

Facsimile: If your comments, including any attachments, are 10 pages or fewer, you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-6488. You must include the docket number, ICR 1218-0108 (2003), in your comments.

Electronic: You may submit comments, but not attachments, through the Internet at <http://ecommments.osha.gov/>.

You may submit comments in response to this document by (1) hard copy, (2) FAX transmission (facsimile), or (3) electronically through the OSHA web page. Please note you cannot attach materials such as studies or journal articles to electronic comments. If you have additional materials, you must submit three copies of them to the OSHA Docket Office at the address above. The additional materials must clearly identify your electronic comments by name, date, subject and docket number so we can attach them to your comments. Because of security-related problems there may be a significant delay in the receipt of comments by regular mail. Please contact the OSHA Docket office at (202) 693-2350 for information about security procedures concerning the delivery of materials by express delivery, hand delivery and messenger service.

II. Obtaining Copies of the Information Collection Request

The Supporting Statement of the Information Collection Request (ICR) is available for downloading from OSHA's web site at www.osha.gov. The complete ICR, containing the OMB83-I Form, Supporting Statement, and attachments, is available for inspection and copying in the OSHA Docket Office, at the address listed above. A printed copy of the ICR can be obtained by contacting Todd Owen at (202) 693-2222.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Todd Owen, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3609, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-2222.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and Respondent (*i.e.*, employer) burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing information-collection requirements in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA-95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program ensures that information is in the desired format, reporting burden

(time and costs) is minimal, collection instruments clearly understood, and OSHA's estimate of the information burden is correct. The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the Act) authorizes information collection by employers as necessary or appropriate for enforcement of the Act or for developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and accidents (29 U.S.C. 657).

The information-collection requirements specified in the EtO Standard protect employees from the adverse health effects that may result from their exposure to EtO. The major information-collection requirements of the EtO Standard include notifying employees of their EtO exposures, implementing a written compliance program, providing examining physicians with specific information, ensuring that employees receive a copy of their medical-examination results, maintaining employees' exposure-monitoring and medical records for specific periods, and providing access to these records by OSHA, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, the affected employees, and their authorized representatives.

II. Special Issues for Comment

OSHA has a particular interest in comments on the following issues:

Whether the proposed information-collection requirements are necessary for the proper performance of the Agency's functions to protect workers, including whether the information is useful;

- The accuracy of OSHA's estimate of the burden (time and costs) of the information-collection requirements, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- The quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden on employers who must comply; for example, by using automated or other technological information collection and transmission techniques.

III. Proposed Actions

OSHA proposes to decrease the existing burden-hour estimate, and to extend OMB's approval, of the collection-of-information requirements contained in the EtO Standard. The Agency is decreasing its previous estimate of 49,200 hours to 43,991 hours. This 5,209 hour decrease mainly results from the 313 new hospitals identified in the previous ICR completing one time activities such as initial exposure-monitoring and initial employee medical examinations. The

Agency will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice, and will include this summary in its request to OMB to extend the approval of these information-collection requirements.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved information-collection requirement.

Title: Ethylene Oxide Standard (29 CFR 1910.1047).

OMB Number: 1218-0108.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Federal government, state, local or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 5,667.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 232,564.

Average Time per Response: Varies from 5 minutes to provide information to the examining physician to 2 hours for employees to receive medical examinations.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 43,991.

Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance): \$6,595,597.

IV. Authority and Signature

John L. Henshaw, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice. The authority for this notice is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506) and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 5-2002 (67 FR 65008).

Signed at Washington, DC, on July 25, 2003.

John L. Henshaw,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (03-086)]

NASA Advisory Council, Biological and Physical Research Advisory Committee Audio Teleconference

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a meeting of the NASA Advisory Council, Biological and Physical Research Advisory Committee.

DATES: Thursday, August 14, 2003, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street SW., Room 8E26, Washington, DC 20546.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Bradley Carpenter, Code UG, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546, 202/358-0826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capability of the meeting room. Due to the increased security at NASA facilities, any members of the public who wish to attend this meeting of the Biological and Physical Research Advisory Committee must provide their name, date and place of birth, citizenship, social security number, or passport and visa information (number, country of issuance and expiration), business address and phone number, if any. This information is to be provided at least 72 hours (11 a.m. EDT on August 11, 2003) prior to the date of the public meeting. Identification information is to be provided to Dr. Bradley Carpenter at 202/358-0826 or via e-mail at bcarpenter@hq.nasa.gov. Failure to timely provide such information may result in denial of attendance. Photo identification may be required for entry into the building. Persons with disabilities who require assistance should indicate this in their message. Due to limited availability of seating, members of the public will be admitted on a first-come, first-serve basis. News media wishing to attend the meeting should follow standard accreditation procedures. Members of the press who have questions about these procedures should contact the NASA Headquarters newsroom (202/358-1600). The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Performance Measures

It is imperative that the meeting be held on this date to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. Visitors will be requested to sign a visitor's register.

June W. Edwards,
Advisory Committee Management Officer,
National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (03-087)]

Notice of Prospective Patent License

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
ACTION: Notice of Prospective Patent License.

SUMMARY: NASA hereby gives notice that the Keymaster Technologies, Inc., a Delaware corporation, has applied for an exclusive license to practice the inventions disclosed in NASA Case Nos. MFS-31898-1 entitled "Methods for Identification and Verification Using Vacuum XRF System" and MFS-31886-1 entitled "Methods for Identification and Verification Using Digital Equivalent Data System." Written objections to the prospective grant of a license should be sent to Mr. James J. McGroary, Patent Counsel/LS01, Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, AL 35812. NASA has not yet made a determination to grant the requested license and may deny the requested license even if no objections are submitted within the comment period.

DATES: Responses to this notice must be received by August 14, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sammy A. Nabors, Technology Transfer Department/CD30, Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, AL 35812, telephone (256) 544-5226.

Dated: July 17, 2003.

Robert M. Stephens,
Deputy General Counsel.
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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice: (03-085)]

Availability for Comment; Draft Test Protocol for Detecting Possible Biohazards in Martian Samples Returned to Earth

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).
ACTION: Availability for comment.

SUMMARY: NASA has prepared a draft protocol for the testing and evaluation of samples that may be returned from Mars by future missions in its Mars exploration program. This protocol is designed to provide a model method whereby such samples can be tested for possible biohazards that could be present if life exists on Mars. The protocol has been prepared as a draft to guide the development of both a final protocol to accomplish biohazard and life-detection testing, and to aid in the eventual design of the facility or facilities that will be required to accomplish that testing. Public comment on this draft protocol is sought to provide for refinement of the draft and to provide information for future NASA planning efforts.

A Mars sample return mission is not currently scheduled or funded by NASA, but is being considered as one option in planning future pathways for the exploration of Mars. The draft protocol is a pre-decisional document with respect to planning for a future sample return mission.

This notice informs the public of the availability of the draft protocol for electronic distribution, and solicits public comment.

During the comment period, an electronic version (.pdf) of the NASA Conference Publication, "A Draft Test Protocol for Detecting Possible Biohazards in Martian Samples Returned to Earth," NASA/CP-2002-211842, is available via internet at <http://spacescience.nasa.gov/admin/pubs/marssamples/index.htm>, and a limited number of print copies (one per addressee until the supply is exhausted) is available by writing to the address below.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit comments on this document in writing on or before November 28, 2003, to assure full consideration during future planning for Mars exploration missions involving surface or subsurface sample return missions.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Dr. John D. Rummel, NASA Headquarters, Code S, Washington, DC 20546-0001. Comments may also be sent by electronic mail to: marssamples@hq.nasa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. John D. Rummel, Code S, NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC 20546-0001; 202-358-0702; electronic mail: marssamples@hq.nasa.gov.

John D. Rummel,
Planetary Protection Officer.
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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Plan for Collection of Meteorites Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, as Amended

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.
ACTION: Notice of availability of a plan for collection of meteorites; invitation for comments.

SUMMARY: On March 31, 2003, the National Science Foundation (NSF) issued a final rule that authorized the collection of meteorites in Antarctica for scientific purposes only. These regulations implement Article 7 of the