

**ACTION:** Notice of Membership of NOAA Performance Review Board.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), NOAA announces the appointment of an additional member to serve on the NOAA Performance Review Board (PRB). The NOAA PRB is responsible for reviewing performance appraisals and ratings of Senior Executive Service (SES) members and making written recommendations to the appointing authority on SES retention and compensation matters, including performance-based pay adjustments, awarding of bonuses and reviewing recommendations for potential Presidential Rank Award nominees, and SES recertification. The appointment of members to the NOAA PRB will be for a period of 24 months.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The effective date of service of the additional appointee to the NOAA Performance Review Board is September 21, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David M. Belt, Executive Resources Program Manager, Human Resources Management Office, Office of Finance and Administration, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301) 713-0530 (ext. 204).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The name and position title of the additional member of the NOAA PRB is set forth below: Louis W. Uccellini, Director, National Centers for Environmental Prediction, National Weather Service, NOAA.

Dated: September 24, 2001.

**Scott B. Gudes,**

*Acting Under Secretary/Administrator and Deputy Under Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### United States Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. 010126025-1231-02]

RIN 0651-AB34

#### Request for Comments on Development of a Plan To Remove the Patent and Trademark Classified Paper Files From the Public Search Facilities; Reopening of Comment Period

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment; Reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) requests

public comment on issues associated with the development of a plan to remove the patent and trademark classified paper files from the USPTO's public search libraries and replace them with electronic records. These public search facilities are currently located in Crystal City, Arlington, Virginia. Interested members of the public are invited to present comments on the appropriate scope for and contents of this plan, including the topics outlined in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice. The Notice of Request for Comments on Development of a Plan To Remove the Patent and Trademark Classified Paper Files From the Public Search Facilities was published at 66 FR 45012 on August 27, 2001. The period for comment in the Notice of Request for Comments ended September 26, 2001. Due to the number of requests from the public for an extension of the comment period for this notice, the comment period is reopened, and comments will be accepted by the USPTO until October 29, 2001. Comments received after September 26, 2001, but before the date this notice is published will also be accepted.

**DATES:** Written comments will be accepted by the USPTO until October 29, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Those interested in presenting written comments on the topics presented in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, or any related topics, may mail their comments to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, D.C. 20231, marked to the attention of Ronald Hack, Acting Chief Information Officer, or send them by facsimile transmission to (703) 308-7792.

Parties are encouraged to provide their comments in machine-readable format and send them over the Internet as electronic mail messages to file-removal@uspto.gov. Machine-readable submissions should be provided as unformatted text (e.g., ASCII or plain text), or as formatted text in one of the following file formats: Microsoft Word (Macintosh, DOS or Windows versions) or WordPerfect (Macintosh, DOS or Windows versions). Machine-readable submissions may be provided on a 3½-inch floppy disk formatted for use in either a Macintosh or MSDOS-based computer, mailed to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231, marked to the

attention of Ronald Hack, Acting Chief Information Officer.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ronald Hack by telephone at (703) 305-9095, by facsimile at (703) 308-7792, by electronic mail at [ronald.hack@uspto.gov](mailto:ronald.hack@uspto.gov); Martha Sneed by telephone at (703) 308-5558, by facsimile at (703) 306-2654, by electronic mail at [martha.sneed@uspto.gov](mailto:martha.sneed@uspto.gov); or by mail addressed to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231, marked to the attention of Ronald Hack, Acting Chief Information Officer.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Notice of Request for Comments on Development of a Plan To Remove the Patent and Trademark Classified Paper Files From the Public Search Facilities was published at 66 FR 45012 on August 27, 2001. The period for comment in the Notice of Request for Comments ended September 26, 2001. The comment period is reopened, and comments will be accepted by the USPTO until October 29, 2001. Comments received after September 26, 2001, but before the date this notice is published will also be accepted. All comments should include the following information:

Name and affiliation of the individual responding;

An indication of whether comments offered represent views of the respondent's organization or are the respondent's personal views; and

If applicable, information on the respondent's organization, including the type of organization (e.g., business, trade group, university, non-profit organization).

Dated: September 28, 2001.

**Anne H. Chasser,**

*Acting Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Acting Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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## CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting; Notice

**AGENCY:** U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

**TIME AND DATE:** Thursday, October 11, 2001, 10 a.m.

**LOCATION:** Room 420, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Open to the Public.

**MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:**

*Hydrocarbons*

The staff will brief the Commission on a final rule to require child-resistant packaging for certain household products containing hydrocarbons.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-0709.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL**

**INFORMATION:** Todd A. Stevenson, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207, (301) 504-0800.

Dated: October 2, 2001.

**Todd A. Stevenson,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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**CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**

**Sunshine Act Meeting**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

**TIME AND DATE:** Monday, October 15, 2001, 2 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Room 420, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Open to the Public.

**MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:**

*Bed Rails*

The staff will brief the Commission on options for Commission action to address hazards associated with portable bed rails.

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**CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL**

**INFORMATION:** Todd A. Stevenson, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207 (301) 504-0800.

Dated: October 2, 2001.

**Todd A. Stevenson,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The Office of Management and Budget has approved this information collection requirement for use through October 31, 2001.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by November 5, 2001.

*Title, Form Number, and OMB*

*Number:* Application for Annuity—Certain Military Surviving Spouses, DD Form 2769; OMB Number 0704-0402.

*Type of Request:* Extension.

*Number of Respondents:* 200.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 200.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 1 Hour.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 200.

*Needs and Uses:* The respondents of this information collection are surviving spouses of each member of the uniformed services who (1) died before March 21, 1974, and was entitled to retired or retainer pay on the date of death or (2) was a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces before October 1, 1978, and at the time of member's death would have been entitled to retired pay. The Defense Authorization Act of FY 1998, Pub. L. 105-85, Section 644 (as amended by Pub. L. 106-65, Section 656) requires the Secretary of Defense to pay an annuity to qualified surviving spouses. The DD Form 2769, Application for Annuity—Certain Military Surviving Spouses, used in this information collection, provides a vehicle for the surviving spouse to apply for the annuity benefit. The Department will use this information to determine if the applicant is eligible for the annuity benefit and make payment to the surviving spouses.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

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

*OMB Desk Officer:* Mr. Edward C. Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

*DOD Clearance Officer:* Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR,

1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: September 27, 2001.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Defense Science Board; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of Advisory Committee Meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Science Board (DSB) Task Force on Training for Future Conflict will meet in closed session on November 5-6, 2001, at SAIC, Inc., 4001 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA. This Task Force will focus on identifying and characterizing what education and training are demanded by Joint Vision 2010/2020, and will address the development and demonstration time phasing over the next two decades for the combined triad of technology modernization, operational concepts, and training.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting, the Defense Science Board Task Force will also identify those approaches and techniques that potential enemies might take that could prepare them to revolutionize their warfare capabilities, thereby achieving a training surprise against the U.S. or its allies. This review will include, but not be limited to, unique training/education developments which might be spawned by allies or an adversary, training techniques and methodologies which might be transferred from the U.S. or through third parties, and finally, the possibilities emerging as a result of the globalization of military and information technologies, related commercial services and their application by other nations.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that this Defense Science Board meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, this meeting will be closed to the public.