

(b) The agency head shall ensure that any person granted access has been fully informed of and agreed to these conditions.

(c) Any prerule release of information under an embargo shall not precede the official release time by more than 30 minutes.

(d) In all cases, prerule access shall precede the official release time only to the extent necessary for an orderly review of the data.

All employees of the Executive Branch who receive prerule distribution of information and data estimates as authorized above are responsible for assuring that there is no release prior to the official release time. Except for members of the staff of the agency issuing the principal economic indicator who have been designated by the agency head to provide technical explanations of the data, employees of the Executive Branch shall not comment publicly on the data until *at least one hour after the official release time*.

Under OMB's proposal, the italicized text would be changed to "*at least thirty minutes after the official release time.*"

Any changes to the text from Section 5 would neither affect nor replace any of the other standards and guidelines articulated in Directive No. 3.

Request for comments. OMB seeks comments from all interested parties, including data users, businesses, organizations, and the media. Specifically, OMB seeks comments from the public about the proposal to change the delay from one hour to thirty minutes, including whether such a change could still meet the goals of Directive No. 3 to ensure equitable, policy-neutral, and timely release and dissemination of PFEIs. OMB also seeks input on whether to maintain the one-hour delay.

Richard L. Revez,

Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[NOTICE: 23-090]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposals, Submissions, and Approvals

DATES: Comments are due by September 25, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Bill Edwards-Bodmer, NASA Clearance Officer, NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street SW, JF0000, Washington, DC 20546, 757-864-7998, or b.edwards-bodmer@nasa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This information collection enabled NASA to pre-test methods to collect information from individuals to determine community response to the new, quieter sonic booms, prior to the start of flight testing the X-plane. No public exposure to any form of sonic boom occurred during the pre-testing phase.

The pre-test was conducted by telephone interview. NASA wanted to evaluate telephone surveys to assess prompt public response associated with experiencing low amplitude sonic booms over multiple, geographically dispersed communities. Responses were voluntary.

The new X-plane is designed to produce low amplitude sonic booms. Ultimately, flight testing of the X-plane is intended to (1) demonstrate and validate the technology necessary for civil supersonic flights that create low amplitude sonic booms, and (2) assess community response to the new, quieter, sonic booms.

II. Methods of Collection

Telephone.

III. Data

Title: Pilot Testing of Telephone Interviewing Approaches to Assess Community Response to New, Quieter Boom Experiences.

OMB Number: 2700-0166.

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Estimated Annual Number of Activities: 5,000.

Estimated Number of Respondents per Activity: 1.

Annual Responses: 5,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 3 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 250.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NASA, including whether the information collected has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of NASA's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the

proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection. They will also become a matter of public record.

William Edwards-Bodmer,

NASA PRA Clearance Officer.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts

60-Day Notice for the "Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery"

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Arts.

ACTION: Notice of proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. 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 NEA is soliciting comments concerning the proposed information collection for Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery. A copy of the current information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the address section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the address section below within 60 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Email comments to Sunil Iyengar, National Endowment for the Arts, at research@arts.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

OMB Number: 3135-0130.

Abstract: The proposed information collection activity provides a means to garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Administration's commitment to improving service delivery. By qualitative feedback we mean information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the Agency and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

The solicitation of feedback will target areas such as: timeliness, appropriateness, accuracy of information, courtesy, efficiency of service delivery, and resolution of issues with service delivery. Responses will be assessed to plan and inform efforts to improve or maintain the quality of service offered to the public. If this information is not collected, vital feedback from customers and stakeholders on the Agency's services will be unavailable.

The Agency will only submit a collection for approval under this generic clearance if it meets the following conditions:

- The collections are voluntary;
- The collections are low-burden for respondents (based on considerations of total burden hours, total number of respondents, or burden-hours per respondent) and are low-cost for both the respondents and the Federal Government;
- The collections are non-controversial and do not raise issues of concern to other Federal agencies;
- Any collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the near future;

- Personally identifiable information (PII) is collected only to the extent necessary and is not retained;

- Information gathered is used only internally for general service improvement and program management purposes and is not intended for release outside of the agency;

- Information gathered is not used for the purpose of substantially informing influential policy decisions; and

- Information gathered yields qualitative information; the collections are not designed or expected to yield statistically reliable results or used as though the results are generalizable to the population of study.

Feedback collected under this generic clearance provides useful information, but it does not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: the target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods for assessing potential non-response bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior to fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

As a general matter, information collections will not result in any new system of records containing privacy information and will not ask questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

Current Actions: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Individuals and Households; Businesses and Organizations; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,950.

Average Expected Annual Number of Activities: 4.

Average Number of Respondents per Activity: 883.

Annual Responses: 2,650.

Frequency of Response: Once per request.

Average minutes per response: 16.
Average Expected Annual Burden hours: 726.5.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: 1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; 2. The accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; 3. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; 4. Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and 5. Estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: August 14, 2023.

Bonita Smith,

Director, Office of Administrative Services & Contracts, National Endowment for the Arts.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permit Modification Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permit modification request.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish a notice of requests to modify permits issued to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice of a requested permit modification.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by September 25, 2023. Permit applications may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.