

and valley-fill operations require an NPDES permit that either meets technology-based effluent limits or water quality-based limits that are developed from ambient water quality criteria. Ambient Water Quality Criteria are developed for specific pollutants, and their application takes into account the conditions of a waterbody that are designed to protect the designated uses of the waterbody.

EPA's ORD has developed a report that uses field data to derive an aquatic life advisory value for conductivity (a measure of salinity) that may be applied to waters in the Appalachian Region that are dominated by salts of  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  and  $\text{HCO}_3^-$ . This advisory value is intended to protect the biological integrity of waters in the region. It is derived by a method modeled on EPA's standard methodology for deriving water quality criteria. In particular, the methodology was adapted for use of field data.

ORD is requesting the SAB to peer review this draft conductivity document. In a **Federal Register** Notice (Volume 74, Number 185, Pages 48952—48953) published on September 25, 2009, the SAB Staff Office solicited public nominations for a proposed SAB expert Panel to provide advice on ORD's draft assessment of ecological impacts related to mountaintop mining and valley-fill operations. Since the mountaintop mining assessment report and the conductivity advisory document are related, the SAB Staff Office is forming one expert panel under the auspices of the SAB to cover the necessary expertise for the review of both reports.

**Request for Nominations:** In addition to the expertise previously sought in the above noted **Federal Register** Notice, the SAB Staff office is seeking public nominations of experts with nationally recognized expertise, knowledge, and experience in statistics with emphasis in management of empirical data sets associated with aquatic ecology or water quality criteria.

**Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations:** Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals in the areas of expertise described above for possible service on this expert *ad hoc* Panel. Nominations should be submitted in electronic format (which is preferred over hard copy) following the instructions for "Nominating Experts to Advisory Panels and Ad Hoc Committees Being Formed" provided on the SAB Web site. The instructions can be accessed through the "Nomination of Experts" link on the blue navigational bar on the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>. To

receive full consideration, nominations should include all of the information requested.

EPA's SAB Staff Office requests: contact information about the person making the nomination; contact information about the nominee; the disciplinary and specific areas of expertise of the nominee; the nominee's curriculum vita; sources of recent grant and/or contract support; and a biographical sketch of the nominee indicating current position, educational background, research activities, and recent service on other national advisory committees or national professional organizations.

Persons having questions about the nomination procedures, or who are unable to submit nominations through the SAB Web site, should contact Mr. Edward Hanlon, DFO, as indicated above in this notice. Nominations should be submitted in time to arrive no later than February 17, 2010.

The EPA SAB Staff Office will acknowledge receipt of nominations. The names and biosketches of qualified nominees identified by respondents to this **Federal Register** notice and to the September 25, 2009 **Federal Register** Notice (Volume 74, Number 185, Pages 48952—48953), and additional experts identified by the SAB Staff, will be posted in an Updated List of Candidates on the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>. Public comments on this Updated List of Candidates will be accepted for 21 calendar days. The public will be requested to provide relevant information or other documentation on nominees that the SAB Staff Office should consider in evaluating candidates.

For the EPA SAB Staff Office, a balanced subcommittee or review panel includes candidates who possess the necessary domains of knowledge, the relevant scientific perspectives (which, among other factors, can be influenced by work history and affiliation), and the collective breadth of experience to adequately address the charge. In establishing this expert *ad hoc* Panel to provide advice on the ecological impacts related to mountaintop mining and valley-fill operations and on deriving an aquatic life ambient water quality advisory value for conductivity using field data, the SAB Staff Office will consider public comments on the List of candidates, information provided by the candidates themselves, and background information independently gathered by the SAB Staff Office. Selection criteria to be used for Panel membership include: (a) Scientific and/or technical expertise, knowledge, and experience (primary factors); (b)

availability and willingness to serve; (c) absence of financial conflicts of interest; (d) absence of an appearance of a lack of impartiality; and (e) skills working in committees, subcommittees and advisory panels; and, for the Panel as a whole, (f) diversity of scientific expertise and viewpoints. EPA values and welcomes diversity. In an effort to obtain nominations of diverse candidates, EPA encourages nominations of women and men of all racial and ethnic groups.

The SAB Staff Office's evaluation of an absence of financial conflicts of interest will include a review of the "Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Special Government Employees Serving on Federal Advisory Committees at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency" (EPA Form 3110-48). This confidential form allows Government officials to determine whether there is a statutory conflict between that person's public responsibilities (which includes membership on an EPA Federal advisory committee) and private interests and activities, or the appearance of a lack of impartiality, as defined by Federal regulation. The form may be viewed and downloaded from the following URL address <http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/epaform3110-48.pdf>.

The approved policy under which the EPA SAB Office selects subcommittees and review panels is described in the following document: *Overview of the Panel Formation Process at the Environmental Protection Agency Science Advisory Board* (EPA-SAB-EC-02-010), which is posted on the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/ec02010.pdf>.

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Deputy Director, EPA Science Advisory Board  
Staff Office.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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

January 28, 2010.

**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, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520. 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; (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, and (e) ways to further reduce the information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

The FCC 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 OMB control number.

**DATES:** Persons wishing to comment on this information collection should submit comments on or before April 5, 2010. 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), 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, Federal Communications Commission (FCC). To submit your PRA comments by e-mail send them to: [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov). To view a copy of this information collection request (ICR) submitted to OMB: (1) Go to web page: <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>, (2) look for the section of the web page called "Currently Under Review", (3) click on the downward-pointing arrow in the "Select Agency" box below the "Currently Under Review" heading, (4) select "Federal Communications Commission" from the list of agencies presented in the "Select Agency" box, (5) click the "Submit" button to the right of the "Select Agency" box, and (6) when the FCC list appears, look for the title of this ICR (or its OMB Control Number, if there is one) and then click on the ICR.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Judith B. Herman, OMD, 202–418–0214. 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, 202–418–0214.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

OMB Control No: 3060–0758.  
Title: Sections 5.55, 5.61, 5.75, 5.85 and 5.93, Rules for the Experimental Radio Service, Part 5, ET Docket No. 96–256.

Form No.: N/A.  
Type of Review: Extension 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: 428 respondents; 4,524 responses.  
Estimated Time Per Response: .25 – 2.5 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion and one-time reporting requirements and third party disclosure requirements.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. sections 154(i), 303(c), 303(f), 303(g) and 303(r).

Total Annual Burden: 681 hours.  
Privacy Act Impact Assessment: Yes.  
Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: The Experimental Licensing System database is publicly accessible and in general, respondents do not have any assurances of confidentiality. However, applicants may request that certain portions of their application be kept confidential. In these instances, the Commission established rules in 47 CFR 0.459 regarding how to file such requests.

Need and Uses: The Commission is submitting this expiring information collection to the Office of Management and Budget at the end of this 60 day comment period in order to obtain the full three year clearance from them. There is no change in the reporting and/or third party disclosure requirements. There are no changes to the Commission's burden estimates.

Section 5.55(c) requires that each application for experimental radio authorization shall be specific and complete with regard to: station location, proposed equipment, power, antenna height, and operating frequency; and other information required by the application form and rules.

Section 5.61(c) requires that an application for experimental special temporary authority shall contain name, address, phone number of the applicant, description of why the STA is needed,

description of the operation to be conducted and its purpose, time and dates of proposed operation, classes of station and call sign, description of the location, equipment to be used, frequency desired, power desired, and antenna height information.

Section 5.75 requires that if a blanket experimental radio license is granted licensees are required to notify the Commission of specific details of each individual experiment. Specific details should include location, number of base and mobile units, power, emission designator, and any other pertinent technical information not specified by the blanket license.

Section 5.85(d) when applicants are using public safety frequencies to perform experiments of a public safety nature, the license may be conditioned to require coordination between the experimental licensee and appropriate frequency coordinator and/or all public safety licensees in its area of operation.

Section 5.85(e) states that the Commission may at its discretion condition any grant of an experimental license or special temporary authority (STA) on the requirement that before commencing operation, the new licensee must coordinate its proposed facility with other licensees that may receive interference as a result of the new licensee's operations; and

Section 5.93(b) unless otherwise stated in the instrument of authorization licenses granted for the purpose of limited market studies require the licensee to inform anyone participating in the experiment that the service or device is granted under an experimental authorization and is strictly temporary.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene H. Dortch,**

*Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Office of Managing Director.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### Notice of Public Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission, Comments Requested

January 29, 2010.

**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, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.