

Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. This process is conducted in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The following summarizes the information collection proposal to be submitted to OMB:

Type of Request: New.

Originating Office: HR/REE.

Title of Information Collection:
Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship Program.

Frequency: Annual.

Form Number: None.

Respondents: University Graduate and Undergraduate Students.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 250.

Average Hours Per Response: 40.

Total Estimated Burden: 3,750.

Average Cost Per Applicant: \$50.

Total Estimated Cost Burden: \$12,500.

- Public comments are being solicited to permit the agency to:
- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency.
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Public comments, or requests for additional information, regarding the collection listed in this notice should be directed to LeAnn Bullin, Department of State, 2401 E Street, NW., 5H, Washington, DC 20522, who may be reached on 202-261-8927.

Dated: November 2, 2001.

Ruth Whiteside,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Human Resources, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Office of Foreign Missions

[Public Notice 3874]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Form DS-1504, Request for Customs Clearance of Merchandise (OMB Control #1405-0104)

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

The following summarizes the information collection proposal submitted to OMB:

Type of Request: Re-instatement of an expired information collection.

Originating Office: Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Office of Foreign Missions, DS/OFM/VTC/TC.

Title of Information Collection: Request for Customs Clearance of Merchandise.

Frequency: On occasion.

Form Number: DS-1504.

Respondents: Eligible members of foreign diplomatic or consular missions, certain foreign government organizations, designated international organizations and certain categories of foreign military personnel assigned to a foreign mission in the United States. The White House also uses this form when it requests duty-free entry of a shipment.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Approximately 7,000 individual respondents, 1,034 organizational respondents, and the White House.

Average Hours per Response: The average time per response is approx. 15 minutes.

Total Estimated Burden: 3,072 hours.

Public comments are being solicited to permit the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including

through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the proposed information collection form and supporting documents may be obtained from Mr. Edmond McGill, DS/OFM/VTC/TC, 3507 International Place, NW., U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20008, tel.: 202-895-3618. Public comments and questions should be directed to the State Department Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20530, who may be reached on 202-395-3897.

Dated: November 27, 2001.

Theodore Strickler,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of State and Deputy Director, Office of Foreign Missions, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, U.S. Department of State.

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as Amended by Pub. L. 104-13; Submission for OMB review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Tennessee Valley Authority.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended). The Tennessee Valley Authority is soliciting public comments on this proposed collection as provided by 5 CFR section 1320.8(d)(1). Requests for information, including copies of the information collection proposed and supporting documentation, should be directed to the Agency Clearance Officer: Wilma H. McCauley, Tennessee Valley Authority, 1101 Market Street (EB 5B), Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402-2801; (423) 751-2523. Comments should be sent to the OMB Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for the Tennessee Valley Authority by February 11, 2002.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Title of Information Collection: TVA Aquatic Plant Management.

Frequency of Use: On occasion.

Type of Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Small Businesses or Organizations Affected: No.

Federal Budget Functional Category Code: 452.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 800.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 160.

Estimated Average Burden Hours Per Response: .2 (12 minutes).

Need for and Use of Information: TVA is committed to involving the public in developing plans for managing aquatic plants in individual TVA lakes under a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement completed in August 1993. This proposed survey will provide a mechanism for obtaining input into this planning process from a representative sample of people living near each lake. The information obtained from the survey will be factored into the development of aquatic plant management plans for mainstream Tennessee River lakes.

Jacklyn J. Stephenson,

Senior Manager, Enterprise Operations Information Services.

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Meeting of the Regional Resource Stewardship Council

AGENCY: Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Regional Resource Stewardship Council (Regional Council) will hold a meeting to consider various matters. Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, (FACA).

The meeting agenda includes the following briefings:

1. Feedback from TVA on the Recommendations Submitted to the TVA Board of Directors
2. Recommendation on Appropriations Funding of TVA Nonpower Programs
3. Recommendation from the Water Quality Subcommittee on Water Use Management
4. Public Comments
5. Progress Report on the Reservoir Operations Study
6. Discussion of Recommendations
7. Status of the Council Report from TVA

It is the Regional Council's practice to provide an opportunity for members of the public to make oral public comments at its meetings. Public comment session is scheduled from 1 to 2 p.m. Central time. Members of the public who wish to make oral public comments may do so during the Public

comment portion of the agenda. Up to one hour will be allotted for the Public comments with participation available on a first-come, first-served basis. Speakers addressing the Council are requested to limit their remarks to no more than 5 minutes. Persons wishing to speak register at the door and are then called on by the Council Chair during the public comment period. Handout materials should be limited to one printed page. Written comments are also invited and may be mailed to the Regional Resource Stewardship Council, Tennessee Valley Authority, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, WT 11A, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, January 31, 2002, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central Standard Time. Public comments are scheduled to begin at 1 p.m., ending by 2 p.m. Central Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Huntsville Marriott, 5 Tranquility Base, Huntsville, Alabama 35805, and will be open to the public. Anyone needing special access or accommodations should let the contact below know at least a week in advance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandra L Hill, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, WT 11A, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, (865) 632-2333.

Dated: January 3, 2002.

Kathryn J. Jackson,

Executive Vice President, River System Operations and Environment, Tennessee Valley Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

New Mail Delivery/Document Filing Information Relating to Department of Transportation Informal Rulemaking Proceedings and Certain Preemption Determination Proceedings

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Transportation now is receiving all United States Postal Service (USPS) deliveries. However, actions taken over the last three months in response to the September 11 terrorist attacks and to contain the anthrax threat have significantly delayed or prevented our receipt of mail sent to DOT. These actions may have caused filings related to DOT informal rulemaking and certain preemption determination proceedings to arrive after the close of the comment

period or not at all. We are providing notice of alternative methods for ensuring that your filings come to us. We also want to assure you that we will do everything that we can to consider comments that we otherwise would have received before the close of the comment period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gwyneth Radloff, Office of the General Counsel, 400 Seventh St. SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-9319. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Dorothy Beard, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-5149.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: After the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, overnight shippers, e.g., FEDEX, advised the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) offices that they faced delivery delays because the airlines had been grounded. In addition, DOT requested that, beginning October 16, 2001, the United States Postal Service (USPS) halt most mail deliveries until it could put in place appropriate safety measures to address the potential threat from anthrax-contaminated mail. Mail caught in transit between October 13 and October 22 at DC's Brentwood Facility, where testers found traces of anthrax, may be part of quarantined mail that we might never receive (although we did get one delivery on October 22, 2001). Mail sent to DOT from mid-October to November 27 has been significantly delayed. DOT began receiving mail again on November 28. Even now, the USPS continues to irradiate first class and express mail bound for DOT. This means that we will receive mail after delays of a week or more. We do not know the full extent of the impact delayed or blocked mail delivery will have on our informal rulemaking proceedings and preemption determination proceedings for the Research and Special Programs Administration and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

We wish to advise the public that we will take this interruption of mail service into account, with respect to DOT rulemakings or preemption determination proceedings with comment periods that closed before mail delivery resumed on November 28, 2001. In some cases, where feasible, our agencies are extending or reopening comment periods. In other cases, we will do everything possible to ensure that we consider comments that we otherwise would have received before the close of the comment period. For example, we generally have the authority to consider late-filed