

cancer through a two-step mechanism in which the chemical causes an intervening pathological change, and this pathological change is the direct cause of the cancer, but this does not mean that the chemical is not known or reasonably anticipated to cause cancer. It is therefore reasonable for EPA to consider such effects in light of the broad statutory purpose to inform the public about releases to the environment. Were EPA to exclude indirect effects from consideration, it would dilute the purpose of the statute by precluding public access to information about chemicals that cause a wide range of adverse health and environmental effects.

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VII. Administrative Record

The record supporting this decision is contained in docket control number OPPTS-400119. All documents, including the references listed in Unit VI. of this document and an index of the docket, are available to the public in the TSCA Non-Confidential Information Center (NCIC), also known as the Public Docket Office, from noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The TSCA NCIC is located at EPA Headquarters, Rm. NE-B607, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Community right-to-know, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, and Toxic chemicals.

Dated: March 19, 1998.

Lynn R. Goldman,

Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

Notice of Open Special Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Export-Import Bank).

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee was established by Public Law 98-181, November 30, 1983, to advise Export-Import Bank on its programs and to provide comments for inclusion in the reports of the Export-Import Bank of the United States to Congress.

TIME AND PLACE: Tuesday, April 14, 1998, at 9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Export-Import Bank in room 1143, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20571.

AGENDA: The meeting will include a discussion of the following: the capacity of commercial banks to step up to some

risk in the medium term in order to set the stage for the use of delegated authority; the availability of information from the exporter community on the net employment impact of a change in the foreign content policy; the ability of financial intermediaries in project finance cases to take on operational and risk-sharing roles that neutralize the administrative and program budget implications of offering pre-completion comprehensive cover; and the adequacy of short- and medium-term export credit availability for small and medium sized exporters and what additional delivery mechanisms might expand the availability of such support.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting will be open to public participation, and the last 10 minutes will be set aside for oral questions or comments. Members of the public may also file written statement(s) before or after the meeting. In order to permit the Export-Import Bank to arrange suitable accommodations, members of the public who plan to attend the meeting should notify Megan Becher, Room 1284, 811 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20571, (202) 565-3507, no later than April 6, 1998. If any person wishes auxiliary aids (such as a sign language interpreter) or other special accommodations, please contact, prior to April 6, 1998, Megan Becher Room 1284, Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20571, Voice: (202) 565-3955 or TDD (202) 565-3377.

FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information, contact Megan Becher, Room 1284, 811 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20571, (202) 565-3507.

Kenneth Hansen,

General Counsel.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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

March 23, 1998.

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, Pub. L. 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 April 29, 1998. 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 Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commission, Room 234, 1919 M St., N.W., Washington, DC 20554 or via internet to jboley@fcc.gov.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control No.: 3060-0686.

Title: Streamlining the International Section 214 Authorization Process and Tariff Requirements.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 1,650 respondents; 3,531 responses.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1-24 hours (avg).

Frequency of Response: On occasion, annual, quarterly, and semi-annual reporting requirements.

Cost to Respondents: \$12,496,760.

Total Annual Burden: 74,089 hours.

Needs and Uses: The information required by 47 CFR Part 61, Part 63 and 47 CFR 1.767 is needed to determine if facilities operations or service initiation or discontinuance by existing or new carriers meets the public interest, convenience and necessity standard of the Communications Act, as amended.

OMB Control No.: 3060-0210.

Form No.: N/A.

Title: Section 73.1930, Political Editorials.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 2,758.

Estimated Time Per Response: 3 hours.

Frequency of Response: Third party disclosure.

Cost to Respondents: \$0.

Total Annual Burden: 8,274 hours.

Needs and Uses: Section 73.1930 requires that when a commercial licensee, in an editorial, endorses or opposes a candidate, the licensee must notify the other qualified candidate(s) for the same office or the candidate opposed, of the date and time of editorial, provide a script or tape of editorial, and offer reasonable opportunity to respond over the licensee's facility. The information is used to provide a qualified candidate reasonable opportunity to respond to a political editorial.

OMB Control No.: 3060-0179.

Title: Section 73.1590, Equipment Performance Measurements.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

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

Number of Respondents: 13,151 respondents.

Estimated Time Per Response: .5 hours.

Frequency of Response: Recordkeeping requirement.

Cost to Respondents: \$0.

Total Annual Burden: 12,036 hours.

Needs and Uses: Section 73.1590 requires licensees of AM, FM and TV stations to make audio and video equipment performance measurements for each main transmitter. These measurements and a description of the equipment and procedure used in making the measurements must be kept on file at the transmitter for two years. In addition, this information must be made available to the FCC upon request.

The data is used by FCC staff in field investigations to identify sources of interference.

OMB Control No.: 3060-0630.

Title: Section 73.62, Directional Antenna System Tolerances.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

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

Number of Respondents: 750.

Estimated Time Per Response: 4.5 hours.

Frequency of Response: Recordkeeping requirement.

Cost to Respondents: \$0.

Total Annual Burden: 3,375 hours.

Needs and Uses: Section 73.62(b)

requires an AM station with a directional antenna system to measure and log every monitoring point at least once for each mode of directional operation within 24 hours of detection of variance of operating parameters from allowed tolerances. Section 73.62(b) also requires a station operating at variance to file a request for special temporary authority to continue operations with parameters at variance and/or with reduced power along with a statement certifying that all monitoring points will be continuously maintained within their specified limits. This requirement is included in the burden hours reported for a request for special temporary authority under Section 73.1635 (OMB Control No. 3060-0386).

The data is used by station engineers to correct the operating parameters of the directional antenna. The data is also used by FCC staff in field investigations to ensure that stations are in compliance with the technical requirements of the Commission's rules.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

Sunshine Act Notice

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS NOTICE: 63 FR 13409, March 19, 1998.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF THE MEETING: 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, March 25, 1998.

CHANGES IN THE MEETING: The following topics were withdrawn from the open portion of the meeting:

- Office of Finance—Board Compensation Policy Approval
- Office of Finance—Board Appointments

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Elaine L. Baker, Secretary to the Board, (202) 408-2837.

William W. Ginsberg,

Managing Director.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 2, 1998.