

affairs are welcome anytime before or after the meeting. Minutes will be available within 30 days of this meeting.

The ETTAC is mandated by Public Law 103-392. It was created to advise the U.S. government on environmental trade policies and programs, and to help it to focus its resources on increasing the exports of the U.S. environmental industry. ETTAC operates as an advisory committee to the Secretary of Commerce and the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee (TPCC). ETTAC was originally chartered in May of 1994. It was most recently re-chartered until September 2010.

Dated: January 5, 2009.

Edward A. O'Malley,
Director, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Economic Performance in the Commercial Stone Crab and Lobster Fisheries in Florida

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before March 15, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Jim Waters, (252) 728-8710 or Jim.Waters@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Marine Fisheries Service proposes to continue its collection of socio-economic data from commercial

fishermen in Florida's stone crab and lobster fisheries. The survey intends to collect economic information about revenues, variable and fixed costs, capital investment and other auxiliary and demographic information. The data gathered will be used to describe economic performance and to evaluate the socio-economic impacts of future federal regulatory actions. The information will improve fishery management decisionmaking and satisfy legal requirements under Executive Order 12866, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (U.S.C. 1801, *et seq.*), the Regulatory Flexibility Act, the Endangered Species Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, and other pertinent statutes.

II. Method of Collection

The Southeast Fisheries Science Center plans to conduct approximately 150-225 voluntary, in-person interviews from approximately 1,000 commercial stone crab and lobster fishermen who do not live in the Florida Keys. A stratified random sampling strategy will be employed, with strata defined by county. Approximately 160 interviews have been completed in counties along the west coast of Florida. The next phase of the project intends to collect data in counties along the east coast of Florida.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0560.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 225.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 75.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 6, 2010.

Gwellnar Banks,
Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Green Technology Pilot Program

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the new information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before March 15, 2010.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov. Include A0651-0062 Green Technology Pilot Program comment@ in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* 571-273-0112, marked to the attention of Susan K. Fawcett.

- *Mail:* Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

- *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to Brian Hanlon, Director, Office of Patent Legal Administration, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by telephone at 571-272-5047; or by e-mail at Brian.Hanlon@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is implementing a streamlined examination pilot program for patent applications pertaining to green technologies, including greenhouse gas reduction.

The green technology pilot program will permit patent applications pertaining to green technology, i.e., environmental quality, energy conservation, development of renewable energy, or greenhouse gas emission reduction, to be accorded special status for examination using an expedited procedure that is similar to the existing first action interview pilot program without meeting the current requirements of the accelerated examination program. The first action interview pilot and accelerated examination programs are both covered under OMB Control Number 0651-0031.

This pilot will support national and international green technology

initiatives and is expected to run for six months.

II. Method of Collection

Electronically using the USPTO online filing system EFS-Web.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0651-0062.

Form Number(s): PTO/SB/420.

Type of Review: New collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profits; and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,225 responses per year.

Estimated Time Per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the

public between 1 hour and 10 hours to gather the necessary information, prepare the appropriate form or other documents, and submit the information to the USPTO.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 6,850 hours per year.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden: \$2,123,500 per year. The USPTO expects that the information in this collection will be prepared by attorneys. Using the professional rate of \$310 per hour for attorneys in private firms, the USPTO estimates that the respondent cost burden for this collection will be approximately \$2,123,500 per year.

Item	Estimated time for response	Estimated annual responses	Estimated annual burden hours
Request for Green Technology Pilot Program (PTO/SB/420)	1 hour	5,000	5,000
Protests by the public against pending applications under 37 CFR 1.291	10 hours	65	650
Third-party submissions in published applications under 37 CFR 1.99 ..	7.5 hours	160	1,200
Total	5,225	6,850

Estimated Total Annual Non-Hour Respondent Cost Burden: \$30,210 per year. There are no capital start-up or maintenance costs associated with this information collection. However, this collection does have record keeping costs and filing fees for the second or subsequent protest filed by the same real party in interest and for a third-part submission under 37 CFR 1.99.

When submitting the information in this collection to the USPTO electronically through EFS-Web, the applicant is strongly urged to retain a copy of the file submitted to the USPTO as evidence of authenticity in addition to keeping the acknowledgment receipt as clear evidence of the date the file was received by the USPTO. The USPTO estimates that it will take 5 seconds (0.001 hours) to print and retain a copy of the EFS-Web submissions and that approximately 5,225 submissions per year will be submitted electronically, for a total of approximately 5 hours per year for printing this receipt. Using the paraprofessional rate of \$100 per hour, the USPTO estimates that the recordkeeping cost associated with this collection will be approximately \$500 per year.

There is no fee for filing protests under 37 CFR 1.291 unless the filed protest is the second or subsequent protest by the same real party in interest, in which case the 1.17(I) fee of \$130 must be included (the USPTO estimates 7 of the 65 protests filed per

year will trigger this fee). Third-party submissions under 37 CFR 1.99 must include the 1.17(p) fee of \$180. The USPTO estimates that the total fees associated with this collection will be approximately \$29,710 per year.

The total non-hour respondent cost burden for this collection in the form of record keeping costs (\$500) and filing fees (\$29,710) is approximately \$30,210 per year.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents; e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 6, 2010.

Susan K. Fawcett,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

A-570-806

Silicon Metal from the People's Republic of China: Final Results and Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: On July 9, 2009, the Department of Commerce (the "Department") published in the **Federal Register** the *Preliminary Results* of the 2007-2008 administrative review of the antidumping duty order on silicon metal from the People's Republic of China ("PRC"). We gave interested parties an opportunity to comment on the *Preliminary Results*.¹ Based upon our analysis of the comments and information received, we made changes to the margin calculations for the final

¹ See *Silicon Metal From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results and Preliminary Rescission, in Part, of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 74 FR 32885 (July 9, 2009) ("Preliminary Results").