

bodies able to provide accreditations meeting all the requirements of the Act and of the procedures, 15 CFR Part 280.

Section 10 of the Act requires NIST to accept petitions from persons publishing a document setting forth guidance or requirements providing equal or greater rigor and reliability compared to ISO/IEC Guide 17025, ISO/IEC 17011 or ISO/IEC Guide 62. Petitions to consider a document as an alternative to one of the ISO/IEC documents may be accepted by the Director of NIST for use provided the document provides equal or greater rigor and reliability as compared to the ISO/IEC document.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Jasmeet Seehra, (202) 395-3123.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Jasmeet Seehra, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-5806 or Jasmeet_K_Seehra@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: August 29, 2006.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) Information Collection System

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (DOC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the continuing and proposed 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 November 6, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instruments and instructions should be directed to the attention of Vanda R. White, National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2140, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-2140; phone: (301) 975-3592; e-mail: vanda.white@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Abstract

This information is collected from all testing or calibration laboratories that apply for NVLAP accreditation. The applicants provide the minimum information necessary for NVLAP to evaluate the competency of laboratories to carry out specific tests or calibrations or types of tests or calibrations. The application provides such information as name, address, phone and fax numbers, and contact person, and selects the test methods or parameters for which it is seeking accreditation. The application must be signed by the Authorized Representative of the laboratory, who commits the laboratory to comply with NVLAP's accreditation requirements. The collection is mandated by 15 CFR 285.

II. Method of Collection

An application for accreditation is provided to each new or renewal applicant laboratory and can be submitted to either electronically or by mail.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0693-0003.

Form Numbers: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; and Federal, State or local government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 850.

Estimated Time Per Response: 3 hours to complete an application form; and 15 minutes for renewal verification on a preprinted form.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 2,338.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden: \$0.

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 will 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, e.g., 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Caribbean Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a working group meeting

SUMMARY: The Caribbean Fishery Management Council's St. Croix exclusive economic zone (EEZ) Working Group will hold a meeting.

DATES: The St. Croix EEZ Working Group meeting will be held on October 10, 2006, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., approximately.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Caravelle Hotel, 44A Queen Cross St., Christiansted, St. Croix, USVI 00820

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 268 Munoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918, telephone: (787) 766-5926.