

Date: December 16, 2004.

Time: 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: John C. Pugh, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3114, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-2398, pughjohn@csr.nih.gov.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine; 93.333, Clinical Research, 93.306, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393-93.396, 93.837-93.844, 93.846-93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: December 8, 2004.

Laverne Y. Stringfield,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

ACTION: Notice of 60-Day Information Collection Under Review, OMB Emergency Approval Requested: H-1B Data Collection and Filing Fee Exemption, Form No. I-129W.

The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has submitted an emergency information collection request (ICR) utilizing emergency review procedures to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with section 1320.13(a)(1)(ii) and (a)(2)(iii) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. USCIS has determined that it cannot comply with the normal clearance procedures under this part because the normal clearance procedures are likely to prevent or disrupt the collection of information. USCIS is requesting emergency review from OMB of this information collection to ensure compliance with the H-1B Visa Reform Act of 2004. Section 22 of the H-1B Visa Reform Act amends section 214(c)(9) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), and states that the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security

shall impose a fee on an employer filing an H-1B petition on or after December 9, 2004, to initially grant an alien H-1B nonimmigrant classification to extend the stay of an H-1B nonimmigrant for the first time, or to request a change in employers for H-1B nonimmigrant status. Institutions of higher education, or related or affiliated nonprofit entities, and nonprofit or governmental research organizations are exempt from paying the additional fee. Accordingly, USCIS is revising the Form I-129W to reflect the new requirements of the H-1B Visa Reform Act of 2004.

Emergency review and approval of this ICR ensures that the collection instrument is in place by the effective date of the legislation.

If granted, the emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. All comments and/or questions pertaining to this request for emergency approval must be directed to OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, 725 17th Street, NW., Suite 10235, Washington, DC 20503; Attention: Desk Officer; 202-395-4718.

During the first 60 days of this period, a regular review of this information collection will also be undertaken. During the regular review period, the USCIS requests and encourages written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning this information collection; comments will be accepted until February 14, 2005. During the 60-day regular review, all comments and suggestions, or questions should be directed to Mr. Richard Sloan, Director, Regulatory Management Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20529; 202-616-7598.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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

technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Type of information collection:* Revised information collection.

(2) *Title of the form/collection:* H-1B Data Collection and Filing Fee Exemption.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* Form I-129W. Office of Policy and Strategy, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Business or other for-profit. This addendum to the Form I-129 will be used by USCIS to impose a fee on an employer filing an H-1B petition.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 148,092 responses at 30 minutes (.50 hours) per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 74,046 annual burden hours.

Dated: December 9, 2004.

Richard A. Sloan,

Director, Regulatory Management Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

[CBP Decision 04-41]

CBP Decisions; Application for Recordation of Trade Name: "Precision Instrument Manifolds"

ACTION: Notice of application for recordation of trade name.

SUMMARY: Application has been filed pursuant to § 133.12, Customs Regulations (19 CFR 133.12), for recordation under section 42 of the Act of July 5, 1946, as amended (15 U.S.C. 1124), of the trade name "PRECISION INSTRUMENT MANIFOLDS," used by DYNAMIC Controls & Sensors, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Texas, located at P.O. Box 5009 Kingwood, Texas 77325.

The application states that the trade name is used in connection with valves.

Before final action is taken on the application, consideration will be given to any relevant data, views, or

arguments submitted in writing by any person in opposition to the recordation of this trade name. Notice of the action taken on the application for recordation of this trade name will be published in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 14, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to U.S. Customs and Border Protections, Attention: Office of Regulations and Rulings, Intellectual Property Rights Branch, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., (Mint Annex), Washington, DC 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Delois P. Johnson, Paralegal, Intellectual Property Rights Branch, at (202) 572-8703.

Dated: December 9, 2004.

George Frederick McCray,
Chief, Intellectual Property Rights Branch.
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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[DHS-2004-0019]

RIN 1660-ZA07

National Emergency Management Information System—Mitigation Electronic Grants Management System; Privacy Act System of Record

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of a new system of records.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, the Department of Homeland Security, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency is establishing a new system of records entitled National Emergency Management Information System—Mitigation Electronic Grants Management System. Some (but not all) applications for mitigation grants propose activities that impact properties that are privately owned by individuals (e.g., acquisition of a home that has been repeatedly flooded) and these applications include personally identifiable information about the property owners. Potentially, this personally identifying information may be part of a State's application, and also part of a local community's application

as a sub-applicant. Personal information collected in these applications includes the minimum amount necessary to ascertain the eligibility of that property and/or structure (e.g., house or commercial building) under mitigation grant program regulations. See <https://portal.fema.gov/famsVu/dynamic/mitigation.html>.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The addition of a new system of records and routine uses will become effective on January 24, 2005, unless comments are received that result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by EPA Docket Number: DHS-2004-0019 and/or 1660-ZA07 by one of the following methods:

- EPA Federal Partner EDOCKET Web Site: <http://www.epa.gov/feddocket>. Follow instructions for submitting comments on the Web site.

DHS has joined the Environmental Protection Electronic Docket System (Partner EDOCKET). DHS and its agencies (excluding the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and Transportation Security Administration (TSA)) will use the EPA Federal Partner EDOCKET system. The USCG and TSA [legacy Department of Transportation (DOT) agencies] will continue to use the DOT Docket Management System until full migration to the electronic rulemaking federal docket management system occurs in 2005.

- *Federal e-Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* (202) 646-4536.
- *Mail:* Rules Docket Clerk, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Office of General Counsel, Room 840, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rena Y. Kim, Privacy Act Officer, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Room 840, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3949, (not a toll free call), (telefax) (202) 646-3949, or email Rena.Kim@dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Privacy Act embodies fair information principles in a statutory framework governing the means by which the United States Government collects, maintains, uses, and disseminates personally identifiable information. 5 U.S.C. 552a. The Privacy Act applies to information that is maintained in a "system of records." A "system of records" is a group of any records under the control of an agency from which information is retrieved by the name of the individual or by some identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to the individual. Individuals may request their own

records that are maintained in a system of records in the possession or under the control of Department of Homeland Security (DHS) by complying with DHS Privacy Act regulations, 6 CFR part 5, subpart B and Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Privacy Act regulations, 44 CFR part 6.

The Privacy Act requires each agency to publish in the **Federal Register** a description denoting the type and character of each system of records that the agency maintains, and the routine uses that are contained in each system in order to make agency recordkeeping practices transparent, to notify individuals regarding the uses to which personally identifiable information is put, and to assist the individual to more easily find such files within the Agency.

The Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate/FEMA is establishing a new system of records pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974 for the National Emergency Management Information System—Mitigation Electronic Grants Management System (NEMIS—MT eGrants). FEMA intends to collect personal information in applications for its mitigation grant programs through the NEMIS—MT eGrants via the Internet. The FEMA mitigation grant programs are the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant program (42 U.S.C. 4104c) and the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant program, (42 U.S.C. 5133). The purpose of FEMA mitigation grant programs is to provide funds to eligible Applicants/States to implement mitigation activities to reduce or eliminate the risk of future damage to life and property from disasters.

Eligible applicants for FEMA mitigation grants are State emergency management agencies or a similar State office that has emergency management responsibility, the District of Columbia, the United States Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Federally recognized Indian Tribal governments. Eligible Sub-applicants of FEMA mitigation grants are State agencies, local governments, or Indian Tribal governments to which a sub-grant is awarded. Examples of mitigation activities that impact privately owned properties (and which may include personally identifiable information in a State or local community application) include retrofitting structures, elevation of structures, acquisition and demolition or relocation of structures, minor structural flood control projects, or construction of safe rooms. The personally identifying information