 202-504-2200. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired should contact the Secretary at least 10 days before the meeting date.

Dated in Washington, D.C., May 31, 2000.

**Charles H. Atherton,**

*Secretary.*

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## CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

### Petitions Requesting Standards, Labeling, and Identification Tags for Mattresses

**AGENCY:** Consumer Product Safety Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission has received petitions (FP 00-1, FP 00-2, FP 00-3 and FP 00-4) requesting that the Commission issue performance standards and labeling requirements to address the flammability of mattresses. The petitioner also requests that the Commission require a permanent tag stating the mattress's manufacturer and other identifying information. The Commission solicits written comments concerning the petitions.

**DATES:** The Office of the Secretary must receive comments on the petitions by August 11, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, preferably in five copies, on the petitions should be mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207, telephone (301) 504-0800, or delivered to the Office of the Secretary, Room 501, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Comments may also be filed by telefacsimile to (301) 504-0127 or by email to [cpsc-os@cpsc.gov](mailto:cpsc-os@cpsc.gov). Comments should be captioned "Petitions FP 00-1 through FP 00-4, Petitions on Mattress Flammability." Copies of the petitions are available for inspection at the Commission's Public Reading Room, Room 419, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rockelle Hammond, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207; telephone (301) 504-0800, ext. 1232.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commission has received correspondence from Whitney A. Davis, director of the Children's Coalition for Fire-Safe Mattresses, requesting that the Commission take various actions concerning mattress flammability. The Commission is docketing as petitions his requests for rules requiring: (1) An open flame standard similar to the full-scale test set forth in California Technical Bulletin 129; (2) an open

flame standard similar to the component test set forth in British Standard 5852; (3) a warning label for flammable mattresses; and (4) a permanent mattress identification tag attached to the innerspring of the mattress. The petitioner focuses primarily on the role polyurethane foam plays in mattress fires. He notes that the Commission's existing mattress flammability standard only addresses cigarette ignition; yet childplay with open-flame sources causes nearly two-thirds of mattress fires. He argues that with polyurethane foam mattresses, fires have become increasingly more deadly than with cotton batting mattresses due to increased smoke generation, heat production and flame spread. With regard to labels, he notes that polyurethane foam manufacturers provide warnings to mattress manufacturers, but these warnings are not passed on to the consumer. With regard to an identification tag, the petitioner argues that such a tag would help to identify mattresses involved in fires because often only the innerspring unit remains after a mattress fire. The Commission is docketing these petitions under provisions of the Flammable Fabrics Act, 15 U.S.C. 1191-1204.

Interested parties may obtain copies of the petitions by writing or calling the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301) 504-0800. Copies of the petitions are also available for inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Commission's Public Reading Room, Room 419, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

Dated: June 6, 2000.

**Sadye E. Dunn,**

*Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.*

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## CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

### New Information Collection; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Corporation for National and Community Service

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation") has submitted the following public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with

the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35)). Copies of these individual ICRs, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation, Tracy Stone, Director, AmeriCorps Promise Fellows, (202) 606-5000, extension 173. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY-TDD) may call (202) 565-2799 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Comments should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503, (202) 395-6466, within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

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 the Corporation, 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 used;
- 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, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

*Description:* The AmeriCorps Promise Fellows program supports a leadership cadre of AmeriCorps members spearheading community efforts to provide young people with five basic promises:

- Caring adults in their lives as parents, mentors, tutors, and coaches;
- Safe places with structured activities in which to learn and grow;
- A healthy start;
- An effective education that equips them with marketable skills; and
- An opportunity to give back to communities through their own service.

The AmeriCorps Promise Fellows Continuation Application Instructions provide the requirements, instructions and forms that current grantees of the program need to complete an

application to the Corporation for continued funding.

The Corporation seeks public comment on the forms, the instructions for the forms, and the instructions for the narrative portion of these continuation application instructions.

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Agency:* Corporation for National and Community Service.

*Title:* AmeriCorps Promise Fellows Continuation Application Instructions.

*OMB Number:* None.

*Agency Number:* None.

*Affected Public:* Entities in their first or second year of operation as grantees of the Corporation's AmeriCorps Promise Fellows program.

*Total Respondents:* 66.

*Frequency:* Once per year.

*Average Time Per Response:* 25 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 1,650 hours.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* None.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* None.

Dated: June 6, 2000.

**Tracy Stone,**

*Director, AmeriCorps Promise Fellows.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 11, 2000.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing

proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: June 6, 2000.

**John Tressler,**

*Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

### Office of the Undersecretary

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Assessing Literacy Models in the Boston Public Schools.

*Frequency:* Semi-Annually.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions; Individuals or households.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:* Responses: 873; Burden Hours: 2,055.

*Abstract:* Funding has been granted to carry out an evaluation of four literacy models currently implemented in the Boston Public Schools. The purpose of the evaluation will be to gather information about the strengths and weaknesses of these models across all domains of literacy and for all types of students. The data collected from sixteen schools and approximately 800 students over a two-year period will inform practice in the school district and nationwide through dissemination in professional publications.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address [OCIO\\_IMG\\_Issues@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov) or