

permits. EPA has determined that the extended coverage will expire either when a facility is authorized under the new general permits or 150 days after the effective date of the new general permits, whichever is earlier.

DATES: The general permits will be effective October 2, 2000. For those facilities not seeking authorization under the new general permits, extended coverage under the previous general permits will expire on February 27, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the General Permits and Responses to Comments are available upon request. Written requests may be submitted to EPA, Region 10, 1200 Sixth Avenue OW-130, Seattle, WA 98101. Electronic requests may be mailed to: washington.audrey@epa.gov or godsey.cindi@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The General Permits, Fact Sheets and Response to Comments may be found on the Region 10 website at www.epa.gov/r10earth/offices/water.htm under the NPDES Permits section. Requests by telephone may be made to Audrey Washington at (206) 553-0523 or to Cindi Godsey at (907) 271-6561.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 12866: The Office of Management and Budget has exempted this action from the review requirements of Executive Order 12866 pursuant to Section 6 of that order.

The state of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC), has certified that the subject discharges comply with the applicable provisions of Sections 208(e), 301, 302, 306 and 307 of the Clean Water Act.

The state of Alaska, Office of Management and Budget, Division of Governmental Coordination (ADGC), has conducted a review for consistency with the Alaska Coastal Management Program (ACMP) and has agreed with EPA's determination that the general permits are consistent with the ACMP.

Regulatory Flexibility Act: Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, a Federal agency must prepare an initial regulatory flexibility analysis "for any proposed rule" for which the agency "is required by section 553 of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), or any other law, to publish general notice of proposed rulemaking." The RFA exempts from this requirement any rule that the issuing agency certifies "will not, if promulgated, have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities." EPA has concluded that NPDES general permits are permits, not rulemakings, under the APA and thus not subject to APA

rulemaking requirements or the RFA. Notwithstanding that general permits are not subject to the RFA, EPA has determined that this general permit, as issued, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Dated: August 23, 2000.

Randall F. Smith,

Director, Office of Water, Region 10, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission, Comments Requested

August 23, 2000.

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, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency 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 control number. 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; and (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.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before October 30, 2000. 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 comments to Les Smith, Federal Communications Commissions, 445 12th Street, SW.,

Room 1-A804, Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to lesmith@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Les Smith at (202) 418-0217 or via the Internet at lesmith@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Approval Number: 3060-0934.

Title: Application for Equipment Authorization—2.960, 2.962, 68.160 and 68.162 Form FCC TCB 731.

Form No.: FCC TCB 731.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for profit.

Number of Respondents: 1,600.

Estimated Time Per Response: 4 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 6,400 hours.

Total Annual Cost: \$7,000 per respondent.

Needs and Uses: Commission rules require approval prior to marketing of equipment regulated under certain Part 15 and Part 18 rule sections, based on showing of compliance with technical standards established in the Rules for each device operated under the applicable Rule part. Rules governing certain equipment operating the licensed service also require equipment authorization as established in the procedural Rules in Part 2 and Part 68. The Commission adopted new rules to streamline its equipment authorization program by allowing Telecommunications Certification Bodies to authorize equipment in a Report and Order, adopted December 1998, Gen. Doc. 98-68. Such a showing of compliance aids in controlling potential interference to radio communications, and the data gathered, as is necessary may be used for investigating complaints of harmful interference. Collection of this information is approved under OMB#3060-0057. Commission Rules established in Docket 98-68 established a framework for allowing private sector approval of equipment that is currently approved as noted above. In addition, the rule changes established guidelines for implementation of Mutual Recognition Agreements and Arrangements with foreign trade partners. To allow for private sector and foreign approval of equipment for marketing, the Commission made provisions to evaluate the recommendations of an accrediting body in a given country as to the competency of a *Telecommunications Certification Body* (TCB) to approve equipment for marketing. Once approved by the accrediting body, and

"Designated" by the Commission, these TCB's may accept Form 731 filings (OMB 3060-0057) from the public and evaluate the compliance of the equipment with the Commission's Rules and technical standards. If the TCB determines that the equipment complies and should therefore receive a grant, the TCB is required to electronically submit the Form 731 information, and the information required for grant, to the Commission via the Internet.

OMB Number: 3060-0213.

Title: Section 73.3525 Agreements for removing application conflicts.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 38.

Estimated time per response: 0.25-9 hours.

Frequency of response: On occasion.

Total annual burden: 39 hours.

Total annual cost: \$61,353.

Needs and Uses: Section 73.3525 requires applicants for a construction permit for a broadcast station to obtain approval from the FCC to withdraw, dismiss or amend its application when that application is in conflict with another application pending before the FCC. This request for approval to withdraw, dismiss or amend an application should contain a copy of the agreement and an affidavit of each party to the agreement.

The data is used by FCC staff to assure that the agreement is in compliance with its rules and regulations and Section 311 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

In the event that the proposed withdrawal of a conflicting application would unduly impede achievement of a fair, efficient and equitable distribution of radio service, the FCC must issue an order providing further opportunity to apply for the facilities specified in the application(s) withdrawn. Upon release of this order, Section 73.3525(b) requires that the party proposing withdrawal of its application give notice in a daily newspaper of general circulation published in the community in which the proposed station would have been located. This notice must be published twice a week for two consecutive weeks within the three-week period immediately following release of the FCC's order. Additionally, within 7 days of the last of publication of the notice, the applicant proposing to withdraw shall file with the FCC a statement giving the dates on which the notice was published, the text of the notice, and the name and location of the newspaper in which the notice was

published. The newspaper publication gives interested parties an opportunity to apply for the facilities specified in the withdrawn application(s).

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Deputy Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[DA 00-1950]

Reminder of September 1, 2000, Deadline for Compliance With Regulations for Human Exposure to Radiofrequency Emissions

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On September 1, 2000, all existing transmitting facilities, operations and devices regulated by the Commission must be in compliance with the Commission's radiofrequency (RF) exposure guidelines, pursuant to the Commission's rules, or if not in compliance, file an Environmental Assessment (EA).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Cleveland, Office of Engineering and Technology, (202) 418-2422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the text of the Public Notice, DA 00-1950, released August 24, 2000. The document is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center, Room CY-A257, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC, and also may be purchased from the Commission's duplication contractor, International Transcription Service, (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

Summary of the Public Notice

1. This is the third in a series of Public Notices reminding licensees and grantees of the September 1, 2000, RF compliance requirement. For more information, see Public Notice, "Year 2000 Deadline for Compliance with Commission's Regulations Regarding Human Exposure to Radiofrequency Emissions," originally released February 25, 2000; re-released as Public Notice, DA 00-912, April 27, 2000.

2. After September 1, 2000, if any facility, operation or device is found not to be in compliance with the Commission's RF exposure guidelines, and if the required EA has not been filed, the Commission will consider this

to be a violation of its rules, resulting in possible fines, forfeiture or other actions deemed appropriate by the Commission. Random spot checks for compliance with the Commission's RF exposure guidelines will be conducted.

3. Consumers should be aware that hand-held cellular and PCS telephones that were authorized by the FCC after August 1, 1996, have been evaluated for compliance with FCC guidelines. Furthermore, PCS devices subject to equipment authorization have been required to comply with the RF guidelines since 1994. This means that a large number, if not the majority, of cellular and PCS telephones now in use in the United States have already been evaluated for compliance with the FCC's RF exposure limits. To the extent that a wireless device received an FCC authorization prior to the August 1, 1996, effective date, and is still being produced and marketed, manufacturers of such devices will be required to file EAs if the device in question is not in compliance with the FCC's RF guidelines.

4. Further information on the Commission's RF exposure guidelines and on evaluating compliance with the RF guidelines may be found at the Commission's RF Safety Web page: www.fcc.gov/oet/rfsafety. In particular, the Office of Engineering and Technology's Bulletin 65 and supplements to this bulletin (all available at the Web Site for viewing and downloading) offer detailed guidance on evaluating compliance. Requests for information or copies of these documents can also be directed to the FCC's RF Safety Program in the Office of Engineering and Technology, (202) 418-2464 or by e-mail to: rfsafety@fcc.gov.

5. For information on specific filing procedures for EAs, licensees and grantees should consult the following web sites or contact the appropriate FCC office or bureau:

- Wireless Telecommunications Bureau: www.fcc.gov/wtb; Irene Griffith: (202) 418-1315.

- Mass Media Bureau: www.fcc.gov/mmb; FM (Brian Butler): (202) 418-2700; AM (Joseph Szczesny): (202) 418-2700; TV (John Morgan): (202) 418-1600.

- International Bureau: www.fcc.gov/ib; (202) 418-2222.

- Office of Engineering and Technology: www.fcc.gov/oet/rfsafety; (202) 418-2464.