

nominees or nominators includes contact and background information necessary to conduct a contest or award program. Limited background or biographical information similar to data found on a resume, such as a nominee's education and work experience, may be requested for some contests or awards. Additionally, the substantive entries that are the subject of the contests or awards, such as essays, posters, drawings, and videos, descriptions of products, services, or invention descriptions, and statistics on product or service performance or impact, may be requested from contestants and award nominees.

We estimate the burden of this collection of information as follows. The CPSC estimates up to 500 contest or award participants each year. The estimated time to complete a contest or award submission is five hours. In addition, approximately 20 applicants may be asked to provide additional information, a task that may take up to two additional hours to complete. Therefore, the total estimated burden on respondents is 2,540 hours (500 participants  $\times$  5 hours/participant) + (20 applicants  $\times$  2 hours/participant) = 2,500 hours + 40 hours = 2,540 hours. The estimated total annual cost of the burden to all respondents is \$75,463. This estimate is based on the total estimated burden on respondents (2,540 hours) multiplied against an hourly civilian rate of \$29.71 per hour as specified by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, March 2010, All Workers, resulting in a total of \$75,463.40 which we have rounded down to \$75,463.

We estimate the total annual costs to the Federal government as follows. Ten staff members would support the contest or award activities annually. The CPSC tentatively estimates that each staff member will spend approximately six hours per work week for six months on such contest or award activities. Of the ten staff members, the CPSC tentatively believes that seven will be General Schedule (GS) employees and three will be Senior Executive Service (SES) employees. Accordingly, for seven GS employees, the estimated total annual cost to the Federal government is determined as follows: Seven employees  $\times$  (six hours/week/employee  $\times$  24 weeks) = 1,008 hours. Assuming the employees are at the GS-15, Step 5 level, the hourly rate for such an employee located in the Washington, DC area is \$67.21/hour; thus \$67.21/hour  $\times$  1,008 hours = \$67,747.68. For the SES employees three employees  $\times$  (six hours/week/employee  $\times$  24 weeks) = 432 hours. Assuming the employees are at the

Level III level for SES employees, the hourly rate for such an employee is approximately \$79.47/hour; thus \$79.47/hour  $\times$  432 hours = \$34,331.04. The estimated total annual cost to the Federal government is \$67,747.68 + \$34,331.04 = \$102,078.72, which we have rounded up to \$102,079.

Dated: November 22, 2010.

**Alberta E. Mills,**

*Acting Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.*

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## CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

### Notice of Meeting of Chronic Hazard Advisory Panel on Phthalates and Phthalate Substitutes

**AGENCY:** Consumer Product Safety Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission announces the third meeting of the Chronic Hazard Advisory Panel (CHAP) on phthalates and phthalate substitutes. The Commission appointed this CHAP to study the effects on children's health of all phthalates and phthalate alternatives as used in children's toys and child care articles, pursuant to section 108 of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA) (Pub. L. 110-314).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Thursday, December 2, and Friday, December 3, 2010. The meeting will begin at approximately 8 a.m. both days. It will end at approximately 5 p.m. on Thursday and approximately 3 p.m. on Friday.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the fourth floor hearing room in the Commission's offices at 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

**Registration and Webcast:** Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting may register on the day of the meeting. This meeting will also be available live via Webcast December 2 and 3, 2010, at <http://www.cpsc.gov/Webcast>. Registration is not necessary to view the Webcast. There will not be any opportunity for public participation at this meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Babich, Directorate for Health Sciences, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone (301) 504-7253; e-mail [mbabich@cpsc.gov](mailto:mbabich@cpsc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 108 of the CPSIA permanently prohibits the sale of any "children's toy or child

care article" containing more than 0.1 percent of each of three specified phthalates: Di-(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), dibutyl phthalate (DBP), and benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP). Section 108 of the CPSIA also prohibits, on an interim basis, the sale of any "children's toy that can be placed in a child's mouth" or "child care article" containing more than 0.1 percent of each of three additional phthalates: diisononyl phthalate (DINP), diisodecyl phthalate (DIDP), and di-*n*-octyl phthalate (DnOP).

Moreover, section 108 of the CPSIA requires the Commission to convene a CHAP "to study the effects on children's health of all phthalates and phthalate alternatives as used in children's toys and child care articles." The CPSIA requires the CHAP to complete an examination of the full range of phthalates that are used in products for children and:

- Examine all of the potential health effects (including endocrine disrupting effects) of the full range of phthalates;
- Consider the potential health effects of each of these phthalates, both in isolation and in combination with other phthalates;
- Examine the likely levels of children's, pregnant women's, and others' exposure to phthalates, based on a reasonable estimation of normal and foreseeable use and abuse of such products;
- Consider the cumulative effect of total exposure to phthalates, both from children's products and from other sources, such as personal care products;
- Review all relevant data, including the most recent, best-available, peer-reviewed, scientific studies of these phthalates and phthalate alternatives that employ objective data collection practices or employ other objective methods;
- Consider the health effects of phthalates not only from ingestion but also as a result of dermal, hand-to-mouth, or other exposure;
- Consider the level at which there is a reasonable certainty of no harm to children, pregnant women, or other susceptible individuals and their offspring, considering the best available science, and using sufficient safety factors to account for uncertainties regarding exposure and susceptibility of children, pregnant women, and other potentially susceptible individuals; and
- Consider possible similar health effects of phthalate alternatives used in children's toys and child care articles.

The CHAP's examination must be conducted *de novo*, and the CPSIA contemplates completion of the CHAP's examination within 18 months of the CHAP's appointment. The CHAP must

review prior work on phthalates by the Commission, but it is not to be considered determinative.

The CHAP must make recommendations to the Commission regarding any phthalates (or combinations of phthalates) in addition to those identified in section 108 of the CPSIA or phthalate alternatives that the panel determines should be prohibited from use in children's toys or child care articles or otherwise restricted. The CHAP members were selected by the Commission from scientists nominated by the National Academy of Sciences. See 15 U.S.C. 2077, 2030(b).

The CHAP met previously on April 14–15, 2010, and July 26–28, 2010. The CHAP heard public comments at the July meeting. The December 2–3 meeting will include discussion of possible risk assessment approaches. The analysis of biomonitoring data will also be discussed. There will not be any opportunity for public comment at the December 2–3 meeting.

Dated: November 19, 2010.

**Todd A. Stevenson,**

*Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Comment Request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Education (the Department), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the reporting burden on the public and helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 28, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity

requirements should be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or mailed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202–4537. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that Federal agencies provide interested parties an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: November 23, 2010.

**Darrin A. King,**

*Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.*

### Office of the Secretary

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title of Collection:* U.S. Department of Education Grant Performance Report Form (ED 524B)

*OMB Control Number:* 1894–0003.

*Agency Form Number(s):* ED 524 B Form.

*Frequency of Responses:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Government, State Educational Agencies or Local Educational Agencies.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 5,900.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 132,300.

*Abstract:* The ED 524B form and instructions are used in order for grantees to meet Department of Education (ED) deadline dates for submission of performance reports for ED discretionary grant programs. Recipients of multi-year discretionary grants must submit an annual performance report for each year funding has been approved in order to

receive a continuation award. The annual performance report should demonstrate whether substantial progress has been made toward meeting the approved goals and objectives of the project. ED program offices may also require recipients of “forward funded” grants that are awarded funds for their entire multi-year project up-front in a single grant award to submit the ED 524B on an annual basis. In addition, ED program offices may also require recipients to use the ED 524B to submit their final performance reports to demonstrate project success, impact and outcomes. In both the annual and final performance reports, grantees are required to provide data on established performance measures for the grant program (*e.g.*, Government Performance and Results Act measures) and on project performance measures that were included in the grantee's approved grant application. The ED 524B also contains a number of questions related to project financial data such as Federal and non-Federal expenditures and indirect cost information. Performance reporting requirements are found in 34 CFR 74.51, 75.118, 75.253, 75.590 and 80.40 of the Education Department General Administrative Regulations.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the “Browse Pending Collections” link and by clicking on link number 4421. When you access the information collection, click on “Download Attachments” to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202–4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or faxed to 202–401–0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection and OMB Control Number when making your request.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.

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