

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning environmentally sound products. A request for public comments was published in the **Federal Register** at 72 FR 56991, October 5, 2007. No comments were received.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before January 22, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** Mr. William Clark, Contract Policy Division, GSA (202) 219-1813.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat, 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0134, Environmentally Sound Products, in all correspondence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. Purpose**

This information collection complies with Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) (42 U.S.C. 6962). RCRA requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to designate items which are or can be produced with recovered materials. RCRA further requires agencies to develop affirmative procurement programs to ensure that items composed of recovered materials will be purchased to the maximum extent practicable. Affirmative procurement programs required under RCRA must contain, as a minimum: (1) a recovered materials preference program and an agency promotion program for the preference program; (2) a program for requiring estimates of the total percentage of recovered materials used in the performance of a contract, certification of minimum recovered material content actually used, where appropriate, and reasonable verification procedures for estimates and certifications; and (3) annual review and monitoring of the effectiveness of an agency's affirmative procurement program.

The items for which EPA has designated minimum recovered material content standards are grouped into eight categories: (1) construction products, (2)

landscaping products, (3) nonpaper office products, (4) paper and paper products, (5) park and recreation products, (6) transportation products, (7) vehicular products, and (8) miscellaneous products. The FAR rule also permits agencies to obtain pre-award information from offerors regarding the content of items which the agency has designated as requiring minimum percentages of recovered materials. There are presently no known agency designated items.

In accordance with RCRA, the information collection applies to acquisitions requiring minimum percentages of recovered materials, when the price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or when the aggregate amount paid for the item or functionally equivalent items in the preceding fiscal year was \$10,000 or more.

Contracting officers use the information to verify offeror/contractor compliance with solicitation and contract requirements regarding the use of recovered materials. Additionally, agencies use the information in the annual review and monitoring of the effectiveness of the affirmative procurement programs required by RCRA.

**B. Annual Reporting Burden**

*Respondents:* 64,350.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 64,350.

*Hours Per Response:* .325.

*Total Burden Hours:* 20,914.

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**PROPOSALS:** Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VR), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB control No. 9000-0134, Environmentally Sound Products, in all correspondence.

Dated: December 10, 2007.

**Al Matera,**

*Director, Office of Acquisition Policy.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Air Force**

**U.S. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Air Force, U.S. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355, the U.S. Air Force Academy (USAFA)

Board of Visitors (BoV) will meet in Harmon Hall, 2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 3300, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado, on 10-11 January 2008. The purpose of this meeting is to review morale and discipline, social climate, curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, academic methods, and other matters relating to USAFA. Meeting sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m. on 10 January 2008, in Harmon Hall, USAFA, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 52b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102-3.155, the Department of Defense has determined that a portion of this meeting shall be closed to the public. The Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force, in consultation with the Office of the Air Force General Counsel, has determined in writing that one portion of this meeting will be closed to the public because it will involve matters covered by subsection (c) (6) of 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Public attendance at the open portions of this USAFA BoV meeting shall be accommodated on a first-come, first-serve basis up to the reasonable and safe capacity of the meeting room. To enter the Academy Installation all that's required is a valid driver's license. To enter the Cadet Area requires an escort; therefore, all personnel interested in attending the meeting must call the USAFA Communications Office, at (719) 333-7714, to coordinate escort and arrival requirements. In addition, any member of the public wishing to provide input to the USAFA BoV should submit a written statement in accordance with 41 CFR 102-3.140(c) and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and the procedures described in this paragraph. Written statements must address the following details: the issue, discussion, and a recommended course of action. Supporting documentation may also be included as needed to establish the appropriate historical context and provide any necessary background information. Written statements can be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at the address detailed below at any time. However, if a written statement is not received at least 10 days before the first day of the meeting which is the subject of this notice, then it may not be provided to, or considered by, the BoV until its next open meeting. The DFO will review all timely submissions with the BoV Chairperson and ensure they are provided to members of the BoV before the meeting that is the subject of this notice. For the benefit of the public, rosters that list the names of BoV members and any releasable materials

presented during open portions of this BoV meeting shall be made available upon request.

If, after review of timely submitted written comments, the BoV Chairperson and DFO deem appropriate, they may choose to invite the submitter of the written comments to orally present their issue during an open portion of the BoV meeting that is the subject of this notice. Members of the BoV may also petition the Chairperson to allow specific people to make oral presentations before the BoV. Any oral presentations before the BoV shall be in accordance with 41 CFR 102-3.140(c), section 10(a)(3) of the FACA, and this paragraph. The DFO and BoV Chairperson may, if desired, allot a specific amount of time for members of the public to present their issues for BoV review and discussion. Direct questioning of BoV members or meeting participants by the public is not permitted except with the approval of the DFO and Chairperson.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Or to attend this BoV meeting, contact Mr. Scotty Ashley, USAFA Programs Manager, Directorate of Airman Development and Sustainment, Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower and Personnel, AF/A1DOA, 1040 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1040, (703) 695-3594.

**Bao-Anh Trinh,**

*Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Proposed Agency Information Collection

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Civil Rights and Diversity.

**ACTION:** Notice and Request for Comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) invites public comment on a proposed collection of information that DOE is developing for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. 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 shall have practical utility; (b) 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; (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, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before February 19, 2008. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed in **ADDRESSES** as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be sent to Stan Branch, Employee Concerns Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office, P.O. Box 550, M.S. A1-61, Richland, WA 99352, or by fax at (509) 372-0998, or by e-mail at *stanley\_o\_branch@rl.gov*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to William A. Lewis, Jr., Deputy Director, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Civil Rights and Diversity, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC, or by fax at (202) 586-0888, or by e-mail at *bill.lewis@hq.doe.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information collection request contains: (1) *OMB No.* {enter "New"} (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Employee Concerns Program Federal/ Contractor Survey; (3) *Type of Review:* Regular pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.10; (4) *Purpose:* Prepare and perform an agency-wide Employee Concern Program survey measuring perceptions of DOE and contractor employees about the Employee Concern Program, as well as measure the effectiveness of the Employee Concern Program as experienced by clients; (5) *Respondents:* 40,000; (6) *Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 10,000.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** DOE ECP Order 442.1A, section 4(F). This order implements an Employee Concerns Program. DOE, federal and contractor employees, including supervisors and managers at any level in an organization, may report employee concerns related to the environment, safety, health, and management of DOE and National Nuclear Security Administration programs and facilities to Headquarters or field elements' Employee Concerns Programs. This independent, objective survey will help determine if employees feel free to express concerns to management.

Issued in Washington, DC on December 13, 2007.

**Poli A. Marmolejos,**

*Director, Office of Civil Rights and Diversity.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. QF08-72-000]

#### Jewish Home and Hospital Life Care System, Bronx Division; Notice of Self-Certification of Qualifying Status of a Cogeneration Facility

December 13, 2007.

Take notice that on November 21, 2007, Jewish Home and Hospital Life Care System, Bronx Division, 2545 University Ave., Bronx, NY 10468, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission a notice of self-certification of a facility as a qualifying cogeneration facility pursuant to 18 CFR 292.207(a) of the Commission's regulations.

The facility will be a 300 kW facility comprised of three 100 kW Tecogen cogeneration units (topping) located in the mechanical room of Greenwall Pavilion at 2545 University Ave., Bronx, New York. The energy source will be natural gas.

The facility will interconnect with Con Edison for stand-by service but will not export power to the grid.

A notice of self-certification does not institute a proceeding regarding qualifying facility status; a notice of self-certification provides notice that the entity making filing has determined the Facility meets the applicable criteria to be a qualifying facility. Any person seeking to challenge such qualifying facility status may do so by filing a motion pursuant to 18 CFR 292.207(d)(1)(iii), with the appropriate filing fee.<sup>1</sup>

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call

<sup>1</sup> See *Hydro Investors, Inc. v. Trafalgar Power Inc.*, 94 FERC ¶ 61,207, reh'g denied, 95 FERC ¶ 61,120 (2001).