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IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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

Dated: January 22, 2008.

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the National Medal of Technology and Innovation.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

See Prefatory Statement of General Routine Uses Nos. 1–5, 9–10, and 12–13, as found at 46 FR 63501–63502 (December 31, 1981). The USPTO may use the information contained in this system of records in support of the work of the nomination committee. The USPTO, the Department of Commerce, the National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee, and White House staff may use the information contained in this system of records in support of the nomination and award process. The Committee will discuss the achievements and biographical information submitted (contact information will not be disclosed) at meetings that are open to the public in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DISCLOSURE TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES:

Not applicable.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Paper records in file folders and electronic media.

RETRIEVABILITY:

By individual’s name.

SAFEGUARDS:

Maintained in areas accessible only to authorized personnel in a building protected by security guards during nonbusiness hours. Systems are password protected.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records retention and disposal is in accordance with the series record schedules.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Under Secretary and Director, United States Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Information may be obtained from the Manager, National Medal of Technology and Innovation, Office of the Under Secretary and Director, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450. Requesters should provide their names in accordance with the inquiry provisions appearing in 37 CFR part 102 subpart B.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Requests from individuals should be addressed to the same address as stated in the notification section above.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The rules for access, contesting contents, and appealing initial determinations by the individual concerned appear in 37 CFR part 102 subpart B. Requests from individuals should be addressed to the same address as stated in the notification section above.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Subject individuals and those authorized by the individual to furnish information, as well as nominating entities and self-nominees.

EXCEPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary of Defense

Establishment of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees

AGENCY: Establishment of Federal Advisory Committee.

ACTION: DoD.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, (5 U.S.C. Appendix, as amended), the Sunshine in the Government Act of 1976, (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102–3.65, the Department of Defense gives notice that it is establishing the U.S. Nuclear Command and Control System Comprehensive Review Committee (hereafter referred to as the Committee).

The Committee is a discretionary federal advisory committee established under the authority of 41 CFR 102–3.50(d) to provide the Secretary of Defense, in his capacity as the Nuclear Command and control System Executive Agent, a comprehensive review of the U.S. Nuclear Command and Control System (NCCS). The Committee, considering the impact advanced technology, current and emerging threats, and evolving vulnerabilities have on the Nuclear Command and Control System, shall:

A. Examine the full range of NCCS policies, procedures, responsibilities, functions, capabilities, management and oversight necessary to:

1. Meet national and department/agency policy and guidance; and

2. Maintain the highest standards required for planning, directing, and controlling nuclear weapons, weapons systems, and associated operations.

B. Recommend changes to NCCS policies, responsibilities, functions, capabilities, management structures, and oversight mechanisms, as well as identifying other enhancements to NCCS elements (facilities, equipment, personnel, communications and procedures).

The Committee’s review shall not address nuclear force size and structure, deterrence strategy, and arms control/threat reduction analyses.

The Committee shall be composed of a chairperson and no more than five distinguished members, who diverse expertise and background enable them to provide recommendations for improving the National Command and Control System to the NCCS Executive Agent.

The Committee members shall be appointed by the Secretary of Defense for the duration of the Committee, and their appointments will be renewed on an annual basis. Those members, who are not full-time Federal officers or employees, shall serve as Special Government Employees under authority of 5 U.S.C. 3109. Committee members, with the exception of travel and per diem for official travel, shall serve without compensation. The Secretary of Defense shall select the Committee’s Chairperson.

The Committee shall be authorized to establish subcommittees, as necessary and consistent with its mission, and these subcommittees or working groups shall operate under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the Sunshine in the Government Act of 1976, and other appropriate federal regulations.

Such subcommittees or workgroups shall not work independently of the chartered Committee, and shall report all their recommendations and advice to the Committee for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees or workgroups have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered Committee or can they report directly to the Department of Defense or any federal officers or employees who are not Committee Members.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee shall meet at the call of the Committee’s Designated Federal Officer,