

Hopkins as soon as possible. If there are more requests to attend than space available, Johns Hopkins will give preference to scientists with expertise in risk assessment issues. No organization will be permitted more than one observer unless there is space available after all admissions requests are filled. Admittance to the workshop will be limited to those duly registered.

The Workshop

The workshop participants will consist of experts in the fields of risk assessment, epidemiology, and mathematical modeling. The panel discussions will be chaired by Jonathan M. Samet, M.D., Chairman, Department of Epidemiology, Johns Hopkins University, School of Hygiene and Public Health. The workshop participants have been chosen for their scientific expertise and experience in this area. This workshop is scientific in nature. The public is invited to observe the proceedings, but participation in the discussion is limited to workshop participants.

Workshop Objectives

Under the direction of Jonathan Samet, M.D., the workshop participants will address key issues related to ETS risk assessment methodology. Specifically, the participants will:

1. Consider various health end points to be included in the ETS risk assessment and make recommendations with regard to these specific health end points.
2. Consider all available studies addressing the recommended health end points and evaluate the quality of data for estimating occupational risk.
3. Review and evaluate available mathematical models for estimating occupational risk due to ETS exposure.
4. Examine properties of dose-response risk models and characterize the models with regard to validity and uncertainty and their applicability to estimating occupational risk attributable to ETS exposure in the workplace.

Authority and Signature

This document was prepared under the direction of Charles N. Jeffress, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. It is issued pursuant to section 6(b) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (84 Stat. 1594, 29 U.S.C. 655).

Signed at Washington, DC this 22nd of June 1998.

Charles N. Jeffress,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and other federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA 95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the collection of information included in the procedure for applications for exemption from the prohibited transaction provisions of section 408(a) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) (29 CFR § 2570.30, *et seq.*). The Department is particularly interested in comments which evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the basis for any suggested alternative burden estimates. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before August 25, 1998.

The Department of Labor 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;
- 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.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments regarding the collection of information of any or all of the Agencies. Send comments to Mr. Gerald B. Lindrew, Office of Policy and Research, U.S. Department of Labor, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N-5647, Washington, D.C. 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-4782 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 408(a) of ERISA provides that the Secretary may grant exemptions from the prohibited transaction provisions of sections 406 and 407(a) of ERISA and directs the Secretary to establish an exemption procedure with respect to such provisions. In this regard, the Department previously issued a regulation which describes the procedures that must be followed in filing for such exemptions (29 CFR 2570.30, *et seq.*). Under section 408(a) of ERISA, in order for the Secretary to grant an exemption, it must be determined that such exemption is "(1) administratively feasible; (2) in the interests of the plan and its participants and beneficiaries; and (3) protective of the rights of participants and beneficiaries." In order to make such determination, the Department requires full information regarding all aspects of the transaction, including the specific circumstances surrounding the transaction, and the parties and assets involved. Thus, sections 2570.34 and 2570.35 of the exemption procedures regulation lists the information that must be supplied by the applicant. This information includes: identifying information (name, type of plan, EIN number, etc.); an estimate of the number of plan participants; a detailed description of the transaction and the parties for which an exemption is

requested; statements regarding what section ERISA is thought to be in violation and whether the transaction(s) involved have already been entered into; a statement of whether the transaction is customary in the industry; a statement of the hardship or economic loss, if any, which would result if the exemption were denied; a statement explaining why the proposed exemption would be administratively feasible, in the interests of the plan and protective of the rights of plan participants and beneficiaries; and several other statements. In addition, the applicant must certify that the information supplied is accurate and complete.

Section 408(a) of ERISA requires that before granting an exemption from 406(a) the Secretary "shall require that adequate notice be given to interested parties, and shall afford interested persons opportunity to present views." Thus, section 2570.43 of the exemption procedures regulation requires that the applicant for an exemption provide interested persons with a copy of the **Federal Register** notice containing the proposed exemption and a statement which informs them of their right to comment on the proposed exemption.

II. Current Actions

The Office of Management and Budget's approval of this ICR will expire on September 30, 1998. This existing collection of information should be continued because the requirement that an applicant for an exemption disclose information regarding their application is necessary in order for the Department to make an informed decision regarding the application. Further, the requirement of the notice to interested parties ensures that participants and beneficiaries are informed of the application for exemption and have the opportunity to respond.

Agency: Department of Labor, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

Title: Procedure for Application for Prohibited Transaction Exemption Regulation pursuant to 29 CFR 2570.30, *et seq.*

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

OMB Numbers: 1210-0060.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Total Respondents: 207.

Total Responses: 207.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Total Annual Burden: 5,708 hours.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information

collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 22, 1998.

Gerald B. Lindrew,

Deputy Director, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Office of Policy and Research.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (98-081)]

Notice of Prospective Patent License

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of prospective patent license.

SUMMARY: NASA hereby gives notice that Boundary Layer Research, Inc., a corporation of the State of Washington having its principal place of business at 3125 100th St. SW, Hangar C75-5, Everett, Washington 98204, has applied for an exclusive license to practice the inventions disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,209,430, entitled "HELICOPTER LOW SPEED YAW CONTROL," and U.S. Patent No. 4,708,305 entitled "ANTI-TORQUE SYSTEM FUSELAGE STRAKES," both of which are assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Written objections to the prospective grant of a license should be sent to Langley Research Center.

DATE: Responses to this notice must be received by August 25, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kimberly A. Chasteen, Patent Attorney, NASA Langley Research Center, Mail Stop 212, Hampton, VA 23681-0001, telephone (757) 864-3227; fax (757) 864-9190.

Dated: June 10, 1998.

Edward A. Frankle,

General Counsel.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (98-082)]

Notice of Prospective Patent License

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of prospective patent license.

SUMMARY: NASA hereby gives notice that GP:50 New York LTD of Grand Island, NY 14072, has applied for a partially exclusive license to practice the invention described and claimed in NASA Case Numbers LAR 15280-2-SB and LAR 15280-3-SB, both entitled "CRYOGENIC HIGH PRESSURE SENSOR," for which U.S. Patent Applications were filed and assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Written objections to the prospective grant of a license should be sent to Langley Research Center.

DATE: Responses to this notice must be received by August 25, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robin W. Edwards, Patent Attorney, Langley Research Center, Mail Stop 212, Hampton, VA 23681-0001, telephone (757) 864-3230; fax (757) 864-9190.

Dated: June 10, 1998.

Edward A. Frankle,

General Counsel.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Establishment of the Information Security Policy Advisory Council

This notice is published to announce the establishment of the Information Security Policy Advisory Council (ISPAC). The ISPAC will advise the President, the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, the Archivist of the United States, and such other executive branch official as it deems appropriate, on policies established under Executive Order 12958 or its implementing directives, including recommended changes to those policies. The ISPAC shall also provide recommendations to agency heads for specific subject areas for systematic declassification review and serve as a forum to discuss policy issues in dispute.

If you have any questions regarding the establishment of the ISPAC, please contact Mary Ann Hadyka, NARA's Committee Management Officer, at (301) 713-7360 x222.

Dated: June 22, 1998.

John W. Carlin,

Archivist of the United States.

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