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**APPENDIX A**

**FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICES**

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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

## **Notice of Intent**



Dated: July 25, 2007.

**Jennifer Spaeth**

Director, Office of Federal Advisory  
Committee Policy.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Molecular and Cellular Neuroscience.

*Date:* August 3, 2007.

*Time:* 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To Review and Evaluate Grant Applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Jonathan K. Ivins, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4040A, MSC 7806, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-1245, [ivinsj@csr.nih.gov](mailto:ivinsj@csr.nih.gov).

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting to the time limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine; 93.333, Clinical Research, 93.306, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393-93.396, 93.837-93.844, 93.846-93.878, 93.892, 93.893. National Institutes of Health, HHS).

Dated: July 24, 2007.

**Jennifer Spaeth,**

Director, Office of Federal Advisory  
Committee Policy.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Science and Technology Directorate; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

**AGENCY:** Science and Technology Directorate (Office of National Laboratories within the Office of Research), DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF).

**SUMMARY:** DHS announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate reasonable siting alternatives for the construction and operation of the proposed NBAF. DHS invites individuals, organizations, and agencies to present oral or written comments concerning the scope of the EIS, including the environmental issues and alternatives that the EIS should address.

**DATES:** The public scoping period starts with the publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register** and will continue until September 27, 2007. DHS will consider all comments received, postmarked, or emailed by that date in defining the scope of the EIS. DHS also intends to hold public meetings during this comment period to provide the public with added opportunities to present comments, ask questions, and discuss concerns regarding the EIS with DHS officials.

All public meetings are listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

DHS will publish additional notices regarding the dates, times, and locations of the public meetings in local newspapers in advance of the scheduled meetings. Any necessary changes will be announced in the local media and on the NBAF Web site (<http://www.dhs.gov/nbaf>).

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by mail, online, fax, or voice mail:

U.S. Mail: Department of Homeland Security; Science and Technology Directorate; James V. Johnson; Mail Stop #2100; 245 Murray Lane SW., Building 410; Washington, DC 20528; Online: <http://www.dhs.gov/nbaf> (click on Public Involvement); Toll-free fax: 1-866-508-NBAF (6223); or Toll-free voice mail: 1-866-501-NBAF (6223).

Updates and other information will be posted to the NBAF EIS Web page at: <http://www.dhs.gov/nbaf>.

In addition to providing comments at the public meetings, all interested parties are invited to record their comments, ask questions concerning the

EIS, or request to be placed on the EIS mailing or document distribution list by leaving a message on the EIS Hotline at (toll free) 1-866-501-NBAF (6223). The Hotline will have instructions on how to record comments and requests. Additional information on public participation opportunities is included in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

All interested persons and organizations including minority, low income, disadvantaged, and Native American groups are urged to participate in this environmental impact review process. Assistance will be provided upon request to anyone with special needs to facilitate their participation in the process.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Consultations between DHS and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) on a coordinated biodefense strategy called for in Homeland Security Presidential Directives 9 and 10 have revealed a gap that must be filled by an integrated research, development, test and evaluation (RDT&E) infrastructure for combating bio and agro terrorism threats. DHS S&T is responsible for filling this gap in a safe, secure, and environmentally sound manner. The proposed NBAF is envisioned to provide the nation with the first integrated agricultural, zoonotic disease, and public health RDT&E facility with the capability to address threats from human pathogens, high consequence zoonotic disease agents, and foreign animal diseases.

DHS intends to select a single site for the construction of the NBAF. A competitive selection process to identify and evaluate potential candidate sites, other than Plum Island, for the NBAF was recently completed. This process was initiated by issuance of a notice of request for Expressions of Interest (EOI), on January 19, 2006 (71 **Federal Register** 3107-3109). DHS has determined that the following "Site Alternatives" are reasonable alternative sites for the construction of the NBAF:

*Manhattan Campus Site Manhattan, Kansas:* This alternative would locate the NBAF within what is identified as the Kansas City Health Corridor on the Kansas State University Campus.

*South Milledge Avenue Site, Athens, Georgia:* This alternative would locate the NBAF on the campus of the University of Georgia Whitehall Farm.

*Texas Research Park Site, San Antonio, Texas:* This alternative would locate the NBAF on the land of the Texas Research Park in San Antonio Texas.

*Umstead Research Farm Site, Butner, North Carolina:* This alternative would

locate the NBAF on the Umstead Research Farm site in Butner, North Carolina.

*Flora Industrial Park Site, Flora, Mississippi:* This alternative would locate the NBAF in Flora Industrial Park in Flora, Mississippi.

Although not included in the competitive selection process outlined above, the DHS-owned Plum Island Animal Disease Center (PIADC) will also be considered as a reasonable alternative.

*Plum Island Site, Plum Island Animal Disease Center, Plum Island, New York:* This alternative would locate the new NBAF on the same federally owned property as the existing PIADC.

Additionally, a No Action alternative will also be evaluated. Under the No Action Alternative, the NBAF would not be built and DHS would continue to use PIADC with necessary investments in facility upgrades, replacements, and repairs so that it could continue to operate at its current capability.

Additional alternatives may be identified during the public scoping process. DHS invites comments and suggestions on alternatives that should be considered. A preferred location for the construction of the NBAF has not been identified at this time.

**DATES:** The Public Meeting dates are:

1. Wednesday, August 22, 2007, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Old Saybrook, CT Saybrook Point Inn, Two Bridge Street, Old Saybrook, CT 06475.
2. Thursday, August 23, 2007, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Greenport, NY, Southold Town Hall, 53095 Main Road (Route 25), Greenport, NY 11971.
3. Tuesday, August 28, 2007, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Manhattan, KS, Kansas State University, K-State Student Union, Manhattan, KS 66505.
4. Thursday, August 30, 2007, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Flora, MS, First Baptist Church, Christian Life Center, 121 Center Street, Flora, MS 39071.
5. Thursday, September 6, 2007, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Washington, DC, Grand Hyatt Washington, 1000 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20001.
6. Tuesday, September 11, 2007, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. San Antonio, TX, Marriott Plaza San Antonio, 555 South Alamo Street, San Antonio, TX 78205.
7. Tuesday, September 18, 2007, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Creedmoor, NC, South Granville High School, 701 North Crescent Drive, Creedmoor, NC 27522.
8. Thursday, September 20, 2007, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Athens, GA, The University of Georgia, Center for Continuing Education, 1197 South Lumpkin Street, Athens, GA 30602.

Onsite registration and sign-up to present oral comments will be available

at 6 p.m. for all meetings (12:30 p.m. for the Washington, DC meeting).

*Preliminary Identification of Environmental Issues:* The following issues have been tentatively identified for analysis in the EIS. DHS invites suggestions for the addition or deletion of items on this list:

- Land-use plans, policies, and controls;
- Visual resources;
- Air quality;
- Acoustic (noise) environment;
- Geology and soil characteristics;
- Water resources, including surface and groundwater, floodplains and wetlands, and water use and quality;
- Plants and animals, and their habitats, including Federally-listed threatened or endangered species and their critical habitats, wetlands and floodplains;
- Cultural resources, including historic and prehistoric resources and traditional cultural properties encompassing Native American or culturally important sites;
- Human health and safety (involving both members of the public and laboratory workers);
- Socioeconomic effects that may be related to the new construction and facility operations;
- Public infrastructure, including utilities and local transportation;
- Waste management practices and activities including the handling, collection, treatment, and disposal of research wastes; and
- Compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state, and local statutes and regulations and with international agreements, and required environmental permits, consultations and notifications.

The list of issues discussed above for consideration in the NBAF EIS is preliminary and is intended to facilitate public comment. It is not intended to be all-inclusive, nor does it imply any predetermination or relative importance of potential impacts. During the process of preparing the EIS, DHS will evaluate the potential environmental and human health impacts of the alternatives, together with engineering and socioeconomic considerations. The NBAF EIS will present the results of this environmental impact evaluation process.

DHS anticipates that certain classified or otherwise protected information will be consulted in the preparation of this EIS and used by decision-makers to decide where and how to relocate the NBAF. To the extent allowable, the EIS will summarize and present this information in a publicly releasable form.

*EIS Preparation and Public Participation Process:* The process for

preparing the NBAF EIS begins with the publication of this Notice of Intent in the **Federal Register**. After the close of the public scoping period, DHS will begin the environmental impact evaluation process. DHS expects to issue a draft NBAF EIS for public review in the spring of 2008. Public comments on the draft will be accepted during a comment period of at least 60 days following its publication. DHS will consider the public comments received on the draft EIS, perform further environmental impact evaluation if needed, and expects to publish a final NBAF EIS during fall 2008. No sooner than 30 days after publication of the Notice of Availability of the final NBAF EIS in the **Federal Register**, DHS will issue its Record of Decision and publish it in the **Federal Register**. In addition to the **Federal Register**, the Notices of Availability for the draft EIS, final EIS, and EIS Record of Decision will be provided through direct mail and other media.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 4321–4347 (National Environmental Policy Act).

Dated: July 30, 2007.

**Jay M. Cohen,**

*Under Secretary, Science & Technology.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[USCG–2007–27923]

**Collection of Information Under Review by Office of Management and Budget: OMB Control Numbers: 1625–0019, 1625–0062, 1625–0082, and 1625–0092**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Request for Comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this request for comments announces that the Coast Guard is forwarding four Information Collection Requests (ICRs), abstracted below, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requesting an extension of their approval for the following collections of information: (1) 1625–0019, Alternative Compliance for International and Inland Navigation Rules—33 CFR Parts 81 and 89; (2) 1625–0062, Approval of Alterations to Marine Portable Tanks; Approval of Non-Specification Portable Tanks; (3) 1625–0082, Navigation Safety

## **Notice of Availability**



	No. of responses	Responses per respondent	Average burden per response (hr.)	Total burden (hrs)
Interview .....	67,500	1	1.0	67,500
Clinical Follow-up Certification .....	30	1	1.0	30
Clinical Follow-up Interview .....	500	1	1.0	500
Screening Verification .....	5,400	1	0.067	362
Interview Verification .....	10,125	1	0.067	678
	190,800	.....	.....	84,906

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent by July 28, 2008 to: SAMHSA Desk Officer, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503; due to potential delays in OMB's receipt and processing of mail sent through the U.S. Postal Service, respondents are encouraged to submit comments by fax to: 202-395-6974.

Dated: June 20, 2008.

Elaine Parry,

Acting Director, Office of Program Services.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. DHS-2008-0049]

### Science and Technology Directorate; Submission for Review; Information Collection Request for the DHS S&T Biodefense Knowledge Center Expert Database; Correction

**AGENCY:** Science and Technology Directorate, DHS.

**ACTION:** 30-day Notice and request for comment; Correction.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) published a document in the *Federal Register* on May 22, 2008, concerning a 30-day notice and request for comment on the Biodefense Knowledge Center Expert Database. The document contained the incorrect name of the Biodefense Knowledge Center, incorrectly written as Bio-Knowledge Center, as well as incorrect information in the summary, supplementary information, and overview of the information collection portion of the notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dave Shepherd, 202-254-5897.

### Corrections

In the *Federal Register* of May 22, 2008, in FR Doc. E8-11454, on page 29773, in the second column, correct

the **SUMMARY** caption to read: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) invites the general public to comment on a new data collection form for the Biodefense Knowledge Center Expert Database: Subject Matter Expert (SME) Registration Form (DHS Form 10043). The Biodefense Knowledge Center Database will collect SME information in order to understand who can provide scientific expertise for peer review of classified life science programs. In addition, the directory will make it easier to identify scientific specialty areas for which there is a shortage of SMEs with appropriate security clearances. SME contact information, scientific expertise, and level of education will be collected electronically through a web portal currently being developed by DHS S&T. The SME information will be shared with U.S. Government program managers who have a legitimate need to identify life sciences SMEs. Cleared SMEs are necessary to accomplish scientific reviews and attend topical meetings. This notice and request for comments is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. Law 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35). Previously, a 60-day notice was published in the *Federal Register* on March 14, 2008.

In the *Federal Register* of May 22, 2008, in FR Doc. E8-11454, on page 29773, in the third column, correct the first sentence of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** caption to read: The National Counterproliferation Center has identified the need for a comprehensive and readily available list of life science SMEs who have security clearance status.

In the *Federal Register* of May 22, 2008, in FR Doc. E8-11454, on page 29774, in the first column, correct the last sentence of the third bullet under the "Overview of this Information Collection" caption to read: The SME information will be shared with U.S. Government program managers who have a legitimate need to identify life science SMEs.

Dated: June 16, 2008.

Kenneth D. Rogers,

Chief Information Officer, Science and Technology Directorate.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Science and Technology Directorate; Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF)

**AGENCY:** Science and Technology Directorate (Office of National Laboratories within the Office of Research), DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF).

**SUMMARY:** The Proposed Action to site, build, and construct the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) would allow researchers to study foreign animal diseases (FAD) and zoonotic diseases (transmitted from animals to humans) for basic research, improving diagnostic tests, and developing effective vaccines and other countermeasures such as antiviral therapies. DHS anticipates that the NBAF would focus biosafety level 3 agricultural (BSL-3Ag) research on African swine fever, classical swine fever, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, foot and mouth disease (FMD), Japanese encephalitis, and Rift Valley fever (RVF), as well as BSL-4 research on Hendra and Nipah viruses. The NBAF would be approximately 500,000 to 520,000 square feet and consist of a primary laboratory building with a vaccine development laboratory adjacent or contiguous to it. The primary research building would contain the BSL-2, BSL-3E, BSL-3Ag, and BSL-4 laboratories with their associated support spaces. The other laboratory building would be a current good manufacturing practice (cGMP) laboratory adjacent to the primary

research laboratory. The cGMP laboratory would be needed for vaccine candidate production. Other out buildings would be considered ancillary and necessary to support operation of the NBAF. Those buildings would include a guardhouse, transshipping facility, and central utility plant.

**DATES:** The comment period for the DEIS will end 60 days after publication of the NOA in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**ADDRESSES:** To obtain a copy of the DEIS, ask questions, or submit written comments, contact Department of Homeland Security; Science and Technology Directorate; Mr. James V. Johnson; Mail Stop #2100; 245 Murray Lane, SW., Building 410; Washington, DC 20528.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** All comments, both oral and written, received during this 60 day public comment period will be given equal consideration when finalizing the NBAF EIS. Comments may be submitted at the public meetings or online at <http://www.dhs.gov/nbaf> [click on Environmental Impact Statement]. You may also call: Toll-free fax 1-866-508-NBAF (6223); Toll-free voice mail; or 1-866-501-NBAF (6223).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Consultation between DHS and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) on a coordinated biodefense strategy called for in Homeland Security Presidential Directives 9 and 10 have revealed a gap that must be filled by an integrated research, development, test, and evaluation (RD&T) infrastructure for combating bio and agro terrorism threats. DHS S&T is responsible for filling this gap in a safe, secure, and environmentally sound manner. The proposed NBAF is envisioned to provide the nation with the first integrated agricultural zoonotic disease and animal health RD&T facility with the capability to address threats from high consequence zoonotic disease agents and foreign animal diseases.

DHS intends to select a single site for the construction of the NBAF. The NBAF DEIS analyzes six action alternatives as well as the No Action Alternative. The six action alternatives include construction and operation of the proposed NBAF at one of the following six site alternatives: (1) South Milledge Avenue Site; Athens, Georgia; (2) Manhattan Campus Site; Manhattan, Kansas; (3) Flora Industrial Park Site; Flora, Mississippi; (4) Plum Island Site; Plum Island, New York; (5) Umstead Research Farm Site; Butner, North Carolina; and (6) Texas Research Park

Site; San Antonio, Texas. Under the No Action Alternative, the NBAF would not be constructed and DHS would continue to use the Plum Island Animal Disease Center with necessary investments in facility upgrades, replacements, and repairs so that it could continue to operate at its current capability, but not the expanded mission requirements associated with the NBAF.

DHS has not identified a Preferred Alternative. The evaluation conducted during the NEPA process will be used in conjunction with other factors to assist DHS in selecting the proposed federal action. Additional studies are being performed concurrently with this EIS that will provide important decision-making information. Results of these studies will be used in the development of the Final EIS and the Record of Decision (ROD). In order to make these decisions and formulate the ROD, the following reports will be considered: (1) EIS, (2) Threat and Risk Assessment, (3) Site Cost Analysis, (4) Site Characterization Study, (5) Plum Island Facility Closure and Transition Cost Study; and (6) Prior analysis of the alternative sites against DHS's site selection evaluation criteria.

The information contained in these reports will assist DHS and USDA, a major stakeholder in this endeavor, in considering the protection of the public and the environment while meeting the need for a modern, high-security BSL-3Ag and BSL-4 research facility with the capabilities needed to address potential threats to our agriculture.

Comments on the Draft EIS received during the 60-day public comment period will be considered in preparing the Final EIS. Public meetings to comment on the NBAF DEIS will be held at various locations near each alternative site location and in Washington, DC. Notification of the times and locations for the public meetings will be published in local news media and on the DHS Web site, <http://www.dhs.gov/nbaf> [click on Environmental Impact Statement]. The dates of the public review meetings are listed below.

*The Public Meeting dates are:*

1. Thursday, July 24, 2008, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Washington, DC, Grand Hyatt Washington, 1000 H Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001.
2. Tuesday, July 29, 2008, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Butner, NC, Butner-Stem Middle School, 501 East D Street, Butner, NC 27509.
3. Thursday, July 31, 2008, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Manhattan, KS, Kansas State

University, K-State Student Union, Manhattan, KS 66506.

4. Tuesday, August 5, 2008, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Flora, MS, First Baptist Church, Christian Life Center, 121 Center Street, Flora, MS 39071.

5. Thursday, August 7, 2008, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. San Antonio, TX, Radisson Hill Country Resort, 9800 Westover Hills Boulevard, San Antonio, TX 78251.

6. Monday, August 11, 2008, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Old Saybrook, CT, Saybrook Point Inn, Two Bridge Street, Old Saybrook, CT 06475.

7. Tuesday, August 12, 2008, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Greenport, NY, Greenport School, 720 Front Street, Greenport, NY 11944.

8. Thursday, August 14, 2008, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Athens, GA, the University of Georgia, Center for Continuing Education, 1197 South Lumpkin Street, Athens, GA 30602.

*Copies of the NBAF DEIS are available for review at the following locations:*

#### **Georgia**

University of Georgia Main Library, 320 South Jackson Street, Athens, GA 30602.

Oconee County Library, 1080 Experiment Station Road, P.O. Box 837, Watkinsville, GA 30677.

#### **Kansas**

Manhattan Public Library, 629 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

Hale Library, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506.

#### **Mississippi**

City of Flora Library, 144 Clark Street, Flora, MS 39071.

#### **New York Site**

Acton Public Library, 60 Old Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook, CT 06475.  
Southold Free Library, 53705 Main Road, Southold, NY 11971.

#### **North Carolina**

Richard H. Thornton Library, 210 Main Street, Oxford, NC 27565-0339.  
South Branch Library, 1547 South Campus Drive, Creedmoor, NC 27522.

#### **Texas**

Central Library, 600 Soledad, San Antonio, TX 78205.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347 (National Environmental Policy Act).

Dated: June 20, 2008.

**Bruce Knight,**

*Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, USDA.*

**Jay M. Cohen,**

*Under Secretary, Science & Technology, DHS.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Form N-648, Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection; Comment Request**

**ACTION:** 30-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Form N-648, Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions; OMB Control No. 1615-0060.

The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on April 14, 2008, at 73 FR 20058 allowing for a 60-day public comment period. USCIS received four comments for this information collection. The comments will be addressed in the supporting statement.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until July 28, 2008. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) USCIS Desk Officer. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to OMB Desk Officer, for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, and sent via electronic mail to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

When submitting comments by e-mail, please make sure to add OMB Control Number 1615-0060. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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 submission of responses.

**Overview of This Information Collection**

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Revision of a currently approved information collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* Form N-648. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary:* Individuals and households. USCIS uses the Form N-648 medical certification issued by the licensed medical professional to substantiate a claim for an exception to the requirements of section 312(a) of the Act.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 20,000 responses at 2 hours per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 40,000 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please visit: <http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>.

If additional information is required contact: USCIS, Regulatory Management Division, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 3008, Washington, DC 20529, (202) 272-8377.

Dated: June 24, 2008.

**Stephen Tarragon,**

*Acting Chief, Regulatory Management Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**U.S. Customs and Border Protection**

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Foreign Trade Zone Annual Reconciliation Certification and Record Keeping Requirement**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** 60-Day Notice and request for comments; Extension of existing collection of information: 1651-0051.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, CBP invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning the Foreign Trade Zone Annual Reconciliation Certification and Record Keeping Requirement. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before August 26, 2008, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 3.2C, Washington, DC 20229.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Attn.: Tracey Denning, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 3.2C, Washington, DC 20229, Tel. (202) 344-1429.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** CBP invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)). The comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize