

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

ACTION: Request OMB emergency approval; petition for nonimmigrant worker: Form I-129.

The Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (BCIS) has submitted the following information collection request utilizing emergency review procedures to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with section 1320.13(a)(1)(ii) and (1)(2)(iii) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The BCIS has determined that it cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures under this part because normal clearance procedures are reasonably likely to prevent or disrupt the collection of information. Emergency review and approval of this information collection will ensure that the collection may continue. Therefore, OMB approval has been requested by July 18, 2003.

If granted, the emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. All comments and/or questions pertaining to this pending request for emergency approval must be directed to OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, 725 17th Street, NW., Suite 10235, Washington, DC 20503; Attention: Department of Homeland Security Desk Officer. Comments regarding the emergency submission of this information collection may also be submitted via facsimile to 202-395-6974.

During the first 60 days of this same period, a regular review of this information collection is also being undertaken. During the regular review period, the BCIS requests written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning this information collection. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days until September 22, 2003. During the 60-day regular review, all comments and suggestions, or questions regarding additional information, to include obtaining a copy of the information instrument with instructions, should be directed to Mr. Richard A. Sloan, 202-514-3291, Director, Regulations and Forms Services Division, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Department of Homeland Security,

Room 4034, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536. Written comments and suggestions form 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:* Reinstatement of a previously approved information collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Petition for Nonimmigrant Worker.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* Form I-129. Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or households. This form is used by an employer to petition for aliens to come to the U.S. temporarily to perform services, labor, training or to request extensions of stay or changes in nonimmigrant status for nonimmigrant workers.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 368,948 responses at 2.75 hours per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 1,014,607 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, Regulations and Forms

Services Division, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Room 4304, 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. Lewis Oleinick, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Homeland Security, Regional Office Building 3, 7th and D Streets, SW., Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: July 16, 2003.

Richard A. Sloan,

Department Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.
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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG-2003-15649]

National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee; Vacancies

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard seeks applications for membership on the National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee (NOSAC). NOSAC provides advice and makes recommendations to the Coast Guard on matters affecting the offshore industry.

DATES: Application forms should reach us on or before September 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: You may request an application form by writing to Commandant (G-MSO-2), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; by calling 202-267-1181; or by faxing 202-267-4570. A copy of the application form is available from the Coast Guard's Advisory Committee Web page at: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/advisory/index.htm> Send your application in written form to the above street address. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Captain D. L. Scott, Executive Director of NOSAC, or James M. Magill, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone 202 267-1181, fax 202-267-4570.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NOSAC is a Federal advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, as amended). It consists of 14 regular members who have particular knowledge and experience regarding offshore technology, equipment, safety and training and environmental expertise in the exploration or recovery of offshore mineral resources. It provides advice and makes recommendations to the Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection on safety, security and rulemaking matters relating to the offshore mineral and energy industries. This advice assists us in formulating the positions of the United States in advance of meetings of the International Maritime Organization.

NOSAC meets twice a year, with one of these meetings being held at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC. It may also meet for extraordinary purposes. Its subcommittees and working groups may meet to consider specific problems as required.

We will consider applications received in response to this notice for three positions that expire or become vacant in January 2004. Applications should reach us by September 30, 2003, but we will consider applications received later if they arrive before we make our recommendations to the Secretary of Homeland Security.

To be eligible, applicants should have experience in one of the following categories: (1) Offshore operations, (2) diving services, or (3) pipelaying services. Please state on the application form which of the three categories you are applying for. Each member normally serves a term of 3 years or until a replacement is appointed. A few members may serve consecutive terms. All members serve at their own expense and receive no salary, reimbursement of travel expenses, or other compensation from the Federal Government.

In support of the policy of the Coast Guard on gender and ethnic diversity, we encourage qualified women and members of minority groups to apply.

If you are selected as a member who represents the general public, we will require you to complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 450). We may not release the report or the information in it to the public, except under an order issued by a Federal court or as otherwise provided under the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a).

Dated: July 14, 2003.

J.G. Lantz,

Acting Director of Standards, Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Proposed Information Collection Under the Paperwork Reduction Act; Comment Request

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed collection.

SUMMARY: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are renewing the information collection found in the general Probate of Indian Decedents' Estates, Except for Members of the Five Civilized Tribes regulations. The purpose of this data collection is to ensure that Probate regulations are administered for the benefit of individual Indians and any persons having claims against an Indian decedent's estate.

DATES: Comments on this proposed information collection must be received by September 22, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Ben Burshia, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Trust Responsibilities, Real Estate Services, 1849 C Street, NW., MS 4512-MIB, Washington, DC 20240. Comments may also be faxed to (202) 219-1065. We cannot accept e-mail comments at this time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Angela D. Pittman, (202) 208-4861.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information provided through collection requirements is used by the Department of the Interior, BIA, to determine heirs and divide any funds held by the BIA for an Indian decedent and to divide the decedent's trust and restricted real property. The information is particularly used by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in:

- (a) Instructing an individual in starting the probate process;
- (b) Preparing a probate package for review;
- (c) Filing claims;
- (d) Disbursing assets; and
- (e) Filing appeals for adverse decisions.

Request for Comments

The Bureau of Indian Affairs requests your comments on this collection concerning:

(a) The necessity of this information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Ways we could enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents, such as facilitating use of automation for collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that an agency may not sponsor or request, and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it has a valid OMB Control Number.

It is our policy to make all comments available to the public for review at the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section, room 4522, during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday except for legal holidays. If you wish to have your name and/or address withheld, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. We will honor your request according to the requirements of the law. All comments from organizations or representatives will be available for review. We may withhold comments from review for other reasons.

OMB Control Number: 1076-0156.

Type of Review: Renewal.

Title: Probate of Indian Estates, Except for Members of the Five Civilized Tribes, 25 CFR part 15.

Brief Description of Collection: Information is collected through the probate process when BIA learns of decedent's death from a neighbor, friend, or any other interested person by providing copy of decedent's obituary notice from a local newspaper; an affidavit of death prepared by someone who knows about the decedent. BIA also requires other documents to process the probate package. Interested party must inform BIA if any of the documents or information identified are not available.

Respondents: Possible respondents include: Individual tribal members, individual non-Indians, individual tribal member-owned businesses, non-Indian owned businesses, tribal governments, and land owners who are seeking a benefit.

Number of Respondents: 32,589 annually.

Annual hours: 156,407.