

IPC has published 9 Standards, undertaken 17 New Standard Setting Activities, and continues with 56 Standard Setting Activities as Works in Progress. For further information on these activities, please go to IPC's Web site: <http://www.ipc.org/status>.

On September 14, 2004, IPC 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 October 21, 2004 (69 FR 61868).

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 05-133]

NASA Advisory Council, Task Force on International Space Station Operational Readiness; Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces an open meeting of the NASA Advisory Council (NAC), Task Force on International Space Station Operational Readiness (IOR).

DATES: Tuesday, September 27, 2005, 1 p.m.–2 p.m. eastern standard time.

ADDRESSES: NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street, SW., Room 7U22, Washington, DC 20546.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Todd F. McIntyre, Office of External Relations, (202) 358-4621, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room. Five seats will be reserved for members of the press. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

—To assess the operational readiness of the International Space Station to support a new crew.

—To assess the Russian flight team's preparedness to accomplish the Expedition Twelve mission.

—To assess the health and flight readiness of the Expedition Twelve crew.

Attendees will be requested to sign a register and to comply with NASA security requirements, including the presentation of a valid picture ID, before receiving an access badge. Foreign nationals attending this meeting will be required to provide the following information: full name; gender; date/place of birth; citizenship; visa/green card information (number, type, expiration date); passport information (number, country, expiration date); employer/affiliation information (name of institution, address, country, phone); title/position of attendee. To expedite admittance, attendees should provide identifying information in advance by contacting Todd F. McIntyre via e-mail at Todd.McIntyre-1@nasa.gov or by telephone at (202) 358-4621 by September 23, 2005.

It is imperative that the meeting be held on this date to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants.

Dated: September 6, 2005.

P. Diane Rausch,

Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION AND PRIVACY COMPACT COUNCIL

Fingerprint Submission Requirements

AGENCY: National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Council.

ACTION: Notice of approval.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 14616.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 28 CFR part 901, the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Council (Compact Council), established by the National

Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Act of 1998 (Compact), has approved a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) proposal to access the Interstate Identification Index (III) System on a delayed fingerprint submission basis when conducting pre-employment criminal history record checks on FEMA emergency workers during times of natural disasters and catastrophic emergencies. (See FEMA's request, attached) FEMA is authorized access to criminal history record information to conduct background checks on applicants for federal employment pursuant to title 28 United States Code section 534 and Executive Order 10450.

The FEMA's request was submitted by letter dated October 19, 2004, and approved by the Compact Council on November 4, 2004, pursuant to 28 CFR 901.2 and 901.3. Access to the III System to conduct name-based criminal history record checks, followed by fingerprint submissions, provides a responsive and timely avenue to support FEMA's need for expeditious pre-employment screening during exigent circumstances. An example of such need arose during 2004 when several hurricanes struck the southeastern portion of the United States causing the FEMA to hire large numbers of emergency workers in a short period of time. FEMA intends to enlist the services of the Federal Protective Service or another criminal justice agency with authorized direct access to the III System to conduct the preliminary III name checks on behalf of FEMA. Such name-based checks will be followed by submission of the applicant's fingerprints to the FBI within 5 working days.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Todd C. Commodore, FBI CJIS Division, 1000 Custer Hollow Road, Module C3, Clarksburg, WV 26306; Telephone (304) 625-2803; e-mail tcommodo@leo.gov; Fax number (304) 625-5388.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See attached proposal.

Dated: August 24, 2005.

Donna M. Uzzell,

Compact Council Chairman.

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FEMA

October 19, 2004

Compact Council
C/o Mr. Todd Commodore
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Clarksburg, WV 26306

Dear Mr. Commodore:

Last month, as a response to the spate of devastating hurricanes that made landfall in the continental United States, FEMA Safety and Security Branch requested the Department of Justice (DOJ) use of the Interstate Identification System (III) for pre-employment screening. While we are cognizant that this is not the intended use of the III system, the screening enabled FEMA to process emergency workers in an expeditious fashion. We have found that the traditional time frame for processing fingerprint cards is 3-4 days, whereas name checks via the III system are instantaneous. As specified in the guidelines of the DOJ waiver, FEMA did not make any hiring decisions, based upon a III check, prior to the receiving the results of a fingerprint-based criminal history check conducted by the FBI.

In order to better prepare for this type of occurrence in the future, we are requesting a permanent III access for pre-employment screening for exigent, catastrophic emergencies. As with the recent hurricanes, activation of this emergency capability would be prompted by the potential hiring of large numbers of emergency workers. If the permanent status concerning III pre-employment checks is granted, we would be amenable to providing notification concerning the start and duration of the verification period. In all cases, fingerprint submissions will be forwarded to the FBI within five working days of the name based check.

It should be noted that FEMA is taking other measures to reduce the processing time for newly hired emergency workers. Ten new electronic fingerprint machines have been purchased that will greatly assist in the processing of fingerprint charts. The fingerprint machines will possess connectivity with databases at OPM and the FBI, thereby effectively screening out less desirable applicants. For this reason, future requests to employ an III check pertaining to pre-employment screening would be limited and never used as routine procedure.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of our request. We will look forward to hearing from you concerning this matter.

Sincerely,


Gregory R. Cooper
Chief
Safety and Security Branch

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