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Dated: May 29, 2007.

**P. Michael Payne,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Product Development Committee (CPDC) for Synthesis and Assessment Product 1.3

**AGENCY:** Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Product Development Committee for Synthesis and Assessment Product 1.3 (CPDC-S&A 1.3) was established by a Decision Memorandum dated November 21, 2006. CPDC-S&A 1.3 is the Federal Advisory Committee charged with responsibility to develop a draft Synthesis and Assessment Product that addresses CCSP Topic 1.3: "Re-analyses of Historical Climate Data for Key Atmospheric Features: Implications for Attribution of Causes of Observed Change."

**Time and Date:** The meeting will be held Monday, June 25, 2007, from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday, June 26, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Wednesday, June 27, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. These times and the agenda topics described below are subject to change. Refer to the Web page

<http://www.climate.noaa.gov/ccsp/13.jsp> for the most up-to-date meeting agenda.

**Place:** The meeting will be held at the NOAA Earth System Research Laboratory, 325 Broadway, Boulder, Colorado 80305, Room GB-124.

**Status:** The meeting will be open to public participation with a 30-minute public comment period on Monday, June 25 from 2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. (check Web site to confirm this time). The CPDC-S&A 1.3 expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes. Written comments (at least 35 copies) should be received by the CPDC-S&A 1.3 Designated Federal Official by June 18, 2007 to provide sufficient time for review. Written comments received after June 18 will be distributed to the CPDC-S&A 1.3, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Matters To Be Considered:** The meeting will include the following topics: (1) Review, recommend and make changes to the reanalysis and attribution chapters of Synthesis and Assessment Product 1.3; and (2) Discussion of plans for completion and submission of the first draft of Synthesis and Assessment Product 1.3.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Neil Christerson, Designated Federal Official, CPDC-S&A 1.3 (NOAA Climate Program Office, 1315 East-West Hwy., Suite 12105, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. Phone: 301-734-1211, Fax: 301-713-0518, E-mail: [Neil.Christerson@noaa.gov](mailto:Neil.Christerson@noaa.gov) or visit the Web site at <http://www.climate.noaa.gov/ccsp/13.jsp>.)

**Terry Bevels,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### United States Patent Applicant Survey

**AGENCY:** Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork

and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the extension of a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before August 3, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

**E-mail:** [Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov](mailto:Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov). Include "0651-0052 comment" in the subject line of the message.

**Fax:** 571-273-0112, marked to the attention of Susan Fawcett.

**Mail:** Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. *Federal e-Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to the attention of Gus Mastrogianis, Economist, Office of Corporate Planning, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by telephone 571-272-6292; or by e-mail at [gus.mastrogianis@uspto.gov](mailto:gus.mastrogianis@uspto.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

For several years the USPTO has supported an ongoing forecasting program for patent application filings that includes the use of quantitative and qualitative methodologies. Given the importance of accurate application filings forecasts, the USPTO considers more than one type of methodology. As part of this strategy, information from a survey of the inventor community is included when formulating application filings forecasts. In addition to using the survey as part of a comprehensive approach to forecasting, the USPTO is also using this tool in response to Senate Appropriations Report 106-404 (September 8, 2000). This report directed the USPTO to "develop a workload forecast with advice from a representative sample of industry and the inventor community." A patent application filing survey will assist the USPTO in better understanding key factors driving future application filings, such as newly emerging technologies.

The USPTO has developed the United States Patent Applicant Survey as part of the continuing effort to better predict the future growth of patent application filings by understanding applicant intentions. The main purpose of this

survey is to determine the number of application filings that the USPTO can expect to receive over the next three years from patent-generating entities, ranging from large domestic corporations to independent inventors.

In recent years, the rate of patent application filings to the USPTO steadily increased with expanding technological innovations. However, newly emerging technologies, evolving business patenting strategies, patent valuations and costs, and intellectual property legislative changes, among other factors, may significantly impact patent applicants' decisions to file applications at the USPTO. These factors cannot easily be accounted for in other methodologies or sufficient information is not available from databases or other sources and it is necessary for the USPTO to conduct the Patent Applicant Survey to obtain information directly from applicants. The information will allow the agency to anticipate demand and estimate future revenue flow more reliably; to identify input and output triggers and allocate resources to meet and understand customer needs; and to reassess output and capacity goals and re-align organization quality control measures with applicant demand by division.

The Patent Applicant Survey is a mail survey, although respondents have the option to complete the survey electronically. They may also provide their responses verbally over the telephone. A survey packet, containing the survey, a cover letter explaining the purpose of and outlining instructions for completing the survey, and a postage-paid, pre-addressed return

envelope will be mailed to all survey groups. The USPTO plans to survey four groups of respondents: Large domestic corporations (including those with 500+ employees), small and medium-size businesses, universities and non-profit research organizations, and independent inventors. The USPTO does not plan to survey foreign entities and will rely on the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Japan Patent Office (JPO) to provide forecasts of application filings by foreign entities. Due to variances in filing and the varying needs of the different patent applicant populations, the USPTO has developed two versions of the survey: One for the large domestic corporations and small and medium-size businesses and one for universities, non-profit research organizations, and independent inventors.

Since the initial survey, administered in late 2002, the USPTO has redesigned the survey to eliminate difficulties and coordinate analysis more easily with parallel surveys conducted concurrently by the European and Japan Patent Offices.

The surveys do not have USPTO form numbers associated with them and once they are approved, they will carry the OMB Control Number and the expiration date.

**II. Method of Collection**

By mail or electronically over the Internet when respondents elect the on-line option to complete the survey.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0651-0052.

*Form Number(s):* None

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profits and not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 400 responses per year. Of this total, the USPTO expects that 267 surveys will be completed using the on-line option.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it will take approximately 30 minutes (0.50 hours) for all of the patent applicant populations to provide their responses, with the exception of the independent inventors. The USPTO estimates that it will take independent inventors approximately 15 minutes (0.25 hours) to provide their responses. These estimates include the time to gather the necessary information, complete the survey, and submit it to the USPTO. The USPTO believes that it will take the same amount of time to complete the surveys whether they are completed on paper and mailed to the USPTO or completed and submitted electronically.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 140 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden:* \$4,340. The USPTO estimates that 31% of the respondents completing these surveys will be lawyers, about 9% will be legal assistants, and 60% of respondents will have diverse occupations. Using an estimated U.S. hourly rate of \$54 for lawyers, a legal assistant rate of \$24, and a rate of \$20 for the majority of the respondents, the USPTO believes that the average hourly rate for those completing these surveys will be \$31 per hour. Therefore, the USPTO estimates that the salary costs for the respondents completing these surveys will be \$4,340.

Item	Estimated time for response (minutes)	Estimated annual responses	Estimated annual burden hours
Large Domestic Corporations .....	30	27	14
Large Domestic Corporations (electronic surveys) .....	30	53	27
Small and Medium-Size Businesses .....	30	18	9
Small and Medium-Size Businesses (electronic surveys) .....	30	37	19
Universities and Non-Profit Research Organizations .....	30	5	3
Universities and Non-Profit Research Organizations (electronic surveys) .....	30	10	5
Independent Inventors .....	15	83	21
Independent Inventors (electronic surveys) .....	15	167	42
<b>Total .....</b>		<b>400</b>	<b>140</b>

*Estimated Total Annual Non-hour Respondent Cost Burden:* \$0. There are no capital start-up, maintenance, or recordkeeping costs or filing fees associated with this information collection. The USPTO provides postage-paid, pre-addressed return envelopes for the completed mail

surveys so there are no postage costs associated with this information collection.

**IV. Request for Comments**

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance

of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be

collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 29, 2007

**Susan K. Fawcett,**

*Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division.*

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## COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

### Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts is scheduled for 21 June 2007, at 10 a.m. in the Commission's offices at the National Building Museum, Suite 312, Judiciary Square, 401 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001-2728. Items of discussion affecting the appearance of Washington, DC, may include buildings, parks and memorials.

Draft agendas and additional information regarding the Commission are available on our Web site: <http://www.cfa.gov>. Inquiries regarding the agenda and requests to submit written or oral statements should be addressed to Thomas Luebke, Secretary, U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, at the above address or call 202-504-2200. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired should contact the Secretary at least 10 days before the meeting date.

Dated in Washington, DC, May 29, 2007.

**Thomas Luebke, AIA**

*Secretary.*

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## CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

### Notification of Request for Extension of Approval of Information Collection Requirements—Procedures for Export of Noncomplying Products

**AGENCY:** Consumer Product Safety Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In the February 12, 2007 **Federal Register** (72 FR 6534), the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC or Commission) published a notice in accordance with provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) to announce the agency's intention to seek an extension of approval of information collection requirements in regulations codified at 16 CFR part 1019, which establish procedures for export of noncomplying products. No comments were received. The Commission now announces that it is submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for extension of approval of that collection of information.

These regulations implement provisions of the Consumer Product Safety Act, the Federal Hazardous Substances Act, and the Flammable Fabrics Act that require persons and firms to notify the Commission before exporting any product that fails to comply with an applicable standard or regulation enforced under provisions of those laws. The Commission is required by law to transmit the information relating to the proposed exportation to the government of the country of intended destination. OMB previously approved the collection of information under control number 3041-0003. OMB's most recent extension of approval will expire on August 31, 2007.

### Additional Information About the Request for Extension of Approval of Information Collection Requirements

*Agency address:* Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Title of information collection:* Procedures for export of noncomplying products, 16 CFR part 1019.

*Type of request:* Extension of approval.

*Frequency of collection:* Varies depending upon volume of noncomplying goods exported.

*General description of respondents:* Exporters of products that fail to comply with standards or regulations enforced under provisions of the Consumer Product Safety Act, the Federal Hazardous Substances Act, or the Flammable Fabrics Act.

*Estimated Number of respondents:* 35 firms per year.

*Estimated number of notifications for all respondents:* 75 per year.

*Estimated number of hours per response:* 1.

*Estimated number of hours for all respondents:* 75 per year.

*Estimated cost of collection for all respondents:* \$3,400.

*Comments:* Comments on this request for extension of approval of information collection requirements should be submitted by July 5, 2007 to the (1) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for CPSC, Office of Management and Budget, Washington DC 20503; telephone: (202) 395-7340, and (2) to the Office of the Secretary by e-mail at [cpsc-os@cpsc.gov](mailto:cpsc-os@cpsc.gov), or mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814. Comments may also be sent via facsimile at (301) 504-0127.

Copies of this request for approval of information collection requirements and supporting documentation are available from Linda Glatz, Division of Policy and Planning, Office of Information Technology and Technology Services, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone: (301) 504-7671 or by e-mail to [lglatz@cpsc.gov](mailto:lglatz@cpsc.gov).

Dated: May 29, 2007.

**Todd A. Stevenson,**

*Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.*

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## CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

### Notification of Request for Extension of Approval of Information Collection Requirements—Safety Standard for Multi-Purpose Lighters

**AGENCY:** Consumer Product Safety Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In the March 1, 2007 **Federal Register** (72 FR 9310), the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC or Commission) published a notice in accordance with provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) to announce the agency's intention to seek extension of approval of the collection of information in the Safety Standard for Multi-Purpose Lighters. 16 CFR part 1212. No comments were received in response to the notice. The Commission now announces that it is submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for extension of approval of that collection of information for a period of three years from the date of approval.

Section 14(a) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA) (15 U.S.C. 2063(a)) requires manufacturers, importers, and private labelers of a