

by supporting “actively managed” clusters (*i.e.*, clusters that are administered by a team of individuals and possess a form of governance rather than a cluster that occurs naturally without intervention in a regional economy). The clusters provide a host of services to the target population of small and emerging businesses within their regional and industry focuses. Services include direct business advising and support and sponsoring events, such as networking opportunities with investors, large businesses, and other stakeholders in the regions.

#### Solicitation of Public Comments

Comments may be submitted on (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the agency to properly perform its functions; (b) whether the burden estimates are accurate; (c) whether there are ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) whether there are ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information.

#### OMB Control 3245-0392

*Title:* Evaluation of the Regional Innovation Cluster (RIC) Initiative.

*Description of Respondents:* Small business concerns.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 256.

*Estimated Annual Responses:* 256.

*Estimated Annual Hour Burden:* 1,212.

**Curtis Rich,**

*Agency Clearance Officer.*

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#### SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #17761 and #17762; Georgia Disaster Number GA-00151]

#### Presidential Declaration Amendment of a Major Disaster for the State of Georgia

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Amendment 1.

**SUMMARY:** This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Georgia (FEMA-4685-DR), dated 01/16/2023.

*Incident:* Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Tornadoes.

*Incident Period:* 01/12/2023.

**DATES:** Issued on 02/10/2023.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 03/17/2023.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 10/16/2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of the President’s major disaster declaration for the State of Georgia, dated 01/16/2023, is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Counties (Physical Damage and Economic Injury Loans):* Pike.  
*Contiguous Counties (Economic Injury Loans Only):*

All contiguous counties have been previously declared.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

**Rafaela Monchek,**

*Acting Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 11983]

#### 60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Two (2) Passport Services Information Collections: Application for Consular Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America and Affidavit of Physical Presence or Residence, Parentage, and Support

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State has submitted the information collections described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on these collections from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this Notice is to allow 60 days for public comment.

**DATES:** The Department will accept comments from the public up to April 18, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Web:* Persons with access to the internet may comment on this notice by going to [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov). You can search for the document by entering “Docket Number: DOS-2023-0002” in the Search field. Then click the “Comment Now” button and complete the comment form. Email and regular mail options have been suspended to centralize receiving and addressing all comments in a timely manner.

- *Email:* [Passport-Form-Comments@State.gov](mailto:Passport-Form-Comments@State.gov).

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and the OMB control number in the email subject line.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title of Information Collection:* Application for Consular Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America.

*OMB Control Number:* 1405-0011.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

*Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Passport Services (CA/PPT).

*Form Number:* DS-2029.

*Respondents:* United States Citizens and Nationals.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 85,170.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 85,170.

*Average Time per Response:* 60 minutes.

*Total Estimated Burden Time:* 85,170 hours.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Obligation to Respond:* Voluntary.

*Title of Information Collection:* Affidavit of Physical Presence or Residence, Parentage, and Support.

*OMB Control Number:* 1405-0187.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

*Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Passport Services (CA/PPT).

*Form Number:* DS-5507.

*Respondents:* Individuals and Organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 45,869.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 45,869.

*Average Time per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Total Estimated Time Burden:* 22,935 hours.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department,
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for

this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used,

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected,
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

#### Abstract of Proposed Collection

- *1405-0011, DS-2029, Application for Consular Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America*: The form is used to apply for a Consular Report of Birth Abroad of a U.S. citizen. The information collected on this form will be used to certify the acquisition of U.S. citizenship at birth of a person born abroad. 8 U.S.C. 1104 and 22 CFR 50.5 through 50.7 are among the important legal authorities pertaining to the Department's use of this form.

- *1405-0187, DS-5507, Affidavit of Physical Presence or Residence, Parentage, and Support*: The form is used to determine whether a U.S. national parent has met the statutory physical presence or residence requirements to transmit U.S. nationality to their child born abroad or in a United States territory for U.S. noncitizen nationality; to establish parentage of the child; and to fulfill the requirements of 8 U.S.C. 1409(a), which permits acknowledgment of paternity under oath and requires the U.S. citizen father's written agreement to provide financial support for a child born abroad out of wedlock to a U.S. citizen father.

The DS-2029, Application for Consular Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America, has been amended based on changes in Department policy. The Department's new gender policy permits passport applicants to select the gender marker on their passport without presenting medical documentation of gender transition. This policy change includes updating forms to add a third gender marker "X" for applicants identifying as non-binary, intersex, and/or gender non-conforming (in addition to the existing "M" and "F" gender markers).

Both the DS-2029 and the DS-5507 have been amended to replace the term "sex" with "gender" and to be pronoun-inclusive of all genders.

Both forms have been amended to reflect the Department's updated interpretation of Section 301 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). Under the updated interpretation, INA Section 301 applies to children born abroad to parents who are married to each other at the time of the child's birth, when the child has a genetic or gestational connection to at least one of the parents in the marriage, and one of the parents in the marriage is a U.S. citizen. This updated interpretation accommodates modern families and the growing use of Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) and surrogacy. The Department's previous interpretation of the INA required a child born abroad to a U.S. citizen parent and a foreign national parent to have a genetic or gestational tie to the U.S. citizen parent to acquire U.S. citizenship at birth (if all other statutory transmission requirements are met). The Department had considered births abroad where one of the parents did not have a genetic or gestational tie to the child as "out of wedlock," even if the parents were married, and adjudicated such claims under INA Section 309. The Department will now adjudicate citizenship claims under the "in wedlock" provisions of INA Section 301 when the parents are married at the time of the child's birth and at least one parent has a genetic or gestational tie to the child. Under the updated interpretation, the child may have a genetic or gestational tie to either parent in a legal marriage—if one of those parents is a U.S. citizen and all other statutory transmission requirements have been met—to acquire U.S. citizenship at birth. A child born abroad in this circumstance is now considered to be born "in wedlock" for the purposes of INA Section 301.

Finally, the DS-5507 instructions regarding periods of physical presence or residence in the United States or abroad have been amended to decrease the burden on the public by clarifying that the Department will accept just the Month and Year [or MM-YYYY format] for time frames if exact dates are unknown. However, the instructions also indicate that the individual may be asked to provide exact dates if necessary to determine that statutory transmission requirements have been met.

#### Methodology

Parents normally submit an application for a Consular Report of Birth Abroad at a U.S. embassy or consulate in the consular district in which the birth occurred. A consular officer will interview the parent(s)/guardian, examine the application and supporting documentation, and enter

the information provided into the Department of State American Citizen Services (ACS) electronic database.

Parent(s) may complete and submit the Affidavit of Physical Presence or Residence, Parentage, and Support in person or by mail. The form may be accessed online, completed electronically, printed, and signed; or it may be downloaded, printed, and filled out manually.

The DS-2029 is also available in an online format (known as "eCRBA"). The eCRBA will allow applicants to enter their data, upload required documents, pay fees, and schedule an appointment to appear at the adjudicating post for an interview.

Additionally, the applicant will be able to check the status of their application. The eCRBA pilot launched in March 2019 at posts located in Toronto, Mexico City, Frankfurt, Paris, Tokyo, and Sydney. The Department continues to work on enhancements with an anticipated phased global rollout in 2023.

**Kevin E. Bryant,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Directives Management, Department of State.*

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36667]

### McKees Rocks Railroad LLC— Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Pittsburgh, Allegheny & McKees Rocks Railroad Company

McKees Rocks Railroad LLC (McKees Rocks), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire and operate approximately 3.36 miles of rail line<sup>1</sup> owned by Pittsburgh, Allegheny & McKees Rocks Railroad Company (PAM) and its parent company, McKees Rocks Industrial Enterprises, Inc. (MRIE),<sup>2</sup> located at McKees Rocks, in Allegheny County, Pa. (the Line), as well as yard tracks and sidings.

According to the verified notice, McKees Rocks and PAM/MRIE have reached an agreement in principle pursuant to which McKees Rocks, with the support of its parent company, SunCap Property Group, will acquire the Line and redevelop PAM's former McKees Rocks, Pa. facility. The verified notice indicates that McKees Rocks does

<sup>1</sup> McKees Rocks states that the track does not have mileposts.

<sup>2</sup> According to the verified notice, PAM owns the trackage and MRIE owns the underlying real estate.