

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program Research Strategy**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.**ACTION:** Notice of availability of a final document.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) is announcing the availability of its *Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program Research Strategy*, EPA 620/R-02/002. The *Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program Research Strategy* serves to guide the planning of EPA research efforts, led by the Office of Research and Development (ORD), in developing indicators and unbiased statistical design frameworks that allow the condition of aquatic ecosystems to be assessed at local, tribal, state, regional, and national scales.

ADDRESSES: A limited number of copies of the *Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program Research Strategy* are available from the National Service Center for Environmental Publications. Request a copy by telephoning 1-800-490-9198 or 513-489-8190 and providing the title and the EPA number for the document, EPA 620/R-02/002. Internet users may download a copy from the EPA's Office of Research and Development home page. The URL is <http://www.epa.gov/ORD/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Michael McDonald, the National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory's EMAP Program Manager, (MD-B-243-01), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711; telephone: 919-541-7973; facsimile: 919-541-4621; e-mail: mcdonald.michael@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In assessing environmental risk and determining restoration priorities, current environmental conditions must be known and rates of change must be measurable. Because of EPA's responsibilities under the Clean Water Act, the Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program, within the Office of Research and Development, has focused on improving monitoring and assessment methodologies for aquatic ecosystems and their associated landscapes. EMAP has focused on developing indicators and unbiased statistical design frameworks to assess the status and trends of aquatic ecosystems at local, state, regional, and

national scales. As is EMAP's primary mission, the goal of this Strategy is the development of sound scientific approaches to determine the health of the nation's aquatic ecosystems and the stressors most closely associated with impairment.

EMAP efforts ensure that comprehensive and comparable methods are being used at a national level, allowing meaningful assessments and the first regional comparisons of aquatic ecosystem conditions across the entire U.S. These results will significantly improve the quality of performance-based reporting to Congress and will better inform EPA national and regional decisions on priority issues and areas.

State managers and technical staff frequently struggle to balance local information needs with federal reporting requirements. EMAP will continue to work with State partners to develop cost-effective monitoring methodology to aid in decision-making. Results to date from EMAP approach applications in more than 30 States show cost-savings while producing full-coverage condition estimates. Often these cost-savings are used to address priority issues also identified through the EMAP process.

Finally, EMAP's approach and associated indicators serve the Agency and the public by contributing to scientifically based reports such as EPA's upcoming state of the environment report and the Heinz Center's "The State of the Nation's Ecosystems" report. EMAP's efforts help to fill important information needs at both national and at local levels. EMAP information will improve our ability assess our progress in environmental protection and provide valuable information for decision makers and the public.

This *Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program Research Strategy* was subjected to external peer review by independent scientific experts. The final strategy reflects the comments of both internal and external peer review.

Dated: October 2, 2002.

Paul Gilman,

Assistant Administrator for Research and Development.

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION**Availability of Final Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity****AGENCY:** Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: EEOC hereby announces the availability of its final information quality guidelines on its web site.

DATES: Effective Date: October 1, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lizette Molina, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Information Technology, (202) 663-4446, or Jay Friedman, Director of Strategic Planning and Management Controls Division, Office of Research, Information and Planning, (202) 663-4094.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) has finalized its Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. These guidelines are currently published on EEOC's Web site www.eeoc.gov. Individuals without Internet access may contact EEOC's Office of Communications and Legislative Affairs at (202) 663-4900 or TTY (202) 663-4494 for a hard copy.

Dated: October 2, 2002.

Sallie T. Hsieh,

Chief Information Officer, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission**

September 26, 2002.

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, 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 November 7, 2002. 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 Judith Boley Herman, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-C804, 445 12th Street, SW, DC 20554 or via the Internet to jboley@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection(s), contact Judith Boley Herman at 202-418-0214 or via the Internet at jboley@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control No.: 3060-0798.

Title: FCC Application for Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Radio Service Authorization.

Form No.: FCC Form 601.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, state, local or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 241,335.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1.25 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement, third party disclosure requirement and every 10 years (renewal).

Total Annual Burden: 211,169 hours.

Total Annual Cost: \$48,267,100.

Needs and Uses: The FCC Form 601 is a multi-purpose form used to apply for an authorization to operate radio stations, amend pending applications, modify existing licenses, and perform a variety of other miscellaneous tasks in the Public Mobile Services, Personal Communications Services, General Wireless Communications Services, Private Land Mobile Radio Services,

Broadcast Auxiliary Services, Fixed Microwave Services, Maritime Services (excluding ships), and Aviation Services (excluding aircraft). The Commission is submitting this information collection request to OMB as an extension of currently approved collection for the full-three year clearance.

OMB Control No.: 3060-0855.

Title: Telecommunications Reporting Worksheet and Associated Requirements, CC Docket No. 96-45.

Form No.: FCC Forms 499, 499-A, and 499-Q.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 5,500 respondents; 14,300 responses.

Estimated Time Per Response: 6 hours for the annual report; 9.5 hours for the quarterly reports.

Frequency of Response: On occasion, annual and quarterly reporting requirements, third party disclosure requirement and recordkeeping requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 106,287 hours.

Total Annual Cost: \$18,000.

Needs and Uses: Telecommunications carriers and certain other providers of telecommunications services must contribute to the support and cost recovery mechanisms for telecommunications relay services, numbering administration, number portability, and universal service. The Commission is submitting this information collection request to OMB as an extension of currently approved collection for the full-three year clearance.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval

September 23, 2002.

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 November 7, 2002. 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 Commission, Room 1-A804, 445 12th Street, SW., 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 Control Number: 3060-0126.

Title: Section 73.1820, Station Log.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities; and Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 15,122.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.017 hours to 0.5 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 15,326.

Total Annual Cost: None.

Needs and Uses: 47 CFR 73.1820 requires each licensee of an AM, FM, or TV broadcast station to maintain a station log. Each entry must accurately reflect the station's operation—adjustments to operating parameters for AM stations with directional antennas without an approved sampling system; the actual time of any observation of extinguishment or improper operation of tower lights for all stations; and entry of each test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) for commercial stations. The FCC staff in field investigations will