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#### *D. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?*

You may find these suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your comments as clearly as possible.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide any technical information and/or data you used that support your comments.
4. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.
5. Offer alternatives.
6. Make sure to submit your comments by the time period deadline identified.
7. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, identify the appropriate docket identification number in the subject line on the first page of your response. It would also be helpful if you provided the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation related to your comments.

EPA specifically requests comment and public input on the following:

1. *Sewage Discharges.* Should sewage discharges from cruise ships be better controlled and regulated? If so, why? If such discharges should be better controlled and/or regulated, please recommend one or more such options (and identify your preferred recommendation), as well as any option or options relating to sampling, monitoring, and reporting of sewage discharges.

2. *Graywater Discharges.* Should graywater discharges from cruise ships be better controlled and regulated? If so, why? If such discharges should be better controlled and/or regulated, please recommend one or more such options and identify your preferred recommendation. Should EPA more narrowly define graywater? If so, why? If the term should be more narrowly defined, please recommend an option or options, and identify your preferred recommendation.

3. *Hazardous Wastes.* Should hazardous wastes generated on cruise ships be better managed and regulated? If so, why? If such discharges should be better managed and/or regulated, please

recommend one or more such options, and identify your preferred recommendation.

4. *Solid Wastes.* Should solid wastes generated on cruise ships be better managed and regulated? If so, why? If such discharges should be better controlled and/or regulated, please recommend one or more such options, and identify your preferred recommendation. With regard to the incineration of some solid wastes generated on cruise ships, EPA invites specific comment regarding the sampling and/or testing of incinerator ash.

5. *Oily Bilge Water.* Should oily bilge water generated on and discharged from cruise ships be better controlled and regulated? If so, why? If such discharges should be better controlled and/or regulated, please recommend one or more such options, and identify your preferred recommendation.

## **II. Background**

Cruise ships operate in every ocean worldwide, often in pristine coastal waters and sensitive marine ecosystems. Cruise ship operators provide amenities to their passengers that are similar to those of luxury resort hotels, including pools, hair salons, restaurants, and dry cleaners. As a result, cruise ships have the potential to generate wastes similar in volume and character to those generated by hotels.

In March 2000, an environmental advocacy group called the Bluewater Network, representing 53 environmental organizations, submitted a petition to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requesting that EPA identify and take regulatory action on measures to address pollution by cruise ships. Specifically, the petition requested an in-depth assessment of the volumes and characteristics of cruise ship waste streams; analysis of their potential impact on water quality, the marine environment, and human health; examination of existing federal regulations governing cruise ship waste streams; and formulation of recommendations on how to better control and regulate these waste streams. The petition included specific requests related to sewage, graywater, oily bilge water, solid wastes, and hazardous wastes, as well as monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting. In addition, the petition requested that EPA prepare a report of its investigations and findings.

This Draft Cruise Ship Discharge Assessment Report responds in part to the petition from Bluewater Network. The Draft Report assesses five primary cruise ship waste streams, specifically,

sewage, graywater, bilge water, solid waste, and hazardous waste. For each waste stream, the Draft Report discusses (1) the nature and volume of the waste stream generated; (2) existing federal regulations applicable to the waste stream; (3) environmental management, including treatment, of the waste stream; (4) potential adverse environmental impacts of the waste stream; and (5) actions by the federal government to address the waste stream.

## **III. This Action**

EPA invites and requests comments on all aspects of the Draft Report. In addition, EPA invites and requests public input on options, alternatives, and recommendations on whether and how to better control and regulate these waste streams (see section I.C. for information regarding how to submit comments). When EPA completes the Cruise Ship Discharge Assessment Report after consideration of public comment, EPA plans to identify a range of options and alternatives to address these waste streams. EPA anticipates issuance of the completed Report by the end of 2008 and would publish a notice of availability of the Report at that time.

Dated: December 14, 2007.

**Benjamin H. Grumbles,**

*Assistant Administrator for Water.*

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## **FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

### **Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget, Comment Requested**

December 12, 2007.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the

Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Written Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) comments should be submitted on or before February 19, 2008. If you anticipate that you will be submitting PRA comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the FCC contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all PRA comments to Nicholas A. Fraser, Office of Management and Budget, (202) 395-5887, or via fax at 202-395-5167 or via Internet at [Nicholas\\_A.\\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Nicholas_A._Fraser@omb.eop.gov) and to [Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov](mailto:Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov), Federal Communications Commission, or an e-mail to [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov). If you would like to obtain or view a copy of this information collection after the 60-day comment period, you may do so by visiting OMB's Web page at: <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information or copies of the information collection(s), contact Judith B. Herman at 202-418-0214 or via the Internet at [Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov](mailto:Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-0850.  
*Title:* Quick-Form Application for Authorization in the Ship, Aircraft, Amateur, Restricted and Commercial Operator, and General Mobile Radio Services.

*Form No.:* FCC Form 605.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; and state, local or tribal government.

*Number of Respondents:* 175,000 respondents; 175,000 responses.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* .44 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion reporting requirement, third party disclosure requirement; and recordkeeping requirement.

*Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*Total Annual Burden:* 77,000 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* \$2,537,500.

*Privacy Act Impact Assessment:* Yes.

*Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:* In general, there is no need for

confidentiality. On a case-by-case basis, the Commission may be required to withhold from disclosure certain information about the individual such as date of birth or telephone number.

*Needs and Uses:* FCC Form 605 is in a 60-day comment period because the form is being revised. The Commission is revising FCC Form 605 by correcting the eligibility on Schedule D (removing "within the past 2 years") according to 47 CFR 97.21(b). There is no change in reporting requirements and/or third party disclosure requirements or to the estimated average burden (hours and annual costs) or the number of respondents/responses.

The FCC Form 605 application is a consolidated application form for Ship, Aircraft, Amateur, Restricted and Commercial Radio Operators, and General Mobile Radio Services and is used to collect licensing data for the Universal Licensing System (ULS).

The data collected on this form includes the date of birth for commercial operator licensees, however, this information will be redacted from public view.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene H. Dortch,**

*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission for Extension Under Delegated Authority, Comments Requested

December 3, 2007.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility;

(b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Persons wishing to comment on this information collection should submit comments February 19, 2008. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all PRA comments to Nicholas A. Fraser, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), (202) 395-5887, or via fax at 202-395-5167, or via the Internet at [Nicholas\\_A.\\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Nicholas_A._Fraser@omb.eop.gov) and to [Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov](mailto:Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov), Federal Communications Commission (FCC). To submit your comments by email send them to: [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov). If you would like to obtain or view a copy of this information collection after the 60 day comment period, you may do so by visiting the OMB ROCIS Web site at: <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/PRAMain>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information about the information collection(s) send an e-mail to [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov) or contact Judith B. Herman at 202-418-0214.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control No.:* 3060-1079.

*Title:* Section 15.240, Radio Frequency Identification Equipment.  
*Form No.:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Not-for-profit, business or other for-profit, and state, local or tribal government.

*Number of Respondents:* 10 respondents; 10 responses.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 2 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion reporting requirement and third party disclosure requirement.

*Obligation to Respond:* Mandatory.

*Total Annual Burden:* 200 hours.

*Annual Cost Burden:* N/A.

*Privacy Act Impact Assessment:* N/A.

*Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:* In general, there is no need for confidentiality.

*Needs and Uses:* This collection will be submitted as an extension (no change in reporting or recordkeeping requirements) after this 60 day comment period to Office of Management and