

shipments scheduled to depart near the year end, the industry should file their DEA form 486 as far as possible prior to January 1, 2000. Many forms are submitted to DEA through the use of facsimile transmission. Should this technology be unavailable to DEA or industry, industry should overnight mail the forms to DEA. Forms should be sent to: Drug Enforcement Administration Headquarters, ATTN.: ODA—Chemical import/export Declaration, 2401 Jefferson Davis Highway, Alexandria, VA 22301.

Processing of registration applications: DEA has discussed previously in this notice steps which are being taken to process controlled substances registrations and reregistrations. The process of chemical registrations will be accomplished in the same manner as the processing of controlled substances registrations.

Transmission of letters of no objection: Transmissions of letters of no objection to industry is normally accomplished through facsimile. If this method of transmission is unavailable to DEA, letters will be sent through the regular mail system.

Transmission of multilateral notifications to other governments: Normally, multilateral notifications to other governments are sent by facsimile. If this method of transmission is unavailable to DEA, only urgent notifications will be addressed and express mailed to overseas DEA offices.

Delegation of Authority

It is impossible to anticipate every potential problem which might occur within the regulated industries as a result of Y2K. As part of its plans to deal with such problems, DEA is considering the possibility of having certain authorities presently delegated to the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, temporarily delegated to field managers. DEA's goal is to ensure that registrants and regulated persons have a means of contacting DEA if exigent circumstances related to Y2K require the waiver of regulatory requirements. If DEA determines that this action is appropriate, it will publish a separate rule in the Federal Register delegating these authorities.

What Has the DEA Done To Work With Industry To Proactively Address Y2K Concerns?

In July 1999, DEA sent a letter to the regulated industries detailing its contingency plans and requesting feedback regarding concerns or foreseen difficulties. Responses received

indicated that no problems were foreseen. Further, in its direct contacts with the regulated industries, DEA has been assured that they are fully aware of the potential for Y2K problems and are actively working to ensure that they will not be impacted by these potential difficulties.

What Does DEA Recommend to Registrants as Contingencies To Prepare for Y2K?

In an effort to prevent problems from occurring, DEA wishes to offer suggestions to registrants to prepare for Y2K.

Registrants who use fairly substantial numbers of order forms should take steps to ensure that they have an adequate supply on hand. DEA's Registration Unit contacted the high volume order form users directly to ensure extra order forms were requested. If a registrant has not been contacted, and desires additional order forms, the registrant should contact the Registration Unit of DEA at (800) 882-9539.

Pharmacies maintaining prescription refill information electronically may wish to create a hard copy backup of this information shortly before the new year. This would allow these pharmacies to have hard copy information on hand regarding all prescriptions pending refills in the event that problems arise, and to guard against the possibility of diversion through multiple prescription filling or filling of prescriptions for which refill orders do not exist.

Registrants using alarm systems to secure their controlled substances are advised to be aware of telephone and computer problems related to the companies administering those alarm systems. DEA suggests that these registrants have contingency plans in place with security companies so that, should difficulties with automated alarm systems arise, alternate nonautomated physical security plans are in place and immediately available for the registrant's use.

Conclusion

It is hoped that the contingency plan DEA has outlined here, along with the preparedness measures the regulated industries have already taken, will create a seamless, trouble-free, transition to the year 2000. However, if further concerns arise, regulated persons, registrants and other interested parties are encouraged to contact the Liaison and Policy Section, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington, DC 20537, Telephone (202) 307-7297.

Dated: December 6, 1999.

John H. King,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

National Institute of Justice

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National Institute of Justice Announcement of the Eighth Meeting of the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence

AGENCY: Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, Justice.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Announcement of the eighth meeting of the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The eighth meeting of the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence will take place beginning on Sunday, January 16, 2000, 1:00 PM-5:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time and will continue on Monday, January 17, 2000, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time. The meeting will take place at the Hotel Madison, located at 1177 15th St NW, Washington, DC. Phone: (202) 862-1600.

The National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence, established pursuant to Section 3(2)A of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2, will meet to carry out its advisory functions under Sections 201-202 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended. This meeting will be open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher H. Asplen, AUSA, Executive Director (202) 616-8123.

Authority

This action is authorized under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, Sections 201-203, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 3721-23 (1994).

Background

The purpose of the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence is to provide the Attorney General with recommendations on the use of current and future DNA methods, applications and technologies in the operation of the criminal justice system, from the Crime scene to the courtroom. Over the course of its Charter, the Commission will review critical policy

issues regarding DNA evidence and provide recommended courses of action to improve its use as a tool of investigation and adjudication in criminal cases.

The Commission will address issues in five specific areas: (1) the use of DNA in postconviction relief cases, (2) legal concerns including *Daubert* challenges and the scope of discovery in DNA cases, (3) criteria for training and technical assistance for criminal justice professionals involved in the identification, collection and preservation of DNA evidence at the crime scene, (4) essential laboratory capabilities in the face of emerging technologies, and (5) the impact of future technological developments in the use of DNA in the criminal justice system. Each topic will be the focus of the in-depth analysis by separate working groups comprised of prominent professionals who will report back to the Commission.

Jeremy Travis,

Director, National Institute of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 7, 1999.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) 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). A copy of each individual ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor. To obtain documentation for BLS, ETA, PWBA, and OASAM contact Karin Kurz ((202) 219-5096 ext. 159 or by E-mail to Kurz-Karin@dol.gov). To obtain documentation for ESA, MSHA, OSHA, and VETS contact Darrin King ((202) 219-5096 ext. 151 or by E-Mail to King-Darrin@dol.gov).

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for BLS, DM, ESA, ETA, MSHA, OSHA, PWBA, or VETS, 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 OMB 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 submission of responses.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Experience Rating Report.

OMB Number: 1205-0164.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal govt.

Number of Respondents: 53.

Estimated Time Per respondent: 15 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 14.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$0.

Description: The ETA 204 provides data to ETA for the study of seasonality, employment or payroll fluctuations, and stabilization, expansion or contraction in operations on employment experience. The data are used to provide an indication of whether solvency problems exist in the State's Trust Fund accounts and in analyzing factors which give rise to solvency problems.

Ira L. Mills,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 6, 1999.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) 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). A copy of each individual ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor. To obtain documentation for BLS, ETA, PWBA, and OASAM contact Karin Kurz ((202) 219-5096 ext. 159 or by E-mail to Kurz-Karin@dol.gov). To obtain documentation for ESA, MSHA, OSHA, and VETS contact Darrin King ((202) 219-5096 ext. 151 or by E-Mail to Kurz-Karin@dol.gov). To obtain documentation for ESA, MSHA, OSHA, and VETS, contact Darrin King ((202) 219-5096, ext. 151 or by E-Mail King-Darrin@dol.gov).

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- 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 submission of responses.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: 2000 NLSY97 School Survey.

OMB Number: 1220-ONEW.

Frequency: Every 4 years.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 7,981.

Estimated Time Per respondent: 30 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 3,991.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$0.

Description: The 2000 NLSY97 School Survey will provide data on the high school characteristics of youths