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After the presentation of the subcommittee reports, members of the public will have an opportunity to provide comments on the subcommittee reports. Because of the Committee's full agenda and the time frame in which to cover the agenda topics, public comment will be limited. All public comments will be included in the record of the ACOT meeting.

Dated: April 10, 2003.

Elizabeth M. Duke,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Indian Health Service

Proposed Information Collection; Request for Comments

AGENCY: Indian Health Service, HHS.

ACTION: Request for public comment: 30-day proposed information collection: "IHS Forms to Implement the Privacy Rule (45 CFR parts 160 and 164)."

SUMMARY: The Indian Health Service (IHS), as part of its continuing effort to

reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. As required by section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Act, the proposed information collection has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The IHS received comments in response to the 60-day **Federal Register** notice (67 FR 67411) published on November 5, 2002. The public comments received in response to the notice and the Agency responses are summarized and addressed below.

Comment: One comment questioned the readability of the forms. The commentor suggested that the Flesch Reading Ease score be raised to 50-75 percent from the 27.9 percent-47.3 percent readability score that the forms received. The commentor also noted that the Flesch-Kincaid Grade level for the forms required a reading level of 11½ to 12 years of education. The commentor also suggested decreasing the required education level for the forms.

Agency Response: The data collection instruments were field tested at the Fort Duchesne IHS Health Center, Fort Duchesne, Utah to determine whether the data collection instruments and instructions were clear and user friendly. They were found to be user friendly, clear and understandable. Changes suggested during the field testing were incorporated into the forms. Since the forms are generally filled in by the patient at an IHS facility, questions regarding understandability will be answered by IHS staff who will be trained on the correct and proper use of each form.

Comment: The only other comment received concerned the proposed IHS Form 911 (renumbered 917), the Request for Correction/Amendment of Protected Health Information. The commentor requested that the IHS eliminate the word "Correction" from the title and the word "corrected" in the body of the form. The commentor believed that the word "correction" implies a deletion of information. The commentor points out that the word

"correction" was deleted from § 164.526 of the Privacy Rule for the same reason. In addition the commentor also states that the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a) in section (d)(2) Access to Records does not reference "correction/amendment." This last point is not correct. If one continues to read section (d)(2) further to subsection (d)(2)(B)(i) the Privacy Act states that the agency is required to "make any correction of any portion thereof which the individual believes is not accurate, relevant, timely or complete; * * *" The Privacy Act clearly uses the word "correction" regarding the corrective action that the Agency is required to take. Furthermore, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Privacy Regulations at 45 CFR 5 b.7 and 5 b.8 also use the terms "correction or amendment" in either the titles of the subsections or in the body of the subsection. Section 5 b.7 is titled "Procedures for correction or amendment of records" and § 5 b.8 is titled "Appeals of refusals to correct or amend records." Furthermore, the DHHS Privacy Regulation also clearly states in section 5 b.7 when an actual deletion would occur. Section 5 b.7 states that "The record will be deleted without regard to its accuracy, if the record is not relevant or necessary to accomplish the Department functions for which the record was provided or is maintained." Therefore we believe that the Privacy Act and the DHHS regulations in this regard are quite clear. As an added note, the IHS Manual at Chapter 3-3.14(c)(6) describes the method for correcting entries in a medical record. The manual states that no erasure or other obliteration shall be made and also required that incorrect data shall be lined out with a single line.

Therefore, the IHS has decided not to follow the suggestions submitted by the commentor.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment to be submitted directly to OMB.

Proposed Collection: Title: 09-17-NEW, "IHS Forms to implement the Privacy Rule (45 CFR parts 160 and 164)". *Type of Information Collection Request:* New collection. *Form Number(s):* IHS-810 Authorization for Use or Disclosure of Health Information, IHS-917 Request for Correction/Amendment of Protected Health Information, IHS-912-I Request for Restriction(s), IHS 912-2 Terminating a Restriction, and IHS 913 Request For an Accounting of Disclosures. *Need and Use of Information Collection:* This collection of information is made necessary by the Department of Health

and Human Services Rule entitled "Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information" ("Privacy Rule") (45 CFR parts 160 and 164). The Privacy Rule implements the privacy requirements of the Administrative Simplification subtitle of the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and creates national standards to protect an individual's personal health information and gives patients increased access to their medical records. Sections, 45 CFR 164.508, 552, 526 and 528 of the Rule require the collection of information to implement these protection standards and access requirements. The IHS will use the following data collection instruments to implement the information collection requirements contained in the Rule.

45 CFR 164.508: This provision requires covered entities to obtain or receive a valid authorization for its use or disclosure of protected health information for uses other than for treatment, payment and healthcare operations. Under the provision, individuals may initiate a written authorization permitting covered entities to release their protected health information to entities of their choosing. The "IHS-810 Authorization for Use or Disclosure of Health Information" form will be used to document an

individual's authorization to use or disclose their protected health information.

45 CFR 164.522: Section 164.522(a)(1) requires a covered entity to permit individuals to request that the covered entity restrict the use and disclosure of their protected health information. The covered entity may or may not agree to the restriction. The "IHS-912-1 Request for Restriction(s)" form will be used to document an individual's request for restriction of their protected health information and whether IHS agreed or disagreed with the restriction. Section 164.522(a)(2)(1) permits a covered entity to terminate its agreement to a restriction if the individual agrees to or requests the termination in writing. The "IHS-912-2 Request for Revocation of Restriction(s)" form will be used to document the agency's or the individual's request to terminate a formerly agreed to restriction regarding the use and disclosure of protected health information.

45 CFR 164.526: This provision requires covered entities to permit an individual to request that the covered entity amend protected health information. If the covered entity accepts the requested amendment, in whole or in part, the covered entity must inform the individual that the amendment is accepted and obtain the

individual's identification of and agreement to have the covered entity notify the relevant persons with whom the amendment needs to be shared. If the covered entity denies the requested amendment, in whole or in part, the covered entity must provide the individual with a written denial. The "IHS-917 Request for Correction/Amendment of Protected Health Information" form will be used to document an individual's request to amend their protected health information and the agency's decision to accept or deny the request.

45 CFR 164.528: This provision requires covered entities to permit an individual to request that the covered entity provide an accounting of disclosures of protected health information made by the covered entity. The "IHS 913 Request for an Accounting of Disclosures" form will be used to document an individual's request for an accounting of disclosures of their protected health information and the agency's handling of the request. Completed forms used in this collection of information are filed in the medical record.

Affected Public: Individuals and households. Type of Respondents: Individuals. Burden Hours: The table below provides the estimated burden hours for this information collection:

ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS

| 45 CFR section/IHS form | Number of respondents | Responses per respondent | Burden per response ¹ (minutes) | Total annual burden |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------------|
| 164.508 IHS-810 | 500,000 | 1 | 20 | 166,667. |
| 164.522(a)(1) IHS-912-1 | 15,000 | 1 | 10 | 2,500. |
| 164.522(a)(2) IHS-912-2 | 5,000 | 1 | 10 | 833. |
| 164.526 IHS-917 | 7,500 | 1 | 15 | 1,875 |
| 164.528 IHS-913 | 15,000 | 1 | 10 | 2,500. |
| Total Annual Burden | | 5 | | 174,375. |

¹ For ease of understanding, burden hours are provided in actual minutes.

The total estimated burden for this collection of information is 174,375 hours.

There are no Capital Costs, Operating Costs and/or Maintenance Costs to respondents to report.

Request for Comments

Your written comments and/or suggestions are invited on one or more of the following points: (a) Whether the information collection activity is necessary to carry out an agency function; (b) whether the agency processes the information collected in a useful and timely fashion; (c) the accuracy of public burden estimate (the estimated amount of time needed for

individual respondents to provide the requested information); (d) whether the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimate are logical; (e) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (f) ways to minimize the public burden through the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Direct Comments to OMB: Send your written comments and suggestions regarding the proposed information collection contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated

public burden and associated response time, to: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Allison Eydt, Desk Officer for IHS. Send request for more information on the proposed collection or to obtain a copy of the data collection instrument(s) and instructions to: Ms. Christine Ingersoll, IHS Reports Clearance Officer, 12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Suite 450, Rockville, MD 20852-1601, call non-toll free (301) 443-1116, send via facsimile to (301) 443-2316, or send your E-mail requests,

comments, and return address to:
cingersoll@hqe.ihs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions directly pertaining to the proposed data collection instruments and/or the process, please contact Godwin Odia, RHIA, The Reyes Building, 801 Thompson Avenue, Suite 322, Rockville, MD 20852-1627, telephone (301) 443-1479.

Comment Due Date: Your comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30-days of the date of this publication.

Dated: February 3, 2003.

Charles W. Grim,

*Assistant Surgeon General, Interim Director,
 Indian Health Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG 2003-14360]

Information Collection Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): 1625-0073 (Formerly 2115-0141), Alteration of Unreasonably Obstructive Bridges

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this request for comments announces that the Coast Guard has forwarded one Information Collection Report (ICR), on Alteration of Unreasonably Obstructive Bridges, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and comment by OIRA ensures that we impose only paperwork burdens commensurate with our performance of duties.

DATES: Please submit comments on or before May 21, 2003.

ADDRESSES: To make sure that your comments and related material do not enter the docket (USCG 2003-14360) more than once, please submit them by only one of the following means:

(1)(a) By mail to the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. (b) By mail to OIRA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, to the attention of the Desk

Officer for the Coast Guard. Caution: Because of recent delays in the delivery of mail, your comments may reach the Facility more quickly if you choose one of the means described below.

(2)(a) By delivery to room PL-401 at the address given in paragraph (1)(a) above, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329. (b) By delivery to OIRA, at the address given in paragraph (1)(b) above, to the attention of the Desk Officer for the Coast Guard.

(3) By fax to (a) the Facility at 202-493-2251 and (b) OIRA at 202-395-5806, or e-mail to OIRA at *oira_docket@omb.eop.gov* attention: Desk Officer for the Coast Guard.

(4)(a) Electronically through the Web site for the Docket Management System at *http://dms.dot.gov*. (b) OIRA does not have a Web Site on which you can post your comments.

The Facility maintains the public docket for this notice. Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401 (Plaza level), 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find this docket on the Internet at *http://dms.dot.gov*.

Copies of the complete ICR are available for inspection and copying in public dockets. They are available in docket USCG 2003-14360 of the Docket Management Facility between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays; for inspection and printing on the internet at *http://dms.dot.gov*; and for inspection from the Commandant (G-CIM-2), U.S. Coast Guard, room 6106, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Davis, Office of Information Management, 202-267-2326, for questions on this document; Dorothy Beard, Chief, Documentary Services Division, U.S. Department of Transportation, 202-366-5149, for questions on the docket.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Regulatory History

This request constitutes the 30-day notice required by OIRA. The Coast Guard has already published (68 FR 5328 (February 3, 2003)) the 60-day notice required by OIRA. That notice elicited no comments.

Request for Comments

The Coast Guard invites comments on the proposed collection of information to determine whether the collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department. In particular, the Coast Guard would appreciate comments addressing: (1) The practical utility of the collection; (2) the accuracy of the Department's estimated burden of the collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information that is the subject of the collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments, to DMS or OIRA, must contain the OMB Control Number of the ICR addressed. Comments to DMS must contain the docket number of this request, USCG 2003-14360. Comments to OIRA are best assured of having their full effect if OIRA receives them 30 or fewer days after the publication of this request.

Information Collection Request

Title: Alteration of Unreasonably Obstructive Bridges.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0073.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Owners of certain bridges.

Form: This collection of information does not require the public to fill out forms, but does require the owner of an unreasonably obstructive bridge to submit information to determine the apportionment of cost between the U.S. and the owner for alteration of that bridge.

Abstract: The collection of information requires the owner of a bridge that the Coast Guard has found to be an unreasonable obstruction to navigation to prepare, and submit to the Coast Guard, general plans and specifications of that bridge.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: The estimated burden is 120 hours a year.

Dated: April 11, 2003.

Clifford I. Pearson,

Director of Information and Technology.

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