SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages that will require clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Pub. L. 104–13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. The information collection packages included in this notice are for new information collections.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency’s burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility, and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collections should be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget and the SSA Reports Clearance Officer and the Office of Management and Budget. The information can be mailed and/or faxed to the addresses and fax numbers listed below:

(SSA), Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Reports Clearance Officer, 1338 Annex Building, 6401 Social Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, Fax: 410–965–6400, OPLM.RCO@ssa.gov.

The information collections listed below have been submitted to OMB for clearance. In order for your comments to be considered you must send them within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. You can request a copy of the OMB clearance packages by email to OPLM.RCO@ssa.gov or by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at (410) 965–0454.

1. Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs, SSA–1020–SC—0960–NEW. The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (Pub. L. 108–173; MMA) establishes a new Medicare Part D program for voluntary prescription drug coverage for premium, deductible, and cost-sharing subsidies for certain low-income individuals. The MMA stipulates that subsidies must be available for individuals who are eligible for the program and who meet eligibility criteria for help with premium, deductible, and/or copayment costs. Form SSA–1020, the Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs, collects information about an applicant’s resources and is used by SSA to determine eligibility for this assistance.

We are proposing electronic versions of the SSA–1020, which will collect the information via the Intranet (the information is provided by the respondent during an interview at a Social Security field office) or the Internet (11020) (if respondents complete the Internet screens on their own and submit them electronically). The respondents are individuals who are eligible for enrollment in the Medicare Part D program and are requesting assistance with the related costs.

Type of Request: New information collection.
Number of Respondents: 2,000,000.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 45 minutes.
Estimated Annual Burden: 1,500,000.

2. Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs—0960–NEW (Internet/Intranet Application Screens). The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (Pub. L. 108–173; MMA) establishes a new Medicare Part D program for voluntary prescription drug coverage for premium, deductible, and cost-sharing subsidies for certain low-income individuals. The MMA stipulates that subsidies must be available for individuals who are eligible for the program and who meet eligibility criteria for help with premium, deductible, and/or copayment costs. Form SSA–1020, the Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs, collects information about an applicant’s resources and is used by SSA to determine eligibility for this assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: “The Shamans: Spirit Guides of Siberia”]

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Noise Exposure Map Notice

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its determination that the noise exposure maps submitted by the Metropolitan Airports Commission for Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 47501 et seq (Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act) and 14 CFR part 150 are in compliance with applicable requirements.

DATES: The effective date of the FAA’s determination on the noise exposure maps is March 3, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Glen Orcutt, Minneapolis Airports District Office, 6020 28th Avenue South, Room 102, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55450, telephone number (612) 713-4354.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces that the FAA finds that the noise exposure maps submitted for Minneapolis-St. Paul International airport are in compliance with applicable requirements of part 150, effective March 3, 2005.

Under 49 U.S.C. section 47503 of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”), an airport operator may submit to the FAA noise exposure maps which meet applicable regulations and which depict non-compatible land uses as of the date of submission of such maps, a description of projected aircraft operations, and the ways in which such operations will affect such maps. The Act requires such maps to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties in the local community, government agencies, and persons using the airport.

An airport operator who has submitted noise exposure maps that are found by FAA to be in compliance with the requirements of Federal Aviation Administration (FAR) part 150, promulgated pursuant to the Act, may submit a noise compatibility program for FAA approval which sets forth the measures the operator has taken or proposes to take to reduce existing non-compatible uses and prevent the introduction of additional non-compatible uses.

The FAA has completed its review of the noise exposure maps and accompanying documentation submitted by the Metropolitan Airports Commission. The documentation that constitutes the “noise exposure maps” as defined in section 150.7 of part 150 includes: Volume I of the November 2004 14 CFR part 150 Update; Year 2002 Existing Condition Noise Exposure Map, Figure 6–1; and Year 2007 Unmitigated Noise Exposure Map, Figure 6–2; respectively. The part 150 Update contains the required information for Section 47503 and section A150.101 including the following specific references: current and forecast operations in Table 3.19; fleet mix, nighttime and type of aircraft operations in Tables 3.3, 3.8, 3.9, and 3.10; flight patterns in Figures 4–6 through 4–15; location of noise monitoring sites, Figure 4–19; land uses maps, Figures 5–2 and 5–3; and number of people residing within Contours, Table 5.5 and 5.8. The FAA has determined that these noise exposure maps and accompanying documentation are in compliance with applicable requirements. This determination is effective on March 3, 2005. FAA’s determination on an airport operator’s noise exposure maps is limited to a finding that the maps were developed in accordance with the procedures contained in appendix A of FAR part 150. Such determination does not constitute approval of the applicant’s data, information or plans, or a commitment to approve a noise compatibility program or to fund the implementation of that program. If questions arise concerning the precise relationship of specific properties to noise exposure contours depicted on a noise exposure map submitted under section 47503 of the Act, it should be noted that the FAA is not involved in any way in determining the relative locations of specific properties with regards to the depicted noise contours, or in interpreting the noise exposure maps to resolve questions concerning, for example, which properties should be covered by the provisions of section 47506 of the Act. These functions are inseparable from the ultimate land use control and planning responsibilities of local government. These local responsibilities are not changed in any way under part 150 or through FAA’s review of noise exposure maps.

Therefore, the responsibility for the detailed overlaying of noise exposure contours onto the map depicting properties on the surface rests exclusively with the airport operator that submitted those maps, or with those public agencies and planning agencies with which consultation is required under section 47503 of the Act. The FAA has relied on the certification by the airport operator, under section 150.21 of FAR part 150, that the statutorily required consultation has been accomplished.

Copies of the full noise exposure map documentation and of the FAA’s evaluation of the maps are available for examination at the following locations: Federal Aviation Administration Minneapolis Airports District Office, 6020 28th Avenue South, Room 102, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55450; Chad Levee, Metropolitan Airports Commission, 6040 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55450.

Questions may be directed to the individual named above under the heading FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

Issued in Minneapolis, Minnesota on March 3, 2005.

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Manager, Minneapolis Airports District Office, Great Lakes Region.

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