

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Antitrust Division****Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Petrotechnical Open Standards Consortium, Inc.**

Notice is hereby given that, on February 9, 2005, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Petrotechnical Open Standards Consortium, Inc. ("POSC") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Knowledge Systems, Sugar Land, TX has been added as a party to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and POSC intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On January 14, 1991, POSC filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on February 7, 1991 (56 FR 5021).

The last notification was filed with the Department on April 13, 2004. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on May 25, 2004 (69 FR 29756).

Dorothy B. Fountain,

Deputy Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Parole Commission****Sunshine Act Meeting**

Pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act (Pub. L. 94-409) [5 U.S.C. 552b].

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: Department of Justice, United States Parole Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 8, 2005.

PLACE: 5550 Friendship Blvd., Fourth Floor, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The following matters have been placed on the agenda for the open Parole Commission meeting:

1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Commission Meeting.
2. Reports from the Chairman, Commissioners, Legal, Chief of Staff, Case Operations, and Administrative Sections.
3. Discussion on Institutional Revocation Hearings by Video Conference.

AGENCY CONTACT: Thomas W. Hutchison, Chief of Staff, United States Parole Commission, (301) 492-5990.

Dated: March 1, 2005.

Rockne Chickinell,

General Counsel, U.S. Parole Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Parole Commission****Sunshine Act Meeting**

Pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act (Pub. L. 94-409) [5 U.S.C. 552b].

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: Department of Justice, United States Parole Commission.

DATE AND TIME: 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 8, 2005.

PLACE: U.S. Parole Commission, 5550 Friendship Boulevard, 4th Floor, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815.

STATUS: Closed—Meeting.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The following matter will be considered during the closed portion of the Commission's Business Meeting:

Appeals to the Commission involving approximately one case decided by the National Commissioners pursuant to a reference under 28 CFR 2.27. These cases were originally heard by an examiner panel wherein inmates of Federal prisons have applied for parole and are contesting revocation of parole or mandatory release.

AGENCY CONTACT: Thomas W. Hutchison, Chief of Staff, United States Parole Commission, (301) 492-5990.

Dated: March 1, 2005.

Rockne Chickinell,

General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Bureau of Labor Statistics****Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance 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. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed reinstatement of the "Veterans Supplement to the Current Population Survey (CPS)," to be conducted in August 2005. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice on or before May 9, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Amy A. Hobby, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 4080, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20212, telephone number 202-691-7628. (This is not a toll free number.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy A. Hobby, BLS Clearance Officer, telephone number 202-691-7628. (See **ADDRESSES** section.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

The CPS has been the principal source of the official Government statistics on employment and unemployment for 65 years. Collection of labor force data through the CPS is necessary to meet the requirements in Title 29, United States Code, Sections 1 and 2. The Veterans supplement provides information on the labor force status of veterans with service-connected disabilities, veterans of the Persian Gulf era, Vietnam-theater veterans, and recently discharged

veterans. The supplement also provides information on veterans' participation in various transitioning and employment and training programs. The data collected through this supplement also will be used by the Veterans Employment and Training Service and the Department of Veterans Affairs to determine policies that better meet the needs of our Nation's veteran population.

II. Current Action

Office of Management and Budget clearance is being sought for the Veterans Supplement to the CPS.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: Veterans Supplement to the CPS.

OMB Number: 1220-0102.

Affected Public: Households.

Total Respondents: 12,000.

Frequency: Biennially.

Total Responses: 12,000.

Average Time Per Response:

Approximately 1 minute.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 200 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$0.

III. Desired Focus of Comments

The Bureau of Labor Statistics is particularly interested in comments that:

- 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;
- 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;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 23rd day of February, 2005.

Cathy Kazanowski,

*Chief, Division of Management Systems,
Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. NRTL1-88, NRTL1-889, NRTL1-90, NRTL1-90, NRTL2-92, NRTL3-92, NRTL1-93, NRTL2-93, NRTL3-93, NRTL4-94, NRTL1-98, NRTL1-99, NRTL1-2001, NRTL2-2001]

Modify Scope of Recognition of NRTLs

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice modifies the scope of recognition of certain Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratories (NRTLs) primarily as a result of the withdrawal of certain test standards by the standards developing organizations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 8, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bernard Pasquet, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, NRTL Program, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N3653, Washington, DC 20210, or phone (202) 693-2110.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Notice of Changes

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) hereby gives notice of changes to the scope of recognition of the Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratories (NRTLs) listed below. Specifically, some of the test standards that OSHA currently includes in the scope of recognition of these NRTLs are no longer "appropriate test standards" primarily because they have been withdrawn or replaced. As a result, we are deleting them from the scope of recognition of each affected NRTL, as detailed below in this notice. The test standards to be removed for each NRTL are listed below under the heading "Withdrawn or Replaced Standards."

To substitute other test standards for those being removed, our policy permits NRTLs to request or OSHA to provide recognition for comparable test standards, i.e., other appropriate test standards covering comparable product testing. If applicable, we list such test

standards below for each NRTL under the heading "Comparable Replacement Standards." As indicated below, many test standards being deleted have no comparable replacement. However, if any NRTL or other party believes a comparable replacement standard does in fact exist, it may contact OSHA to bring this matter to our attention. If we concur, OSHA will add the standard to the scope of recognition of the affected NRTLs.

The modifications in this notice will be reflected in the listing of test standards shown in our informational Web page for each NRTL, which detail OSHA's official scope of recognition for the NRTL. These Web pages can be accessed at <http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpc/nrtl/index.html>.

Brief Background on OSHA's NRTL Requirements

For those who may be unfamiliar with OSHA requirements concerning NRTLs, we provide the following information.

OSHA recognition of any NRTL signifies that the organization has met the legal requirements in section 1910.7 of title 29, Code of Federal Regulations (29 CFR 1910.7). Recognition is an acknowledgment that the organization can perform independent safety testing and certification of the specific products covered within its scope of recognition and is not a delegation or grant of government authority. As a result of recognition, employers may use products "properly certified" by the NRTL to meet OSHA standards that require testing and certification.

In testing and certifying (i.e., approving) such products, NRTLs must demonstrate that the products conform to "appropriate test standards." This term is defined under 29 CFR 1910.7(c) and essentially means consensus-based product safety test standards developed and maintained current by U.S.-based standards developing organizations (SDOs). Such test standards are not OSHA standards, which are general requirements that employers must meet, but, individually, specify technical safety requirements that a particular type of product must meet.

OSHA recognizes each NRTL for a particular scope of recognition, which includes a list of those product safety test standards that the NRTL may use in approving products. As a normal part of its operations, an SDO occasionally withdraws existing test standards or adopts replacement test standards. In such cases, OSHA can no longer consider the withdrawn or replaced standards as "appropriate," and as a result, the Agency can no longer recognize NRTLs for these standards.