

Proposed Settlements were signed by the Regional Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region III, on February 9, 1999, pursuant to section 122(g) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9622 (g), and is subject to review by the public pursuant to this notice.

The Proposed Settlements resolve any potential claims that EPA may have had against the settling parties, who own property located above the plume of contaminated groundwater originating at the former National Wood Preservers, Inc. facility. The properties owned by the Settling Parties are located across the street from the former National Wood Preservers, Inc. Property. As part of the settlement, the Settling Parties have granted to EPA access rights and easements onto their properties so that EPA can implement its groundwater remedial action at the Site. The settlements do not require the payment of any money by the Settling Parties.

For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, EPA will receive written comments relating to the Proposed Settlement. EPA will consider all comments received and may withdraw or withhold consent to the Proposed Settlements if such comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate the Proposed Settlement are inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. EPA's response to any written comments received will be available for public inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1605 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

**DATES:** Comments must be provided on or before July 19, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** The proposed Settlement agreements are available for public inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. A copy of the Proposed Settlement agreements may be obtained from Suzanne Canning, Regional Docket Clerk (3RC00), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103; telephone number (215) 814-2476. Comments should reference the "Havertown PCP Superfund Site" and EPA Docket Nos. III-98-095 and III-98-096 and should be forwarded to Suzanne Canning at the address above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Andrew Duchovnay (3RC42), (215) 814-2484, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

Dated: June 3, 1999.

**Thomas Voltaggio,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.*

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## OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

### Evaluation of Performance as Required Under the Government Performance and Results Act

**AGENCY:** Office of Science and Technology Policy.

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice describes a survey that will be conducted by the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) to evaluate the performance of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) as required under the Government Performance Results Act (GPRA). Because the survey will be sent to more than nine non-governmental employees, the Office of Management and Budget must approve the survey instrument and thus notification to the public is required.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before August 17, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments by mail to: GPRA/PCAST Review Committee, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Room 435, OEOB, Washington, DC 20502 or by fax to 202-456-6026.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Brian Kahin or Dr. Joan Porter, GPRA/PCAST Review Committee, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Room 435, OEOB, Washington, DC 20502 or by phone 202-456-6035 (Kahin) or 202-456-6101 (Porter).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** PCAST will conduct a survey of approximately 200 individuals to determine how well OSTP is performing its mission as outlined in Public Law 94-282.

OSTP's continuing mission is set out in the National Science and Technology Policy, Organization, and Priorities Act of 1976 (Pub. L. 94-282). It calls for OSTP to:

Serve as a source of scientific and technological analysis and judgment for the President with respect to major policies, plans, and programs of the Federal Government.

The Act authorizes OSTP to:

- Advise the President and others within the Executive Office of the President on the impacts of science and technology (S&T) on domestic and international affairs;

- Lead an interagency effort to develop and implement sound S&T policies and budgets;

- Work with the private sector to ensure Federal investments in S&T contribute to economic prosperity, environmental quality, and national security;

- Build strong partnerships among Federal, State, and local governments, other countries, and the scientific community;

- Evaluate the scale, quality, and effectiveness of the Federal effort in S&T. OSTP's Senate-confirmed Director also serves as Assistant to the President for Science and Technology. In this role, he co-chairs the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) and supports the President's National Science and Technology Council (NSTC).

A Senate-confirmed Associate Director leads each of OSTP's four divisions covering the areas of Environment, National Security and International Affairs, Science, and Technology. OSTP's four general goals flow directly from Public Law 94-282.

### Goal 1: Advise

Provide sound, timely, clear, and accurate advice to the President and others within the Executive Office of the President on topics where S&T can have an impact on domestic and international affairs, and in areas where Federal action has the potential to advance or impede scientific or technological progress.

*Performance on This Goal Will be Evaluated According to the Following Criteria*

- OSTP is successful in achieving this goal if it delivers timely advice on topics of great importance to the Nation, and its efforts have a favorable effect on associated national policies and on Federal research and development (R&D) program priorities and budgets.

- OSTP is minimally effective in achieving this goal if it delivers advice on topics that are important to the Nation, and its efforts have a discernable effect on associated national policies and on Federal R&D program priorities and budgets.

### Goal 2: Coordinate

Coordinate the development and implementation of the Administration's domestic and international S&T policies, programs, and budgets.

*Performance on This Goal Will be Evaluated According to the Following Criteria*

- OSTP is successful in achieving this goal if coordination of the key R&D policies, programs, and budgets of the Federal S&T agencies is improved, appropriate agencies work together to implement cross-cutting priorities and programs, and international aspects (e.g., domestic and international implications of domestic and international programs) are suitably addressed.

- OSTP is minimally effective in achieving this goal if some R&D policies, programs, and budgets of the Federal S&T agencies are coordinated, some agencies work together to implement some cross-cutting priorities and programs, and international aspects are recognized.

**Goal 3: Promote Partnerships**

Catalyze and promote effective partnerships among Federal, State, and local governments, other countries, the private sector, and the academic and scientific communities.

*Performance on This Goal Will be Evaluated According to the Following Criteria:*

- OSTP is successful in achieving this goal if the partnerships it catalyzes and promotes are grounded in S&T, have the potential to contribute substantially to achieving national goals, involve the appropriate parties, including Federal government involvement in partnership implementation, and are tracked to their successful conclusion.

- OSTP is minimally effective in achieving this goal if the partnerships it catalyzes are grounded in S&T, have the potential to contribute to achieving national goals, and involve most appropriate parties, including Federal government involvement in partnership implementation.

**Goal 4: Assess and Report**

Evaluate and report on the scale, quality, and effectiveness of the Federal effort in S&T.

*Performance on This Goal Will be Evaluated According to the Following Criteria*

- OSTP is successful in achieving this goal if the assessments and reports it prepares or participates in are factually accurate, cover the full range of relevant scientific, technical, and policy issues, and are written to be understood by decisionmakers who may not have scientific or technical training.

- OSTP is minimally effective in achieving this goal if the assessments

and reports it prepares or participates in are factually accurate and cover the full range of relevant scientific, technical, and policy issues.

**Verification and Validation**

OSTP has asked PCAST to assess OSTP's performance.

The President appoints members to PCAST, which provides independent advice to the President on the Federal government's S&T policies and programs. PCAST will have complete discretion in formulating its assessment, and PCAST's independent views on how well OSTP has achieved or made progress toward the performance goal will be made available to the public.

Dated: June 14, 1999.

**Barbara Ann Ferguson,**

*Administrative Officer, Office of Science and Technology Policy.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

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

June 10, 1999.

**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 July 19, 1999. 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 1-C804, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to [jboley@fcc.gov](mailto: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 the Internet at [jboley@fcc.gov](mailto:jboley@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-XXXX.

*Title:* Broadcast Auction Form Exhibits.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, state, local or tribal government.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,380.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 0.5 hours to 2 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion reporting requirement.

*Total Annual Burden:* 690 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* \$138,000.

*Needs and Uses:* Commission rules require that auction participants submit exhibits disclosing ownership, bidding agreements and engineering data. These data are used by Commission staff to ensure that applicants are qualified to participate in Commission auctions and to ensure that license winners are entitled to receive the new entrant bidding credit, if possible. Exhibits regarding joint bidding agreements are designed to prevent collusion. Submission of engineering data for non-table services enables the Commission to determine which applications are mutually exclusive.

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-XXXX.

*Title:* MDS and ITFS Two-Way Transmissions—Report and Order.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, state, local or tribal government.

*Number of Respondents:* 115,953.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 1 hour to 41 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion reporting requirement, recordkeeping requirement, third party disclosure requirement.

*Total Annual Burden:* 214,892 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* \$3,619,032.

*Needs and Uses:* The rules adopted in the Report and Order in MM Docket 97-217, allow two-way operations for MDS