

New Jersey, Connecticut, and West Virginia, as well as the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the proposed Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611, and should refer to, *United States v. Virginia Electric and Power Co.*, D.J. Ref. 90-5-2-1-07122.

The proposed Decree may be examined at the offices of the United States Attorney, Eastern Division of Virginia, 2100 Jamieson Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia, and at the offices of U.S. EPA, Region 3, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029.

During the public comment period, the proposed Decree may also be examined on the following Department of Justice Web site, <http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/open.html>. A copy of the proposed Decree may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611 or by faxing or e-mailing a request to Tonia Fleetwood ([tonia.fleetwood@usdoj.gov](mailto:tonia.fleetwood@usdoj.gov)), fax no. (202) 514-0097, phone confirmation number (202) 514-1547. In requesting a copy from the Consent Decree Library, please enclose a check in the amount of \$29.25 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the U.S. Treasury.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Federal Bureau of Investigation

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Requested

**ACTION:** 30-day Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Extension of a currently approved collection, Bioterrorism Preparedness Act: Entity/Individual Information.

The Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed

information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** Volume 68, Number 42, page 10268 on March 4, 2003, allowing for a 60-day comment period.

The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days for public comment until June 23, 2003. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulation Affairs, Attention: Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20503.

Request written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. your comments 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 submission of responses.

Overview of this information:

(1) *Type of information collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

(2) *The title of the form/collection:* Bioterrorism Preparedness Act: Entity/Individual Information.

(3) The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the department sponsoring the collection: FD-961 (2-24-03), Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or households. Other: Business or other for profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government. The Public

Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002 is designed to prevent bioterrorism and other public health emergencies. The law requires entities and persons possessing agents or toxins deemed to be a severe threat to human, animal or plant health, or to animal or plant products, to be registered with the Secretary of Agriculture or Secretary of Health and Human Resources. Under the act the Attorney General has the responsibility to determine whether any individual is a restricted person, as that term is defined in 18 U.S.C. 175b(d) or is reasonably suspected by any Federal law enforcement or intelligence agency of committing a Federal crime of terrorism, or having knowing involvement with an organization that engages in domestic or international terrorism, or with any other organization that engages in intentional crimes of violence; or an agent of a foreign power. The Attorney General delegated this responsibility to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The collection of this information is necessary for the FBI to make the required determination.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply. It is estimated 20,000 entities/individuals will complete the information in approximately 30 minutes.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: The estimated public burden associated with this application is 10,000 hours.

If additional information is required contact: Robert B. Briggs, Department Clearance Officer, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, United States Department of Justice, 601 D Street NW., Patrick Henry Building, Suite 1600, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

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