

- 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.

III. Current Actions

The Department of Labor seeks the approval of the extension of this information collection in order to carry out its responsibility to notify OWCP district offices that payment of compensation benefits has been stopped or suspended in a case. The report is required by law. The report is necessary for OWCP to determine whether benefits have been suspended in a case and to effectively manage the case file and verify that the injured worker has received all benefits to which he/she is entitled to under the Act.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Titles: Notice of Final Payment or Suspension of Compensation Benefits.

OMB Number: 1215-0024.

Agency Numbers: LS-208.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Total Respondents: 500.

Total Annual Responses: 22,722.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 5,681.

Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Total Burden Cost (Capital/Startup): \$0.

Total Burden Cost (Operating/Maintenance): \$16,353.00.

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 will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: September 8, 2005.

Bruce Bohanon,

Chief, Branch of Management Review and Internal Control, Division of Financial Management, Office of Management, Administration and Planning, Employment Standards Administration.

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MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

Variation From Normal Procedures—Effects of Hurricane Katrina

AGENCY: Merit Systems Protection Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of variations from the Board's normal case processing procedures as a result of Hurricane Katrina and the related relief efforts in the gulf coast region of the United States.

DATES: This rule is effective September 14, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bentley M. Roberts, Jr., Clerk of the Board, Merit Systems Protection Board, 1615 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20419; (202) 653-7200; fax: (202) 653-7130; or e-mail: mspb@mspb.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Merit Systems Protection Board is providing notice of variations in its normal case processing procedures that have been placed into effect as a result of Hurricane Katrina and the related relief efforts in the gulf coast region of the United States.

The Board's adjudicatory regulations contain time limits for filing documents in Federal employee appeals of agency personnel actions and other matters within the Board's jurisdiction. In addition, MSPB judges issue various orders in the course of an adjudicatory proceeding that set time limits for responses by the parties. The Board's regulations permit five methods of filing and serving documents—regular mail, commercial overnight delivery, facsimile, e-filing, and personal delivery to the appropriate MSPB office. The date of filing by regular mail is determined by the postmark date. For filing by commercial overnight delivery, it is the date the document is delivered to the commercial overnight delivery service. For filing by facsimile, it is the date recorded on the facsimile transmission. For filing electronically, it is the date of the electronic submission. For filing by personal delivery, it is the date the MSPB office receives the document.

At the time of Hurricane Katrina and the related devastation, there were approximately 1,800 cases pending in MSPB regional and field offices and almost 800 cases pending at the Board's headquarters in Washington. It is reasonable to assume, therefore, that a number of filings due to a MSPB office in early September 2005 could not be made in a timely manner. An unknown number of filings of new cases subject to filing deadlines falling in early September, 2005, also may have been affected by the events surrounding Hurricane Katrina.

Several circumstances may have affected filings due in early September, 2005 including the closing of Federal agencies and the displacement of Federal employees in the affected areas.

Accordingly, the Board has placed into effect the following variations from its normal case processing procedures:

1. In MSPB regional and field offices, judges will exercise discretion in accepting filings due in early September, 2005, and for the foreseeable future, that were filed (by any filing method) after the deadline, particularly from the gulf coast region of the United States.

2. At Board headquarters, the Clerk of the Board will exercise discretion in accepting filings due in early September, 2005, and for the foreseeable future, that were filed after the deadline. Normally, a show cause order is issued when a late filing is received, but the Clerk of the Board may accept certain filings, particularly from the gulf coast region of the United States, without issuing a show cause order.

3. Where MSPB case files or evidence were lost or destroyed as a result of devastation by Hurricane Katrina, MSPB judges may grant appropriate continuances until the case files or evidence can be reconstructed or dismiss cases without prejudice to their later re-filing. MSPB offices will also assist the parties in reconstructing case files.

The Board and its employees throughout the country will accommodate parties to MSPB cases whose ability to pursue those cases was affected by Hurricane Katrina. Where the variations from normal case processing procedures set forth above do not adequately address the circumstances in an individual case, the individual circumstances, and appropriate solutions, will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The Board and MSPB judges may waive any Board regulation the application of which is not required by law.

Dated: September 9, 2005.

Bentley M. Roberts, Jr.,
Clerk of the Board.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (05-134)]

Notice of Information Collection

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of information collection.

SUMMARY: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: All comments should be submitted within 60 calendar days from the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to Mr. Walter Kit, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Mail Suite 6M70, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Mr. Walter Kit, Office of the Chief Information Officer, NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street SW., Mail Suite 6M70, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358-1350, walter.kit-1@nasa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The information will be used by the Headquarters Office of Security and Program Protection (OSPP) to help fulfill its responsibilities for facilitating business visits and assignments that support U.S. national interests and NASA's international program interests and operational requirements, and by the Office of External Relations for export control oversight. This information is collected and stored in the NASA Foreign National Management System (NFMMS) and will be used by OSPP to determine acceptability for a foreign national, or U.S. citizen representing a foreign entity, to access NASA installations or facilities for business or high level protocol visit purposes.

II. Method of Collection

Respondents provide unformatted information for specific data fields. Data are provided orally, via a hard copy, or e-mailed to a NASA representative who transfers the information into a database (attached is a printout of the NASA Foreign Nationals Management System data entry form). To ensure data security, access to the electronic data entry form is limited to approved NASA employees or contractors. Direct data entry by respondents is not permitted.

III. Data

Title: NASA Foreign National Access Information.

OMB Number: 2700-XXXX.

Type of Review: New collection.

Affected Public: Foreign nationals and NASA contractors.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 9,900 annually.

Estimated Time Per Response: 0.5 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,950.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$9,715/year.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NASA, including whether the information collected has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of NASA's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Dated: September 7, 2005.

Patricia L. Dunnington,

Chief Information Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Submission for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Extension.

2. *The title of the information collection:* 10 CFR Part 9, Public Records.

3. *The form number if applicable:* NRC-509 and NRC-509A.

4. *How often the collection is required:* On occasion.

5. *Who will be required or asked to report:* Individuals requesting access to records under the Freedom of Information or Privacy Acts, or to records that are already publicly available in the NRC's Public Document Room. Submitters of information containing trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information who have been notified that the NRC has made an initial determination that the information should be disclosed.

6. *An estimate of the number of annual responses:* 7,987.

7. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 7,987.

8. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 2,120 (.3 hours per response).

9. *An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Public Law 104-13 applies:* N/A.

10. *Abstract:* 10 CFR part 9 establishes information collection requirements for individuals making requests for records under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) or Privacy Act (PA). It also contains requests to waive or reduce fees for searching for and reproducing records in response to FOIA requests; and requests for expedited processing of requests. The information required from the public is necessary to identify the records they are requesting; to justify requests for waivers or reductions in searching or copying fees; or to justify expedited processing. Section 9.28(b) provides that if the submitter of information designated to be trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information objects to the disclosure, he must provide a written statement within 30 days that specifies all grounds why the information is a trade secret or commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential.