

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Justice (DOJ), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until March 31, 2015.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Evaluate whether and if so how the quality, utility, and clarity of the information proposed to be collected can be enhanced; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to

respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

#### Overview of This Information Collection

1. *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

2. *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for Registration, Application for Registration Renewal, Affidavit for Chain Renewal.

3. *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* The form numbers are DEA Forms 225, 225a, and 225b. The applicable component within the Department of Justice is the Drug Enforcement Administration, Office of Diversion Control.

4. *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:*

Affected public (Primary): Business or other for-profit.

Affected public (Other): Not-for-profit institutions, Federal, State, local, and tribal governments.

Abstract: The Controlled Substances Act requires all businesses and

individuals who manufacture, distribute, import, export, and conduct research and laboratory analysis with controlled substances to register with DEA. 21 U.S.C. 822, 21 CFR 1301.11 and 1301.13. Registration is a necessary control measure and helps to prevent diversion by ensuring the closed system of distribution of controlled substances can be monitored by DEA and the businesses and individuals handling controlled substances are qualified to do so and are accountable.

5. *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* DEA Form 225 is only for registration of controlled substance manufacturers, distributors, importers, exporters, researchers, canine handlers, and analytical laboratories, and list 1 chemical manufacturers and importers. DEA Form 225 is submitted on an as-needed basis by persons seeking to become registered, DEA Form 225a is submitted annually thereafter to renew existing registrations, and DEA Form 225b is submitted annually for renewals of chain registrants. Chain registrants are those corporations and laboratories that maintain separate registrations at multiple locations (e.g., distributors) and may renew all their registrations using a single DEA Form 225b.

|  | Number of annual respondents | Average time per response**   | Total annual hours |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| DEA-225 (paper) .....                    | 334                          | 0.33 hours (20 minutes) ..... | 111                |
| DEA-225 (online) .....                   | 2,157                        | 0.17 hours (10 minutes) ..... | 360                |
| DEA-225a (paper) .....                   | 737                          | 0.25 hours (15 minutes) ..... | 184                |
| DEA-225a (online) .....                  | 11,554                       | 0.12 hours (7 minutes) .....  | 1,348              |
| DEA-225b (chain renewal) * (paper) ..... | 5                            | 1 hour .....                  | 5                  |
| Total .....                              | 14,787                       | .....                         | 2,008              |

\* In total, 5 chains represent 138 specific registered locations.

\*\* Figures are rounded.

6. *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The DEA estimates that there are 2,008 annual burden hours associated with this proposed collection.

If additional information is required please contact: Jerri Murray, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE., Suite 3E.405B, Washington, DC 20530.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection, eComments Requested; Extension Without Change of a Previously Approved Collection; Application for Registration and Application for Registration Renewal (DEA Forms 363 and 363a)**

**AGENCY:** Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice.

**ACTION:** 60-day notice.

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#### Overview of This Information Collection

##### 1. Type of Information Collection:

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##### 2. Title of the Form/Collection:

Application for Registration and Application for Registration Renewal.

##### 3. The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:

The forms numbers are DEA Forms 363 and 363a. The applicable component within the Department of Justice is the Drug Enforcement Administration, Office of Diversion Control.

##### 4. Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:

Affected public (Primary): Business or other for-profit.

Affected public (Other): Not-for-profit institutions, Federal, State, local, and tribal governments.

**Abstract:** The Controlled Substances Act requires practitioners who dispense narcotic drugs to individuals for maintenance or detoxification treatment to register annually with DEA.<sup>1</sup> 21 U.S.C. 822, 823; 21 CFR 1301.11 and 1301.13. Registration is a necessary control measure and helps to prevent diversion by ensuring the closed system of distribution of controlled substances can be monitored by DEA and the businesses and individuals handling controlled substances are qualified to do so and are accountable.

5. *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* DEA Form 363 is submitted on an as needed basis by persons seeking to become registered; DEA Form 363a is submitted on an annual basis thereafter to renew existing registrations.

|                         | Number of annual respondents | Average time per response *   | Total annual hours |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| DEA-363 (paper) .....   | 17                           | 0.33 hours (20 minutes) ..... | 6                  |
| DEA-363 (online) .....  | 135                          | 0.13 hours (8 minutes) .....  | 18                 |
| DEA-363a (paper) .....  | 141                          | 0.25 hours (15 minutes) ..... | 35                 |
| DEA-363a (online) ..... | 1,141                        | 0.10 hours (6 minutes) .....  | 114                |
| <b>Total</b> .....      | <b>1,434</b>                 | .....                         | <b>173</b>         |

\* Figures are rounded.

6. *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The DEA estimates that there are 173 annual burden hours associated with this proposed collection.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Notice of Lodging of Proposed Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA")

On January 23, 2015 the Department of Justice lodged a proposed Consent Decree with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington in the lawsuit entitled *United States v. Spokane County, Washington*, Civil Action No. 15-00018.

The proposed Consent Decree resolves the claims alleged in the Complaint, filed concurrently with the lodging of the Decree, against Spokane County under Sections 107(a) and 106 of CERCLA, seeking the recovery of the United States' response costs and performance of a removal action for the

Vermiculite Northwest—Spokane County Superfund Site ("Site"). The County is the owner of the Site, which was formerly owned and operated as a vermiculite ore processing facility. The County installed a cap over asbestos-contaminated soils at the Site, and subsequently, EPA selected a removal action that requires the County to implement institutional controls that provide for, *inter alia*, maintenance of the cap and restrictions on soil disturbing activities that might cause a release of asbestos. The proposed Consent Decree requires the County to perform the removal action by recording and complying with an Environmental Covenant attached to the Decree and reimburse the United States' past costs of \$101,796.50, as well as future response costs.

<sup>1</sup> This registration requirement is waived for certain practitioners under specified circumstances. See 21 U.S.C. 823(g)(2).