

determined not to review the ALL's ID. To the extent SG attempts to challenge PI's satisfaction of the importation requirement of 19 U.S.C. 1337(a)(1)(B) in its petition for review, we decline to reconsider the issue. SG failed to file a petition for review challenging the ALL's December 12, 2005 ID granting PI's motion for summary determination that it satisfied the importation requirement, and therefore, SG waived the issue. 19 CFR 210.43(b)(2).

In connection with the final disposition of this investigation, the Commission may (1) issue an order that could result in the exclusion of the subject articles from entry into the United States, and/or (2) issue one or more cease and desist orders that could result in the respondent being required to cease and desist from engaging in unfair acts in the importation and sale of such articles. Accordingly, the Commission is interested in receiving written submissions that address the form of remedy, if any, that should be ordered. If a party seeks exclusion of an article from entry into the United States for purposes other than entry for consumption, the party should so indicate and provide information establishing that activities involving other types of entry either are adversely affecting it or likely to do so. For background, see *Certain Devices for Connecting Computers via Telephone Lines*, Inv. No. 337-TA-360, USITC Pub; No. 2843 (December 1994) (Commission Opinion).

If the Commission contemplates some form of remedy, it must consider the effects of that remedy upon the public interest. The factors the Commission will consider include the effect that an exclusion order and/or cease and desist orders would have on (1) the public health and welfare, (2) competitive conditions in the U.S. economy, (3) U.S. production of articles that are like or directly competitive with those that are subject to investigation, and (4) U.S. consumers. The Commission is therefore interested in receiving written submissions that address the aforementioned public interest factors in the context of this investigation.

If the Commission orders some form of remedy, the U.S. Trade Representative, as delegated by the President, has 60 days to approve or disapprove the Commission's action. See Presidential Memorandum of July 21, 2005, 70 FR 43251 (July 2, 2005). During this period, the subject articles would be entitled to enter the United States under bond, in an amount determined by the Commission and prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury. The Commission is therefore

interested in receiving submissions concerning the amount of the bond that should be imposed if a remedy is ordered.

*Written Submissions:* The parties to the investigation are requested to file written submissions on the issues identified in this notice. Parties to the investigation, interested government agencies, and any other interested parties are encouraged to file written submissions on the issues of remedy, the public interest, and bonding. Such submissions should address the recommended determination by the ALJ on remedy and bonding. Complainant and the Commission investigative attorney are also requested to submit proposed remedial orders for the Commission's consideration. Complainant is also requested to state the dates that the patents expire and the HTSUS numbers under which the accused products are imported. The written submissions and proposed remedial orders must be filed no later than close of business on July 10, 2006. Reply submissions must be filed no later than the close of business on July 17, 2006. No further submission on these issues will be permitted unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

Persons filing written submission must file the original document and 12 true copies thereof on or before the deadlines stated above with the Office of the Secretary. Any person desiring to submit a document to the Commission in confidence must request confidential treatment unless the information has already been granted such treatment during the proceedings. All such requests should be directed to the Secretary of the Commission and must include a full statement of the reasons why the Commission should grant such treatment. See 19 CFR 210.6. Documents for which confidential treatment by the Commission is sought will be treated accordingly. All nonconfidential written submissions will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Secretary.

The authority for the Commission's determination is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), and in sections 210.42-46 and 210.50 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 210.42-46 and 210.50).

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By order of the Commission.

**Marilyn R. Abbott,**

*Secretary to the Commission.*

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[USITC SE-06-045]

### Government in the Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** United States International Trade Commission.

**TIME AND DATE:** July 18, 2006 at 11 a.m.

**PLACE:** Room 101, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436, Telephone: (202) 205-2000.

**STATUS:** Open to the public.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Agenda for future meetings: None.
2. Minutes.
3. Ratification List.
4. Inv. No. 731-TA-539-C (Second Review) (Uranium from Russia)—briefing and vote. (The Commission is currently scheduled to transmit its determination and Commissioners' opinions to the Secretary of Commerce on or before August 1, 2006.)

5. Outstanding action jackets: None. In accordance with Commission policy, subject matter listed above, not disposed of at the scheduled meeting, may be carried over to the agenda of the following meeting.

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By order of the Commission.

**Marilyn R. Abbott,**

*Secretary to the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

#### Section 110(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977; Interpretation

**AGENCY:** Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Interpretive rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Interpretive Bulletin reproduced below sets forth a statement of the Secretary of Labor's interpretation of Section 110(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Mine Act), 30 U.S.C. 820(c), as it relates to agents of Limited Liability Companies (LLCs). The Interpretive Bulletin is considered an interpretive rule and provides an explanation of the Secretary's interpretation of Section 110(c) and the rationale supporting that interpretation. For the reasons set forth below, the Secretary's interpretation is that Section 110(c) of the Mine Act is applicable to agents of LLCs.

The effect of the Secretary's interpretation is that agents of LLCs may be held personally liable under Section 110(c) of the Mine Act if they knowingly authorize, order, or carry out a violation of any mandatory health or safety standard under the Act or a violation of or failure or refusal to comply with any order issued under the Act or any order incorporated in a final decision issued under certain provisions of the Act.

**DATES:** The Interpretive Bulletin takes effect on July 10, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**Discussion of the Interpretive Bulletin and the Comments Received**

On May 9, 2006, the Secretary of Labor published an Interpretive Bulletin setting forth a statement of her interpretation of Section 110(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Mine Act), 30 U.S.C. 820(c), as it relates to agents of Limited Liability Companies (LLCs). 71 FR 26982 (May 9, 2006). The Interpretive Bulletin is reproduced below, with procedural details that are no longer applicable deleted. As explained in the Interpretive Bulletin, the Secretary's interpretation is that Section 110(c) is applicable to agents of LLCs.

As stated in the Interpretive Bulletin, the Secretary believes that the position set forth in the Interpretive Bulletin represents an "interpretive rule" as that term is used in the Administrative Procedure Act, and is therefore not required to go through notice-and-comment rulemaking. See 71 FR at 26982 (citing 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(A) and *AMC v. MSHA*, 995 F.2d 1106, 1108-13 (D.C. Cir. 1993)). See also *Central Texas Telephone Cooperative, Inc. v. FCC*, 402 F.3d 205, 210-14 (D.C. Cir. 2005); *Orengo Caraballo v. Reich*, 11 F.3d 186, 194-96 (D.C. Cir. 1993); *United Technologies Corp. v. EPA*, 821 F.2d 714, 718-20 (D.C. Cir. 1987). Exercising her discretion to do so, however, the Secretary solicited comments on the Interpretive Bulletin.

The Secretary received comments from three commenters. The Secretary

has carefully reviewed the comments, and has determined that they identify no considerations that militate against the conclusion that the Secretary's interpretation of Section 110(c) is both permissible and reasonable. Accordingly, the Interpretive Bulletin takes effect, as scheduled, on July 10, 2006.

All three of the commenters suggested that the Secretary's interpretation of Section 110(c) is inconsistent with the decisions of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission and the District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals in *Paul Shirel and Donald Guess, employed by Pyro Mining Co. (Shirel and Guess)*, 15 FMSHRC 2440 (1993), *aff'd*, 52 F.3d 1123 (D.C. Cir. 1995) (unpublished). The Secretary addressed the holding in *Shirel and Guess* in the Interpretive Bulletin. As the Secretary explained, the holding in *Shirel and Guess* that Section 110(c) is inapplicable to agents of partnerships has no bearing on the question of whether Section 110(c) is applicable to agents of LLCs because partnerships, unlike LLCs, existed and were a well-known form of business organization when Congress enacted the Mine Act. See 71 Fed. Reg. at 26984 n. 2.

One of the commenters also suggested that the Secretary's interpretation of Section 110(c) is inconsistent with the fact that "Section 110 of the [Mine] Act was amended as recently as 1990, by which point LLCs were a relatively common form of legal entity, and yet Congress did not see fit at that time to expand the wording of the statute." The Secretary believes that the action Congress took with respect to Section 110 in 1990 has no bearing on the question of whether Section 110(c) is applicable to agents of LLCs. Congressional reenactment of a statutory provision without change may sometimes indicate approval of an existing interpretation of that provision. See *Central Bank of Denver, N.A. v. First Interstate Bank of Denver, N.A.*, 511 U.S. 164, 185 (1994); *Lorillard v. Pons*, 434 U.S. 575, 580-85 (1978).

Congressional reenactment indicates such approval, however, only if the interpretation took the form of a consistent judicial interpretation or an authoritative administrative interpretation, and only if there is evidence that Congress was actually aware of that interpretation. See, e.g., *Rabin v. Wilson-Coker*, 362 F.3d 190, 197 (2d Cir. 2004); *In re Coastal Group, Inc.*, 13 F.3d 81, 84 (3d Cir. 1994); *AFL-CIO v. Brock*, 835 F.2d 912, 915-16 (D.C. Cir. 1987). Indeed, the District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals has held that there must be evidence both

that Congress was actually aware of the interpretation and that Congress affirmatively indicated approval of the interpretation. *General American Transportation Corp. v. ICC*, 872 F.2d 1048, 1053 (D.C. Cir. 1989), *cert. denied*, 493 U.S. 1069 (1990); *AFL-CIO*, 835 F.2d at 915-16.

In 1990, Congress merely amended Sections 110(a) and 110(b) of the Mine Act to increase the amount of the maximum civil penalties specified in those provisions. Public Law 101-508, Title III, sections 3102(1) and 3102(2), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388. There was no judicial or administrative interpretation in existence in 1990 to the effect that Section 110(c) is inapplicable to agents of LLCs, and there is no evidence that Congress in any way considered the question of whether Section 110(c) is applicable to agents of LLCs.<sup>1</sup> Indeed, Congress' action in 1990 cannot meaningfully be said to have been a reenactment of Section 110(c) at all. Congress' amendment of Sections 110(a) and 110(b) had nothing to do with Section 110(c) or any other provision of the Mine Act, and was instead part of an omnibus budget reconciliation act that adjusted the monetary amounts specified in numerous statutes throughout the federal government.

For the reasons set forth in the Interpretive Bulletin and above, the Secretary believes that it is both permissible and reasonable to interpret Section 110(c) as being applicable to agents of LLCs.

**The Interpretive Bulletin**

*Introductory Statement*

The Secretary of Labor is responsible for interpreting and applying statutes she is authorized to administer. More specifically, Congress delegated to the Secretary, acting through MSHA, the authority to administer the Mine Act. See *Secretary of Labor v. Excel Mining, LLC*, 334 F.3d 1, 5-7 (D.C. Cir. 2003); *Secretary of Labor on behalf of Wamsley v. Mutual Mining, Inc.*, 80 F.3d 110, 113-14 (4th Cir. 1996). The interpretation and application of statutory terms to particular factual circumstances is an ongoing process. Publication of all interpretive positions taken by the Secretary is impossible; at times, however, the Secretary has found it useful as a means of notifying the public in general, and interested segments of the public in particular, to publish an Interpretive Bulletin or other

<sup>1</sup> The analysis set forth above also applies to the recently enacted Miner Improvement and New Emergency Response Act of 2006 (MINER Act), Public Law 109-236, June 15, 2006, 120 Stat. 493.

documents setting forth the Secretary's interpretive positions with respect to particular provisions of statutes she administers.

The question has arisen whether Section 110(c) of the Mine Act is applicable to agents of LLCs. The LLC is a relatively new business entity which combines the limited liability provided by a corporation with the "pass-through" tax treatment accorded to a partnership. LLCs are like corporations in that they shield individuals from personal liability; for that reason, they raise concerns similar to those which led Congress to enact Section 110(c).

The status of LLCs under Section 110(c) has become a significant issue under the Mine Act because, in recent years, the number of mine operators organized as LLCs has steadily increased. According to MSHA records, 782 of the Nation's 7,287 active mine operators—approximately 10 percent—now identify themselves as LLCs. The actual number may be significantly greater because MSHA's mine identification forms do not list "LLC" as an option and many LLCs may not identify themselves as LLCs. A number of the Nation's large operators are LLCs.

The purpose of this Interpretive Bulletin is to make the public aware of the Secretary's interpretation of the applicability of Section 110(c) to agents of LLCs—an interpretation the Secretary will apply in administering and enforcing the Mine Act.

#### *Limited Liability Companies*

The LLC is a hybrid business entity first recognized in 1977 by the State of Wyoming. LLCs did not attain any significant popularity until 1988, however, when the Internal Revenue Service announced that LLCs could be taxed as partnerships despite their corporation-like liability shield. When the IRS announced in 1997 that LLCs could elect pass-through taxation without regard to the number of corporation-like characteristics they possessed, the number of LLCs grew dramatically.

#### *Text and History of Section 110(c)*

Section 110(c) of the Mine Act states as follows:

Whenever a *corporate operator* violates a mandatory health or safety standard or knowingly violates or fails or refuses to comply with any order issued under this Act or any order incorporated in a final decision under this Act, except an order incorporated in a decision issued under Subsection (a) or Section 105(c), any director, officer, or agent of such corporation who knowingly authorized, ordered, or carried out such

violation, failure, or refusal shall be subject to the same civil penalties, fines, and imprisonment that may be imposed upon a person under subsections (a) and (d).

30 U.S.C. 820(c) (emphases added). Section 110(c) of the Mine Act was carried over essentially unchanged from the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969 (Coal Act). See 30 U.S.C. 819(c) (1969). The legislative history of the Mine Act, quoting from the legislative history of the Coal Act, stated:

Civil penalties are not a part of the enforcement scheme of the Metal Act, but they have been part of the enforcement of the Coal Act since its enactment in 1969. The purpose of such civil penalties, of course, is not to raise revenues for the federal treasury, but rather, is a recognition that: '[s]ince the basic business judgments which dictate the method of operation of a coal mine are made directly or indirectly by persons at various levels of corporate structure, [the provision for assessment of civil penalties is] necessary to place the responsibility for compliance with the Act and the regulations, as well as the liability for violations on those who control or supervise the operation of coal mines as well as on those who operate them.' In short, the purpose of a civil penalty is to induce those officials responsible for the operation of a mine to comply with the Act and its standards.

S. Rep. 95-181, Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, 95th Cong. 1st Session, at 40 (quoting S. Rep. 91-411, Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969, 91st Cong. 1st Session, at 39).

#### *Purpose of Section 110(c)*

When a "corporate operator" violates a mandatory health or safety standard under the Mine Act, Section 110(c) of the Act imposes personal liability on "any director, officer, or agent" of the corporation who knowingly authorized, ordered, or carried out the violation. Because a corporation generally serves as a shield against personal liability, corporate directors, officers, and agents generally are not personally liable for legal violations committed by the corporation.<sup>2</sup> Congress' enactment of Section 110(c) reflected its concern that corporate mine operators would have a reduced incentive to comply with Mine Act standards because a corporation would shield the individuals who control and supervise the mine—the corporation's directors, officers, and agents—from personal liability. Section 110(c) imposes liability for Mine Act violations directly on the individuals responsible for the violations. As the

<sup>2</sup> In contrast, a partnership generally does not shield individuals from personal liability.

Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals has explained:

In a practical sense, any non-corporate mining operation is going to be relatively small, and the probability is that the decision-maker is going to fit the statutory definition of "operator." In a larger, corporate structure, the decision-maker may have authority over only a part of the mining operation. [Section 110(c)] assures that this makes him no less liable for his actions. In a noncorporate structure, the sole proprietor or partners are personally liable as "operators" for violations; they cannot pass off these penalties as a cost of doing business as a corporation can. Therefore, the noncorporate operator has a greater incentive to make certain that his employees do not violate mandatory health or safety standards than does the corporate operator. [Section 110(c)] attempts to correct this imbalance by giving the corporate employee a direct incentive to comply with the Act.

*Richardson v. Secretary of Labor*, 689 F.2d 632, 633-34 (6th Cir. 1982), cert. denied, 461 U.S. 928 (1983). *Accord United States v. Jones*, 735 F.2d 785, 792-93 (4th Cir.) ("Congress may have believed that in a noncorporate coal mining operation the threat of criminal sanctions against the operator personally would provide a sufficient incentive to comply with the mandatory safety standards. By contrast, in a corporate mining operation, those who are in control might well be insulated from criminal responsibility, the corporation being an impersonal legal entity."), cert. denied, 469 U.S. 918 (1984).

#### *The Interpretive Issue*

The threshold issue in this situation is "whether Congress has spoken to the precise question" of the applicability of Section 110(c) to agents of LLCs. *Chevron U.S.A. Inc. v. Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc.*, 467 U.S. 837, 842-43 (1984). If Congress unambiguously expressed an intent that Section 110(c) was not to apply to agents of LLCs, that is the end of the matter. *Ibid.* If the Mine Act is silent or ambiguous with respect to the question, however, an agency interpretation that Section 110(c) is applicable to agents of LLCs should be accepted as long as it is reasonable. *Ibid.*

By its terms, Section 110(c) applies when a "corporate operator" violates a Mine Act standard and a director, officer, or agent "of such corporation" knowingly authorized, ordered, or carried out the violation. The threshold issue is thus whether, in enacting Section 110(c), Congress unambiguously expressed an intent that Section 110(c) was not to apply to agents of LLCs. The Secretary believes that Congress did not express, and could not have expressed,

any intent with respect to agents of LLCs because, when Congress enacted Section 110(c), LLCs effectively did not exist.

The courts have recognized that, over time, conditions may come into existence which Congress did not contemplate when it enacted a statute, but which implicate the concerns Congress was addressing when it enacted the statute. As the Supreme Court stated in *Browder v. United States*, 312 U.S. 335 (1941):

There is nothing in the legislative history to indicate that Congress considered the question of use by returning citizens. Old crimes, however, may be committed under new conditions. Old laws apply to changed situations. The reach of the act is not sustained or opposed by the fact that it is sought to bring new situations under its terms.

312 U.S. at 339 (footnotes omitted). *Accord Weems v. United States*, 217 U.S. 349, 373 (1910) (“Time works changes, brings into existence new conditions and purposes. Therefore a principle, to be vital, must be capable of wider application than the mischief which gave it birth.”). When confronted with a question of statutory application with respect to which Congress did not express or could not have expressed an intent when it enacted the statute, courts have treated the question as one the resolution of which was delegated to the agency Congress authorized to administer the statute. *See NBD Bank, N.A. v. Bennett*, 67 F.3d 629, 632–33 (7th Cir. 1995); *Zoelsch v. Arthur Andersen & Co.*, 824 F.2d 27, 33 (D.C. Cir. 1987). *See also Kauthar SDN BHD v. Sternberg*, 149 F.3d 659, 663–67 (7th Cir. 1998) (where resolution of the question was not delegated to any agency, the court itself filled the void created by Congressional silence by examining the underlying policy concerns), *cert. denied*, 525 U.S. 1114 (1999); *Robinson v. TI/US West Communications Inc.*, 117 F.3d 900, 904–07 (5th Cir. 1997) (same).

Because Congress expressed no intent with respect to agents of LLCs, the question becomes whether an interpretation that Section 110(c) is applicable to agents of LLCs is reasonable. *See Chevron*, 467 U.S. at 842–43; *Excel Mining*, 334 F.3d at 6. The Secretary believes that it is. LLCs generally create the same sort of shield against personal liability which led Congress to impose personal liability on the directors, officers, and agents of corporations. Indeed, LLCs fit within the legal definition of a “corporation.” *See Black’s Law Dictionary* (7th ed. 1999) at 341 (a “corporation” is “[a]n entity (usu. a business) having authority

under law to act as a single person distinct from the shareholders who own it \* \* \*; a group or succession of persons established in accordance with legal rules into a legal or juristic person that has legal personality distinct from the natural persons who make it up [and] exists indefinitely apart from them \* \* \*”). *See also Webster’s Third New International Dictionary* (2002) at 510 (a “corporation” is “a group of persons \* \* \* treated by the law as an individual or unity having rights and liabilities distinct from those of the persons \* \* \* composing it \* \* \*”). Significantly, a number of LLCs in the mining industry are the sort of relatively large and corporately structured entities which Congress had in mind when it enacted Section 110(c). The Secretary believes that the underlying objective Congress identified when it enacted the Coal Act in 1969 and reiterated when it enacted the Mine Act in 1977—to place responsibility for compliance and liability for violations “on those who control or supervise the operation of \* \* \* mines as well as on those who operate them”—will best be advanced if Section 110(c) is interpreted as being applicable to agents of LLCs.

For all of the foregoing reasons, the Secretary believes that the interpretation set forth in this Interpretive Bulletin is permissible under the Mine Act, and that it will advance the Act’s objectives in cases involving LLCs by imposing legal liability on those individuals within the LLC who actually make the decisions with regard to safety and health in the mine.<sup>3</sup>

Dated: June 30, 2006.

**David G. Dye,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health.*

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<sup>3</sup> The Secretary recognizes that Section 110(c) has been held not to apply to agents of partnerships because, by its terms, Section 110(c) applies only to agents of corporations. *Paul Shirel and Donald Guess, employed by Pyro Mining Co.*, 15 FMSHRC 2440 (1993), *aff’d*, 52 F.3d 1123 (D.C. Cir. 1995) (unpublished). That holding has no bearing in this situation, however, because partnerships, unlike LLCs, existed and were a well-known form of business organization when Congress enacted the Mine Act.

The Secretary does not address in this Interpretive Bulletin whether Section 110(c) is applicable to agents of non-traditional business entities other than LLCs. The Secretary will address the applicability of Section 110(c) to the agents of such entities as the question arises.

## NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

### National Endowment for the Arts

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 3, 2006.

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has submitted the following public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 [Pub. L. 104–13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35] Copies of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the National Endowment for the Arts’ Director for Guidelines & Panel Operations, Jillian Miller, at 202/682–5004. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY/TDD) may call 202/682–5496 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Comments should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the National Endowment for the Arts, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 202/395–7316, within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments which:

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;

Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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 submissions of responses.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Agency:* National Endowment for the Arts.

*Title:* Panelist Profile Form.

*Frequency:* Every three years.

*Affected Public:* Individuals.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 250.

*Total Burden Hours:* 25.