

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 2021

Time	Activity	Lead
9 a.m.–12 p.m .....	Follow-Ups/Report Writing .....	Review Panel.
12 p.m.–1 p.m .....	Lunch.	
1 p.m.–5 p.m .....	Report Writing .....	Review Panel.
5 p.m .....	Adjourn.	

*\*Thursday, July 1, 2021 Will Be Used for Report Writing if Necessary*

The meeting is open to the public; however, during the ‘Report Writing’ session on Wednesday, June 30th, and Thursday, July 1st, the public should not engage in discussion with the Peer Review Panel.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Special requests should be directed to Michele Traver, via email, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: June 22, 2021.

**Jennifer M. Wallace,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### United States Patent and Trademark Office

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Public Search Facility User ID and Badging

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit 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, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The USPTO invites comment on this information collection renewal, which helps the USPTO assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on April 16, 2021 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

*Agency:* United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

*Title:* Public Search Facility User ID and Badging.

*OMB Control Number:* 0651–0041.

*Form Numbers:*

- PTO–2030 (Application for Public User ID).
- PTO–2224 (Security Identification Badges for Public Users).

*Type of Review:* Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5,525 respondents per year.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 5,925 responses per year.

*Estimated Time per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 5 minutes (0.08 hours) to complete the information in this information collection, depending on the form. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, prepare the appropriate form, and submit the completed item to the USPTO.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 474 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Non-Hour Cost Burden:* \$1,505.

*Needs and Uses:* The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is required by 35 U.S.C. 41(i)(1) to maintain a Public Search Facility to make publicly accessible USPTO patent and trademark collections for search and retrieval. The Public Search Facility is located in a publicly accessible portion of USPTO headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia, and offers the public access to the collection’s paper, microfilm, and electronic files and trained staff to assist users with searches. The USPTO also offers training courses to assist users with the advanced electronic search systems available at the facility.

This information collection covers information collected in applications required for those members of the public who wish to use the electronic search systems at the Public Search Facility to establish a USPTO online access account, and to obtain, renew, or replace online access accounts. The public may apply for an online access account at the Public Search Facility reference desk by providing the necessary information and proper identification. The access account includes a bar-coded user number and an expiration date. Users may renew

their account by validating and updating the required information and may obtain a replacement for a lost account information by providing proper identification. Users who wish to register for the voluntary training courses may do so by completing the appropriate form.

This information collection also covers information in applications to establish, renew, or replace security identification badges issued, under the authority provided in 41 CFR part 102–81, to members of the public who wish to access the Public Search Facility. Users may apply for a security badge in-person at the USPTO Security Office by providing the necessary information and presenting a valid form of identification with photograph. A security badge includes a color photograph of the user and must be worn at all times while within the USPTO facilities.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent’s Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce, USPTO information collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting ‘‘Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments’’ or by using the search function and entering either the title of the information collection or the OMB Control Number 0651–0041.

Further information can be obtained by:

- *Email:* [InformationCollection@uspto.gov](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include ‘‘0651–0041 information request’’ in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Kimberly Hardy, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office,

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**Kimberly Hardy,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Program

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*Agency:* United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

*Title:* Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 0651–0058.

*Form Numbers:*

- PTO/SB/20GLBL (Request for Participation in the Global/IP5 PPH Pilot Program in the USPTO)
- PTO/SB/20BR (Request for Participation in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Program Between the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) and the USPTO)
- PTO/SB/20CZ (Request for Participation in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Program Between the Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic (IPOCZ) and the USPTO)
- PTO/SB/20MX (Request for Participation in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Program Between the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property (TMPI) and the USPTO)
- PTO/SB/20NI (Request for Participation in the Patent Prosecution

Highway (PPH) Pilot Program Between the Nicaraguan Registry of Intellectual Property (NRIP) and the USPTO)

- PTO/SB/20PH (Request for Participation in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Program Between the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOP) and the USPTO)

- PTO/SB/20RO (Request for Participation in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Program Between the Romanian State Office of Inventions and Trademarks (OSIM) and the USPTO)

- PTO/SB/20SA (Request for Participation in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Program between the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (SAIP) and the USPTO)

- PTO/SB/20TW (Request for Participation in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Program Between the Taiwan Intellectual Property Office (TIPO) and the USPTO)

*Type of Review:* Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3,567 respondents per year.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 7,090 responses per year.

*Estimated Time per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 2 hours to complete a response. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the documents, and submit the completed item to the USPTO.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 14,180 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Non-Hour Cost Burden:* \$0.

*Needs and Uses:* The Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) is a framework in which an application whose claims have been determined to be patentable by an Office of Earlier Examination (OEE) is eligible to go through an accelerated examination in an Office of Later Examination (OLE) with a simple procedure upon an applicant's request. By leveraging the search and examination work product of the OEE, PPH programs (1) deliver lower prosecution costs, (2) support applicants in their efforts to obtain stable patent rights efficiently around the world, and (3) reduce the search and examination burden, while improving the examination quality, of participating patent offices.

In 2014, the USPTO and several other offices acted to consolidate and replace existing PPH programs, with the goal of streamlining the PPH process for both offices and applicants. To that end, the USPTO and other offices established the

Global PPH pilot program and the IP5 PPH pilot program. Both the Global PPH and the IP5 PPH pilot programs are running concurrently and are substantially identical, differing only with regard to their respective participating offices. The USPTO is participating in both the Global PPH pilot program and the IP5 PPH pilot program. For USPTO applications, the Global PPH and IP5 PPH pilot programs supersede any prior PPH program between the USPTO and each Global PPH and IP5 PPH participating office. Any existing PPH programs between the USPTO and offices that are not participating in either the Global PPH pilot program or the IP5 PPH pilot program remain in effect.

This information collection covers data gathered through the Request for Participation in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Program, which the public uses to request an accelerated examination within the PPH provisions (35 U.S.C. 119).

*Affected Public:* Private sector; individuals or households.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

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