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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Evaluation of National Estuarine Research Reserve; Notice of Public Meeting; Request for Comments

AGENCY: Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting; opportunity to comment.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Office for Coastal Management will hold a virtual public meeting to solicit input on the performance evaluation of the North Inlet-Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve. NOAA also invites the public to submit written comments.

DATES: NOAA will hold a virtual public meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time (ET). NOAA may close the meeting 10 minutes after the conclusion of public testimony and after responding to any clarifying questions from meeting participants. NOAA will consider all relevant written comments received by Friday, August 29, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Virtual Public Meeting:* Provide oral comments during the public meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. ET by registering as a speaker at <https://forms.gle/1ye3VTibrkiWHsf9>. Please register by Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 8 a.m. ET. Upon registration, NOAA will send a confirmation email. The speaker lineup is based on the date and time of registration. At least one hour prior to the start of the August 19, 2025 virtual meeting, NOAA will send an email to all registrants with a link to the public meeting and information about participating. While advance registration is requested, registration will remain open until the meeting closes, and any participant may provide oral comment after the registered

speakers conclude. Meeting registrants may remain anonymous by typing "Anonymous" in the "First Name" and "Last Name" fields on the registration form.

- *Email:* Send written comments to Pam Kylstra, Evaluator, NOAA Office for Coastal Management, at czma.evaluations@noaa.gov. Include "Comments on Performance Evaluation of the North Inlet-Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve" in the subject line. NOAA will accept anonymous comments; however, all comments NOAA receives are part of the public record, and the entirety of the comment, including the name of the commenter, email address, attachments, and other supporting materials, will be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or personally identifiable information, such as account numbers and Social Security numbers. Comments that are not related to the performance evaluation of the North Inlet-Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve or that contain profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate language will not be considered.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Kylstra, Evaluator, NOAA Office for Coastal Management, by email at CZMA.evaluations@noaa.gov or by phone at (843) 439-5568. Copies of the previous evaluation findings, reserve management plan, and reserve site profile may be viewed and downloaded online at <http://coast.noaa.gov/czm/evaluations/>. A copy of the evaluation notification letter and most recent progress report may be obtained upon request by contacting Pam Kylstra.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 315(f) of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) requires NOAA to conduct periodic evaluations of federally approved national estuarine research reserves. The evaluation process includes holding one or more public meetings, consideration of written public comments, and consultations with interested federal, state, and local agencies and members of the public. During the evaluation, NOAA will consider the extent to which the state of South Carolina has met the national objectives and adhered to the management program approved by the Secretary of Commerce, the requirements of Section 315(b)(2) of the CZMA, and the terms of financial assistance under the CZMA. When the evaluation is complete, NOAA's Office for Coastal Management will place a notice in the **Federal Register**

announcing the availability of the final evaluation findings.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1461.

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Deputy Director, Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Legal Processes

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

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, invites comments on the extension of an existing information collection: 0651-0046 (Legal Processes). The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comments preceding submission of the information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: To ensure consideration, you must submit comments regarding this information collection on or before September 8, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by any of the following methods. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

- *Email* InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include "0651-0046 comment" in the subject line of the message.

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Kyu Lee, Office of General Law at: United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; 571-272-3000; or Kyu.Lee@uspto.gov with "0651-0046 comment" in the subject line. Additional information about this

information collection is also available at <http://www.reginfo.gov> under "Information Collection Review."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This collection covers information requirements related to civil actions and claims involving current and former employees of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). The rules for these legal processes may be found under 37 CFR part 104, which outlines procedures for service of process, demands for employee testimony and production of documents in legal proceedings, reports of unauthorized testimony, employee indemnification, and filing claims against the USPTO under the Federal Tort Claims Act (28 U.S.C. 2672) and the corresponding Department of Justice regulations (28 CFR part 14). The public may also petition the USPTO Office of General Counsel under 37 CFR 104.3 to waive or suspend these rules in extraordinary cases.

The procedures under 37 CFR part 104 ensure that service of process intended for current and former employees of the USPTO is handled properly. The USPTO will only accept

service of process for an employee acting in an official capacity. This collection is necessary so that respondents or their representatives can serve a summons or complaint on the USPTO, demand employee testimony and documents related to a legal proceeding, or file a claim under the Federal Tort Claims Act. Respondents may also petition the USPTO to waive or suspend these rules for legal processes. This collection is also necessary so that current and former USPTO employees may properly forward service and demands to the Office of General Counsel, report unauthorized testimony, and request indemnification. The USPTO covers current employees as respondents under this information collection even though their responses do not require approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act. In those instances where both current and former employees may respond to the USPTO, the agency estimates that the number of respondents will be small.

For filing claims under the Federal Tort Claims Act, the public may use Standard Form 95 "Claim for Damage, Injury, or Death," which is provided by the Department of Justice.

II. Method of Collection

Items in this information collection must be submitted by mail.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0651-0046.

Forms:

- Standard Form 95 (Claim for Damage, Injury, or Death).

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

Affected Public: Private sector.

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

Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 309 respondents.

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Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public approximately 5 minutes (0.08 hours) to 6 hours to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed item(s) to the USPTO.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 131 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Hourly Cost Burden: \$58,219.

TABLE 1—TOTAL BURDEN HOURS AND HOURLY COSTS TO PRIVATE SECTOR RESPONDENTS

Item No.	Item	Estimated annual respondents	Responses per respondent	Estimated annual responses	Estimated time for response (hours)	Estimated burden (hour/year)	Rate ¹ (\$/hour)	Estimated annual respondent cost burden
		(a)	(b)	(a) × (b) = (c)	(d)	(c) × (d) = (e)	(f)	(e) × (f) = (g)
1	Petition to Waive Rules.	5	1	5	0.50 (30 minutes)	3	\$447	\$1,341
2	Service of Process	243	1	243	0.08 (5 minutes)	19	447	8,493
3	Forwarding Service ...	7	1	7	0.17 (10 minutes)	1	447	447
4	Employee Testimony and Production of Documents in Legal Proceedings.	33	1	33	2	66	447	29,502
5	Forwarding Demands	10	1	10	0.17 (10 minutes)	2	447	894
6	Report of Unauthorized Testimony.	1	1	1	0.50 (30 minutes)	1	447	447
7	Report of Possible Indemnification Cases.	3	1	3	0.50 (30 minutes)	2	447	894
8	Employee Indemnification.	1	1	1	0.50 (30 minutes)	1	109.42	109
9	Tort Claims	6	1	6	6	36	447	16,092
Totals ...	.....	309	.....	309	.....	131	.....	58,219

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-Hourly Cost Burden: \$1,379. There

¹ 2023 Report of the Economic Survey, published by the Committee on Economics of Legal Practice of the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA); pg. F-41. The USPTO uses the average billing rate for intellectual property work in all firms which is \$447 per hour (<https://www.aipla.org/home/news-publications/economic-survey>).

2025 OPM Salary Table for the Washington Locality Pay Area: [https://www.opm.gov/policy-](https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/pdf/2025/DCB_h.pdf)

are no capital start-up costs, maintenance costs, or recordkeeping costs associated with this information collection. However, the USPTO estimates that the total annual non-hourly cost burden for this information collection, in the form of filing fees and postage, is \$1,379.

[data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/pdf/2025/DCB_h.pdf](https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/pdf/2025/DCB_h.pdf).

Filing Fees

This collection has a filing fee associated with the petition to waive or suspend the legal process rules under 37 CFR 104.3. The fee is listed in Table 2 below.

TABLE 2—FILING FEES

Item No.	Item	Estimated annual responses (a)	Filing fee (\$) (b)	Non-hourly cost burden (a) × (b) = (c)
1	Petition to waive or suspend the legal process rules under 37 CFR 104.3.	5	\$130	\$650
Totals	.....	5	.....	650

Postage Costs

The USPTO estimates that all submissions in this collection will be submitted by mail. The USPTO estimates that 308 items will be submitted by mail in a large envelope. The average first-class postage for a four-ounce mailed submission in a large envelope is \$2.31, resulting in a total of \$711 for submissions other than a Service of Process. The USPTO estimates that 1 Service of Process will be submitted by certified mail in a Priority Mail flat-rate envelope with a return receipt. The USPTO estimates that the average cost for a certified Priority mail flat-rate envelope with a return receipt is \$17.87, resulting in \$18 for Service of Process submissions. Therefore, the USPTO estimates the total combined postage cost for this collection is \$729.

IV. Request for Comments

The USPTO is soliciting public comments to:

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

(b) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

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

(d) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

All comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. The USPTO will include or summarize each comment in the request to OMB to approve this information collection. Before including an address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII)

in a comment, be aware that the entire comment—including PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask in your comment to withhold PII from public view, the USPTO cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Intent To Extend Collection 3038–0111: Margin Requirements for Uncleared Swaps for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants—Cross-Border Application of the Margin Requirements

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed renewal of a collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (“PRA”), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment. This notice solicits comments on the burdens associated with the information collections associated with the Commission’s Margin Requirements for Uncleared Swaps for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants—Cross-Border Application of the Margin Requirements, including (1) requesting a comparability determination from the Commission; (2) maintaining policies and procedures for compliance with the

Commission’s special provisions for non-netting jurisdictions and non-segregation jurisdictions; and (3) maintaining books and records properly documenting that all of the requirements of the special provisions for non-netting jurisdictions and non-segregation jurisdictions are satisfied.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 8, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by “Margin Requirements for Uncleared Swaps for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants—Cross-Border Application of the Margin Requirements,” Collection Number 3038–0111, by any of the following methods:

- The Agency’s website, at <https://comments.cftc.gov/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the website.

- **Mail:** Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581.

- **Hand Delivery/Courier:** Same as “Mail” above.

Please submit your comments using only one method. All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to <https://www.cftc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dina Moussa, Special Counsel, Market Participants Division, at (202) 418–5696, or dmoussa@cftc.gov; or Catherine Brescia, Attorney Advisor, Market Participants Division, (202) 418–6236, or cbrescia@cftc.gov, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581; and refer to OMB Control No. 3038–0111.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. “Collection of Information” is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3 and includes agency requests or