

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to Nathan Lesser, Desk Officer, Department of Homeland Security/TSA, and sent via electronic mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Katrina Kletzly, Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Chief Counsel, TSA-2, Transportation Security Administration, 601 South 12th Street, Arlington, VA 22202-4220; telephone (571) 227-1995; facsimile (571) 227-1381.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. Therefore, in preparation for OMB review and approval of the following information collection, TSA is soliciting comments to—

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed information requirement is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Information Collection Requirement

Title: Sensitive Security Information Threat Assessments.

Type of Request: Emergency processing request of new collection.

OMB Control Number: Not yet assigned.

Forms(s): Security Threat Assessment Application.

Affected Public: Individuals seeking access to Sensitive Security Information (SSI) for use in civil proceedings in Federal court.

Abstract: Section 114(s) of title 49 of the U.S.C. requires the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to promulgate regulations governing the protection of Sensitive Security Information (SSI). SSI includes

information that would be detrimental to transportation security if publicly disclosed. TSA's SSI regulation, 49 CFR part 1520, establishes certain requirements for the recognition, identification, handling, and dissemination of SSI, including restrictions on disclosure and civil penalties for violations of those restrictions. Individuals may only access SSI if they are a covered person with a need to know as defined by the regulation. Section 525 of the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2007 (DHS Appropriations Act) provides that in civil proceedings in the U.S. District Courts, where a party seeking access to SSI demonstrates a substantial need for relevant SSI in the preparation of the party's case and an undue hardship to obtain equivalent information by other means, the party or party's counsel shall be designated as a covered person under 49 CFR part 1520.7, provided that the overseeing judge enters an order protecting the SSI from unauthorized disclosure; the individual undergoes a criminal history records check (CHRC) and threat assessment; and the provision of access to the specific SSI in question in a particular proceeding does not present a risk of harm to the nation.

TSA is implementing sec. 525 of the DHS Appropriations Act by establishing a process whereby a party seeking access to SSI in a civil proceeding in Federal court that demonstrates a substantial need for relevant SSI in preparation of the party's case may request that the party, or if represented, an attorney, be granted access to the SSI. In order to determine if the individual may be granted access to SSI for this purpose, TSA will conduct a criminal history records check (CHRC) and security threat assessment. TSA is seeking emergency processing of this information collection request to implement sec. 525 of the DHS Appropriations Act and meet ongoing litigation deadlines in pending litigation, including those in *In Re: September 11 Litigation*, 21 MC 97 & 101 (S.D.N.Y.).

The Aviation and Transportation Security Act (ATSA), Pub. L. 107-71, sec. 114 (f), authorizes TSA to perform threat assessments. To accomplish this, individuals will be required to submit identifying information, information regarding the litigation, an explanation supporting the party's need for the information, information concerning the individual's bar membership, if applicable, and information concerning sanctions, if any, issued by a court or other judicial body to the individual or any of the individual's clients to TSA

via secure electronic mail or regular or express mail. These individuals must also submit fingerprints for purposes of conducting the CHRC.

TSA will use the information to conduct name-based security threat assessments and CHRCs for the purpose of identifying actual or potential threats to transportation security and the nation. The results of the CHRC and threat assessment will be used to make a final determination on whether the individual may be granted access to SSI.

Number of Respondents: 80.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: An estimated 80 hours annually.

Issued in Arlington, Virginia, on October 27, 2006.

Peter Pietra,

Director of Privacy Policy and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by December 1, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address above).

Applicant: Ralph S. Cunningham, Jr., League City, TX, PRT-134857

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: William Toriello, Midlothian, VA, PRT-135611

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: John J. Wolfe, Savannah, TN, PRT-135139

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus*

pygargus) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Harry J. Daily, Jr., Natchitoches, LA, PRT-134247

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Dated: October 13, 2006.

Michael S. Moore,

Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permits for marine mammals.

SUMMARY: The following permits were issued.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that on the dates below, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permits subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Marine Mammals

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
127272	Kerry Clary	71 FR 48938; August 22, 2006	October 12, 2006.
127336	Paul Hostetler	71 FR 48938; August 22, 2006	October 12, 2006.
127255	John H. Babin	71 FR 48938; August 22, 2006	October 12, 2006.

Dated: October 13, 2006.

Michael S. Moore,

Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Annual National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Announcement

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Request for public comments on proposed information collection submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

SUMMARY: The proposal to extend the collection of information described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Copies of the proposed collection of information and related forms may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's clearance office at the phone number listed below. OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection, but may respond after 30 days; therefore public comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days in order to assure maximum consideration. Comments and suggestions on the proposal should be made directly to the Desk Office for the Interior Department, OMB-OIRA, via e-mail to OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov or via facsimile to (202) 395-6566, and to the Bureau clearance officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia, 20192.

Specific public comments are requested as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. The accuracy of the bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: Annual National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Announcement.

OMB approval number: 1028-0051.

Abstract: Respondents submit proposals to support research in earthquake hazard assessments and earthquake occurrence. This information will be used as the basis for selection and award of projects meeting the program objectives. Final reports of research findings are required on each selected performances.

Bureau form number: None.

Frequency: Annual proposals, final reports.