

government-issued identification cards; and, (vi) to include other information as needed to establish identity—the current system does not mention other information to establish identity. The PTO will collect this information to confirm identity of public users checking out application files or other material or using the public facilities. The policies and practices for storing and retrieving the information in this system are being amended to reflect electronic storage compared with the current paper storage system. The system manager and notification procedure are being amended merely to update correct addresses for those positions.

The Department of Commerce finds no probable or potential affect of the proposal on the privacy of individuals. To minimize the risk of unauthorized access to the system of records, the PTO has located paper records in lockable file cabinets or in metal file cabinets in secured rooms or secured premises with access limited to those whose official duties require access. Electronic files are stored in secured premises with access limited to those whose official duties require access.

Accordingly, the Users of Public Search Room of the Patent and Trademark Office originally published at 42 FR 32340, June 24, 1977 is amended by the following updates:

#### **Commerce/PAT-TM-14**

##### **SYSTEM NAME:**

Users of Public Facilities of the Patent and Trademark Office.

##### **SYSTEM LOCATION: \***

##### **CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM: \***

##### **CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

Name; addresses; telephone numbers; business firm or other organizations with which affiliated; user pass number; user photograph; registration number, if a registered practitioner before the Patent and Trademark Office; record of use; violations of policies governing use of the search facilities and other office areas; signature of recipients of user passes; government-issued identification card and information contained therein; and, other information as needed to establish identity.

##### **AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM: \***

##### **ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES: \***

##### **POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

##### **STORAGE:**

Paper records in file folders and electronic storage.

##### **RETRIEVABILITY:**

Alphabetically by name and sequentially by user pass number. Also, electronic sort by data element.

##### **SAFEGUARDS:**

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##### **RETENTION AND DISPOSAL: \***

##### **SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Director, Public Search Services Division, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231.

##### **NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

Information may be obtained from: Privacy Officer, Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Box 8, Washington, DC 20231. Requesters should provide name, signature, address, date of visit, and record sought in accordance with the inquiry provisions of the Department's rules which appear in 15 CFR part 4b.

\* No changes are being made.

Dated: December 14, 1999.

**Brenda Dolan,**

*Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer,  
Department of Commerce.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **Bureau of the Census**

**[Docket Number 991215341-9341-01]**

**RIN Number 0607-XX50**

### **Survey of Pollution Abatement Costs and Expenditures**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Consideration.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is considering a proposal to

conduct the Pollution Abatement Costs and Expenditures survey for the year 1999. The Census Bureau, prior to 1995, conducted the Pollution Abatement Costs and Expenditures Survey, MA-200. Due to budget limitations, the survey was suspended. In response to the need for this data to assess the cost of environmental regulations on private business, the Census Bureau, with support from the Environmental Protection Agency, plans to reinstate the Survey of Pollution Abatement Costs and Expenditures.

**DATE:** Written comments must be submitted on or before January 27, 2000.

**ADDRESS:** Direct all written comments to the Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 2049, Federal Building 3, Washington, DC 20233-0101.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ron Taylor, Manufacturing and Construction Division, Bureau of the Census, Room 2135, Federal Building 4, Washington, DC 20233, on (301) 457-4683.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Census Bureau is authorized to conduct surveys necessary to furnish current data on subjects covered by the major censuses authorized by Title 13, United States Code, Sections 182, 224, and 225. The Pollution Abatement Costs and Expenditures survey will provide continuing and timely national statistical data for the period between the economic censuses. The next Economic Census will occur in the year 2002. Data collected in this survey will be within the general scope, type, and character of those inquiries covered in the Economic Census.

The survey form will collect—from plants that produce goods or provide services classified in manufacturing, mining, and electric utility industries—data on the operating costs of pollution prevention and treatment, including hazardous pollutants, payments to government agencies for pollution removal, and new capital expenditures for pollution prevention and treatment (such as for air pollution control, water pollution control and solid waste). These data are similar to the data collected on the previously mentioned MA-200. The survey results will be used to track costs of regulatory programs and rules. Results will also be used for monitoring economic impact and promoting growth of environmental programs.

The Bureau of the Census will use mail-out/mail-back survey forms to collect the data. Companies will be asked to respond to the survey within 60 days of the initial mailing. Letters encouraging participation will be mailed to companies that have not

responded by the designated time. Resulting statistics will be published in the Current Industrial Reports series.

The primary users of these data will be federal, state, and local government agencies, including the Bureau of the Census, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Bureau of Economic Analysis. Other users include business firms, academics, trade associations, and research and consulting organizations. The data are not publicly available from nongovernmental or other governmental sources on a timely and continuing basis.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) unless that collection of information displays a current valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. In accordance with the PRA, 44 U.S.C., Chapter 35, we will submit the survey to OMB for approval. We will furnish report forms to organizations included in the survey, and additional copies are available on written request to the Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233-0101.

Dated: December 21, 1999.

**Kenneth Prewitt,**

*Director, Bureau of the Census.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 65-99]

#### Proposed Foreign-Trade Zone—Victorville, CA; Application and Public Hearing

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the Southern California Logistics Airport Authority (a California public corporation), to establish a general-purpose foreign-trade zone in Victorville, California. The U.S. Customs Service has designated the Southern California Logistics Airport as a Customs user fee airport. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the FTZ Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on December 16, 1999. The applicant is authorized to make the proposal under section 6302 of the California Code.

The proposed zone site (1,954 acres) is located at the Southern California Logistics Airport complex (the former George Air Force Base), 18374 Readiness Street, Victorville. The site includes air cargo and intermodal transfer facilities. The U.S. Air Force is in the process of transferring the facility to the applicant, which will operate the commercial airport complex, as well as the foreign-trade zone.

The application indicates a need for foreign-trade zone services in the Victorville/east central San Bernardino County region. Several firms have indicated an interest in using zone procedures for warehousing/distribution activity. Specific manufacturing approvals are not being sought at this time. Requests would be made to the Board on a case-by-case basis.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

As part of the investigation, the Commerce examiner will hold a public hearing on February 3, 2000, 10 a.m., at the Victorville City Hall Council Chambers, 14343 Civic Drive, Victorville, California 92392.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is February 18, 2000. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to March 6, 2000).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available during this time for public inspection at the following locations:

Victorville Public Library, 15011 Circle Drive, Victorville, California 92392.

Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 4008, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: December 20, 1999.

**Dennis Puccinelli,**

*Acting Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1066]

#### Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 126, Reno, NV

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

*Whereas*, the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada, grantee of Foreign Trade Zone 126, submitted an application to the Board for authority to expand FTZ 126 to include four sites (7,484 acres) in the Reno, Nevada, area, within the Reno customs port of entry (FTZ Docket 40-98; filed August 17, 1998 amended June 9, 1999);

*Whereas*, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 45998, August 28, 1998) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations; and

*Whereas*, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and Board's regulations are satisfied, and that the proposal is in the public interest;

*Now, therefore*, the Board hereby orders:

The application, as amended, to expand FTZ 126 is approved, subject to the Act and the Board's regulations, including \$ 400.28, and further subject to a five-year time limit (to October 31, 2004) and subject to the Board's standard 2,000-acre activation limit for the overall zone project.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 15th day of December 1999.

**Robert S. LaRussa,**

*Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.*

Attest:

**Dennis Puccinelli,**

*Acting Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1067]

#### Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 49, Newark/Elizabeth, NJ

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18,