

Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duties, at U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 18022, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

Title: Baldrige Performance Excellent Program (BPEP) Team Leader Consensus and Team Leader Site Visit Information Collections.

OMB Control Number: 0693-0079.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a current information collection.

Number of Respondents: Examiner Performance Assessment—40 per year; Team Leader Performance Assessment—300 per year.

Average Hours per Response: Examiner Performance Assessment—20 minutes; Team Leader Performance Assessment—5 minutes.

Burden Hours: Examiner Performance Assessment—13.5 hours; Team Leader Performance Assessment—25 hours.

Needs and Uses: The purpose of the information is to help staff collect data on the skills of the examiners, including alumni examiners, in order to best manage training and selection. Because the examiner selection is so competitive, examiners need to demonstrate competencies such as understanding the Baldrige Criteria, team skills, and writing skills. The program also needs to collect peer-based information to understand an examiner's skill level in order to make decisions on whether the examiner should be elevated to "senior examiner" and therefore team leader. The blinded data will be shared with the team leader for improvement purposes, and for future assignments.

Affected Public: Individual or Households.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

This information collection request may be viewed at *reginfo.gov*. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to *OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov* or fax to (202) 395-5806.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Deprecation of the United States (U.S.) Survey Foot

AGENCY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology and the National Geodetic Survey (NGS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and the National Geodetic Survey (NGS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), are taking collaborative action to provide national uniformity in the measurement of length. This notice announces a decision to deprecate the use of the "U.S. survey foot" on December 31, 2022. After that date, the "U.S. survey foot" will be superseded by the "foot" (formerly known as the "international foot"), which is already in use throughout the U.S. This notice describes the plan, resources, training, and other activities of NIST and NOAA that will assist those affected by this transition, and invites comments and other information from land surveyors, engineers, Federal, State and local government officials, businesses, and any other member of the public engaged in or affected by surveying and mapping operations.

DATES: Comments and other information must be received by December 2, 2019.

ADDRESSES: NIST and NOAA are using the *https://www.regulations.gov* system for the submission and posting of public comments in this proceeding. All comments in response to this notice are therefore to be submitted electronically through *https://www.regulations.gov*, via the web form accessed by following the "Submit a Formal Comment" link near the top right of the **Federal Register** web page for this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

U.S. survey foot deprecation resources: *https://www.nist.gov/pml/us-surveyfoot.*

Information on standards development and maintenance: Elizabeth Gentry, 301-975-3690, *Elizabeth.Gentry@nist.gov.*

Technical and historical information on usage of the foot: Michael Dennis, 240-533-9611, *Michael.Dennis@noaa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This action is designed to establish national uniformity in length measurements based on the foot. For more than sixty years, two nearly identical definitions of the foot have been in use in the U.S. for geodetic and land surveys. A **Federal Register** notice published on July 1, 1959 (24 FR 5348) by the National Bureau of Standards (renamed the National Institute of Standards and Technology in 1988) and the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey (reorganized as the National Geodetic Survey under the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in 1970) refined the definition of the yard in terms of the International System of Units (SI), commonly known as the metric system. The 1959 notice was issued after an international agreement among six nations resolved a long-standing difference in the relationship of the U.S. yard to the British yard. The notice reported that there was a slight difference (2 parts per million) between the 1959 definition (*i.e.*, one yard = 0.914 4 meter, exactly) and an 1893 definition (*i.e.*, 1 yard = 3600/3937 meter, or approximately 0.914 401 83 meter).

The 1959 **Federal Register** notice then adopted a revised value for the foot for use throughout the U.S., and identified it as the "international foot" to show that it corresponded with the foot in use by the United Kingdom and other countries. The notice defined this international foot as 0.304 8 meter (*e.g.*, equal to 0.999 999 8 of the value for the foot officially adopted in 1893). Additionally, to avoid disrupting the surveying practices at the time, the