

• *Mail:* Submit written comments to Joelle Gore, Chief, Stewardship Division (N/OCM6), Office for Coastal Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910; phone 202-468-7270; ATTN: Alabama Coastal Nonpoint Program.

*Instructions:* All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) without change. All personally identifiable information (for example, name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the commenter will be publicly accessible. The Federal agencies will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields you wish to remain anonymous). Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The Federal agencies will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.*, on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Allison Castellan, Office for Coastal Management, NOS, NOAA, 202-596-5039, [allison.castellan@noaa.gov](mailto:allison.castellan@noaa.gov); or Duane Robertson, U.S. EPA Region 4, Water Division, 404-562-9398, [robertson.duane@epa.gov](mailto:robertson.duane@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 6217(a) of the Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments (CZARA), 12 U.S.C. 1455b(a), required that each State or territory with a coastal zone management program previously approved under section 306 of the Coastal Zone Management Act prepare and submit to the Federal agencies a coastal nonpoint pollution control program for approval by July 1995. The Federal agencies provided public notice of and invited public comment on their proposal to approve the Alabama program subject to specified conditions. (62 FR 6216). The Federal agencies approved the program subject to those conditions on June 30, 1998 (63 FR 37094). The Federal agencies now propose to find, and invite public comment on the proposed findings, that Alabama has satisfied the conditions associated with the earlier approval of its coastal nonpoint program.

The proposed findings document for Alabama's program is available at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (search for NOAA-NOS-2023-00107) and information on the Coastal Nonpoint Program in general

is available on the NOAA website at [coast.noaa.gov/czm/pollutioncontrol/](http://coast.noaa.gov/czm/pollutioncontrol/).

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Patent Petitions Related to Application and Reexamination Processing Fees

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The USPTO invites comments on this information collection renewal, which helps the USPTO assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on February 15, 2024 during a 60-day comment period (89 FR 11819). This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comment.

*Agency:* United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

*Title:* Patent Petitions Related to Application and Reexamination Processing Fees.

*OMB Control Number:* 0651-0059.

*Needs and Uses:* The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is required by 35 U.S.C. 131 *et seq.* to examine an application for patent and, when appropriate, issue a patent. The USPTO also is required to publish patent applications, with certain exceptions, promptly after the expiration of a period of eighteen months from the earliest filing date for which a benefit is sought under Title 35, United States Code.

USPTO petitions practice provides an opportunity for a patent applicant or owner to supply additional information that may be required in order for the USPTO to further process an application

or patent. For other USPTO actions, review is in the form of administrative review obtained via submission of a petition to the USPTO. Many actions taken by the USPTO during its examination of an application for patent or for reissue of a patent, or during reexamination of a patent, are subject to review by an appeal to the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB). Appeals to PTAB are covered in other OMB approved information collections (0651-0063 and 0651-0069).

This information collection covers petitions filed in patent applications and reexamination proceedings that, when submitted to the USPTO, must be accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(f), (g), or (h). This information collection also covers the transmittals for the petition fees.

*Forms:* (AIA = America Invents Act; SB = Specimen Book)

- PTO/AIA/17p (Processing Fee Under 37 CFR 1.17(f), (g), & (h) Transmittal)
- PTO/SB/23 (Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(b))
- PTO/SB/24A (Petition for Express Abandonment to Avoid Publication Under 37 CFR 1.138(c))
- PTO/SB/28 (Petition to Make Special Under Accelerated Examination Program)
- PTO/SB/140 (Petition to Withdraw an Application From Issue After Payment of the Issue Fee Under 37 CFR 1.313(c))

*Type of Review:* Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

*Affected Public:* Private sector.

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

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 50,953 respondents.

*Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 50,953 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public approximately between 12 minutes (0.20 hours) and 12 hours to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed request to the USPTO.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 82,237 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-Hourly Cost Burden:* \$4,023,729.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce, USPTO information collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website, [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://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 and entering either the title of the information collection or the OMB Control Number, 0651–0059.

Further information can be obtained by:

- *Email:* [InformationCollection@uspto.gov](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include “0651–0059 information request” in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Justin Isaac, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.

**Justin Isaac,**

*Information Collections Officer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Application**

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The USPTO invites comments on this information collection renewal, which helps the USPTO assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on February 28, 2024 during a 60-day comment period (89 FR 14636). This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comment.

*Agency:* United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

*Title:* National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Application.

*OMB Control Number:* 0651–0060.

*Needs and Uses:* The National Medal of Technology and Innovation (NMTI) is the highest honor for technological achievement bestowed by the President of the United States on America’s leading innovators. Established by an Act of Congress in 1980, the Medal of Technology was first awarded in 1985.<sup>1</sup> The Medal is awarded annually to individuals, teams (up to four individuals), companies, or divisions of companies. The Medal recognizes outstanding contributions to the nation’s economic, environmental, and social well-being through the development and commercialization of technology products, processes and concepts, technological innovation, and development of the nation’s technological workforce. By highlighting the national importance for technological innovation, the Medal also seeks to inspire future generations of Americans to prepare for and pursue technical careers to keep America at the forefront of global technology and economic leadership.

The National Medal of Technology and Innovation Evaluation Committee, a distinguished independent committee appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, reviews and evaluates the merit of all candidates nominated through an open, competitive solicitation process. The committee makes its recommendations for Medal candidates to the Secretary of Commerce who, in turn, makes recommendations to the President for final selection.

This information collection covers data gathered in the NMTI Nomination Application, which the public uses to nominate an individual’s, team’s, or company’s extraordinary leadership and innovation in technological achievement and outstanding contribution to strengthening the nation’s technological workforce. The application collects general and biographical information about the nominee, general information about the nominator, and a description of the nominee’s contribution/achievements, and must be accompanied by up to six letters of recommendation or support from individuals who have first-hand knowledge of the cited achievement(s).

The 60-day **Federal Register** notice was published with the form number associated with this information collection inadvertently left off. In this notice, the USPTO has included the

form number associated with this information collection.

#### **Forms**

- PTO–NMTI–1 (National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Form).

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Respondent’s Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 50 respondents.

*Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 50 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public approximately 40 hours to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, prepare the nomination application, write the recommendations, and submit the nomination to the USPTO.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 2,000 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-Hourly Cost Burden:* \$0.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce, USPTO information collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website, [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://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 and entering either the title of the information collection or the OMB Control Number, 0651–0060.

Further information can be obtained by:

- *Email:* [InformationCollection@uspto.gov](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include “0651–0060 information request” in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Justin Isaac, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.

**Justin Isaac,**

*Information Collections Officer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/ip-programs-and-awards/national-medal-technology-and-innovation-nmti>.