Toxicity of Ethylene Glycol and the Expert Panel Report on the Developmental and Reproductive Toxicity of Propylene Glycol. These reports include the summaries and conclusions of the expert panel’s evaluation of the scientific data for potential reproductive and/or developmental hazards associated with exposure to ethylene glycol and to propylene glycol. The CERHR held this expert panel meeting in February 2003. CERHR is seeking public comment on these reports and additional information about recent, relevant toxicology or human exposure studies.

Availability of Reports

These expert panel reports are available electronically on the CERHR Web site (http://cerhr.niehs.nih.gov) and in printed copy by contacting the CERHR [P.O. Box 12233, MD EC-32, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; telephone: (919) 541–3455; fax: (919) 316–4511; or email: shelby@niehs.nih.gov].

Request for Public Comments

The CERHR invites public comments on these expert panel reports and input regarding any recent, relevant toxicology or human exposure studies. The CERHR requests that all comments and other information be submitted to the CERHR at the address above by July 14, 2003.

All public comments received by the date above will be reviewed and included in the final NTP–CERHR monograph on ethylene glycol or propylene glycol to be prepared by NTP staff. The NTP–CERHR monograph will include the NTP brief, expert panel report, and all public comments received on the report. The brief will provide the NTP’s interpretation of the potential for adverse reproductive and/or developmental effects to humans from exposure to ethylene glycol or propylene glycol. The NTP will transmit the NTP–CERHR monograph to the appropriate federal and state agencies, the public, and the scientific community.

Background

A 9-member expert panel composed of scientists from state and federal governments, universities, and private companies conducted an evaluation of the reproductive and developmental toxicities of ethylene glycol and propylene glycol [Federal Register Vol. 67 No. 236, pp. 72965–72967, December 9, 2002]. Public deliberations by the panel took place February 11–13, 2003 at the Holiday Inn Old Town Select in Alexandria, Virginia. Following the February meeting, the draft expert panel report for each chemical was revised to incorporate the panel’s conclusions and subsequently reviewed by the Ethylene Glycol and Propylene Glycol Expert Panel, NTP scientists, and CERHR personnel.

Ethylene glycol is a high production volume chemical used as a chemical intermediate in the production of polyester compounds. There is widespread public exposure to ethylene glycol due to its use in heating and cooling systems (e.g., automotive antifreeze and as a de-icer for aircraft). Propylene glycol is used commercially as an intermediate in the manufacture of unsaturated polyester resins and in the production of plasticizers. Similar in structure to ethylene glycol, public exposure is through its FDA-approved use in food, tobacco, pharmaceutical products, and cosmetics, its use in various paints and coatings, and as an antifreeze and de-icing solution.

Additional Information About CERHR

The NTP and the NIEHS established the NTP CERHR in June 1998 [Federal Register Vol. 63, No. 239, page 68782, December 1998]. The purpose of the CERHR is to provide scientifically based, uniform assessments of the potential for adverse effects on reproduction and development caused by agents to which humans may be exposed. Further information on the CERHR’s chemical review process, including how to nominate chemicals for evaluation and scientists for the expert registry, can be obtained from its Web site (http://cerhr.niehs.nih.gov) or by contacting the CERHR directly (see address above). The CERHR also serves as a resource for information on various environmental exposures and their potential to affect pregnancy and child development. The Web site has information about common concerns related to fertility, pregnancy and the health of unborn children and links to other resources for information about public health.


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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Transportation Security Administration


AGENCY: Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of emergency clearance request.

SUMMARY: TSA has submitted a request for emergency processing of a new public information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–14, 44 U.S.C. 35). This notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to OMB for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden.

DATES: Send your comments by June 16, 2003. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be faxed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: DHS-TSA Desk Officer, at (202) 395–5806.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Conrad Huygen, Privacy Act Officer, Information Management Programs, Office of Finance and Administration, Transportation Security Administration HQ, West Tower, Floor 4, TSA–17, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590–0001; telephone (571) 227–1954; facsimile (571) 227–2912.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Transportation Security Administration
OMB Control Number: 1652–0012.
Type of Request: Emergency processing request of new collection.
Forms(s): NA.
Affected Public: U.S. Flag commercial air carriers.
Abstract: Pursuant to Public Law No. 108–11, 117 Stat. 559 (4/16/2003), “Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2003”, TSA is required to remit approximately $2.3 billion to U.S. Flag air carriers based on the proportional share each such carrier has paid or collected as of the date of
enactment of this Act in passenger security and air carrier security fees to TSA. Prior to remittance of these funds, the Act requires TSA to enter into an executive compensation agreement with certain carriers as defined by the statute. To ascertain which carriers are required to enter into the compensation agreement, TSA is requesting that the airlines certify whether they are bound by statutory requirements, as each carrier is in the best position to know its own situation. TSA is therefore requiring each carrier to certify that funds were allocated appropriately and prepare a report detailing this information.

Number of Respondents: 70.
Estimated Annual Burden Hours: It is estimated that this certification and report will take 8 hours for each carrier to prepare, for a total burden of 560 hours.

TSA is soliciting comments to—
(1) Evaluate whether the proposed information requirement 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;
(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.


Susan T. Tracey,
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–4820–N–23]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; Single Family Application for Insurance Benefits

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: Comments Due Date: July 14, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., L’Enfant Plaza Building, Room 8003, Washington, DC 20410 or Wayne.Eddins@hud.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Willie Spearmon, Director, Office of

Agency form numbers, if applicable: HUD–27011, parts A, B, C, D, & E.

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: The estimated total number of burden hours needed to process the information collection is 150,000; the number of respondents is 450 generating approximately 200,000 annual responses; the frequency of response varies from once to 5,000 depending upon the lender’s portfolio; and the estimated time needed to prepare the response is 45 minutes.

Status of the proposed information collection: Extension of a currently approved collection.


Dated: May 8, 2003

Sean G. Cassidy,
General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing-Deputy Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–4820–N–23]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; Multifamily Housing Service Coordinator Program

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: Comments Due Date: July 14, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., L’Enfant Plaza Building, Room 8003, Washington, DC 20410 or Wayne.Eddins@hud.gov.

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Agency form numbers, if applicable: HUD–27011, parts A, B, C, D, & E.

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: The estimated total number of burden hours needed to process the information collection is 150,000; the number of respondents is 450 generating approximately 200,000 annual responses; the frequency of response varies from once to 5,000 depending upon the lender’s portfolio; and the estimated time needed to prepare the response is 45 minutes.

Status of the proposed information collection: Extension of a currently approved collection.


Dated: May 8, 2003

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General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing-Deputy Federal Housing Commissioner.

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