

comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- 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 agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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.

*Overview of This Information Collection:*

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Certification on Agency Letterhead Authorizing Purchase of Firearm for Official Duties of Law Enforcement Officer.

(3) *Agency Form Number, if Any, and the Applicable Component of the Department of Justice Sponsoring the Collection:* Form Number: None. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

(4) *Affected Public Who Will be Asked or Required to Respond, as Well as a Brief Abstract:* Primary: State, Local or Tribal Government. Other: None. The letter is used by a law enforcement officer to purchase handguns to be used in his/her official duties from a licensed firearm dealer anywhere in the country. The letter shall state that the officer will use the firearm in official duties and that a records check reveals that the purchasing officer has no convictions for misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence.

(5) *An Estimate of the Total Number of Respondents and the Amount of Time Estimated for an Average Respondent to Respond:* It is estimated that 50,000 respondents will take 5 seconds to file the letter.

(6) *An Estimate of the Total Public Burden (in Hours) Associated With the Collection:* There are an estimated 69 annual total burden hours associated with this collection.

If additional information is required contact: Brenda E. Dyer, Department

Clearance Officer, Policy and Planning Staff, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice, Patrick Henry Building, Suite 1600, 601 D Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: January 12, 2005.

**Brenda E. Dyer,**

*Department Clearance Officer, Department of Justice.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Drug Enforcement Administration

[Docket No. DEA-261N]

#### Solicitation of Comments on Dispensing of Controlled Substances for the Treatment of Pain

**AGENCY:** Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Department of Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice; solicitation of comments.

**SUMMARY:** On November 16, 2004, DEA published in the **Federal Register** an Interim Policy Statement on the dispensing of controlled substances for the treatment of pain. The Interim Policy Statement stated that DEA would address the subject in greater detail in a future **Federal Register** document, taking into consideration the views of the medical community. DEA is hereby seeking comments from physicians and other interested members of the public as to what areas of the law relating to the dispensing of controlled substances for the treatment of pain they would like DEA to address in the upcoming **Federal Register** document.

**DATES:** Written comments must be postmarked, and electronic comments must be sent, on or before March 21, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** To ensure proper handling of comments, please reference "Docket No. DEA-261" on all written and electronic correspondence. Written comments being sent via regular mail should be sent to the Deputy Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington, DC 20537, Attention: DEA Federal Register Representative/CCD. Written comments sent via express mail should be sent to DEA Headquarters, Attention: DEA Federal Register Representative/CCD, 2401 Jefferson-Davis Highway, Alexandria, VA 22301.

Comments may be directly sent to DEA electronically by sending an electronic message to [dea.diversion.policy@usdoj.gov](mailto:dea.diversion.policy@usdoj.gov).

Comments may also be sent electronically through <http://www.regulations.gov> using the electronic comment form provided on that site. An electronic copy of this document is also available at the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site. DEA will accept attachments to electronic comments in Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, Adobe PDF, or Excel file formats only. DEA will not accept any file format other than those specifically listed here.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daniel Dormont, Senior Attorney, Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington, DC 20537; telephone: (202) 307-8010.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On November 16, 2004, DEA published in the **Federal Register** an Interim Policy Statement on the dispensing of controlled substances for the treatment of pain. 69 FR 67170. The Interim Policy Statement explained why an earlier document, which appeared on the DEA Office of Diversion Control Web site in August 2004, contained misstatements and was not approved as an official statement of the agency. The Interim Policy Statement corrected some of the misstatements in the August 2004 document and announced that DEA would address, in greater detail, the subject of dispensing controlled substances for the treatment of pain in a future **Federal Register** document, taking into consideration the views of the medical community. This upcoming document will stay within the scope of DEA's authority by addressing the law the agency administers, the Controlled Substances Act (CSA), and the DEA regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as the pertinent court decisions. As indicated in the Interim Policy Statement, the document will contain a recitation of the relevant provisions of the CSA and DEA regulations relating to the dispensing of controlled substances for the treatment of pain. The purpose of this recitation will be to provide guidance and reassurance to the overwhelming majority of physicians who engage in legitimate pain treatment while deterring unlawful prescribing and dispensing of pharmaceutical controlled substances.

As was the case with the Interim Policy Statement, none of the principles addressed in the upcoming **Federal Register** document will be new. Rather, the document will reiterate legal concepts that have been incorporated in the federal laws and regulations for many years and are reflected in federal court decisions and DEA final administrative orders. DEA recognizes

the desire of many physicians and members of the public to have these concepts reiterated in a single, comprehensive document. Toward that end, DEA is hereby seeking the input of physicians, pharmacists, and other interested members of the public. Any person who so desires should indicate, in writing, the areas of the law relating to controlled substances that they would like DEA to address in the upcoming document. DEA will consider all such comments submitted on or before March 21, 2005.

Dated: January 11, 2005.

**Michele M. Leonhart,**  
Deputy Administrator.

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## **NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[Notice 05-004]

### **NASA Exploration Transportation System Strategic Roadmap Committee; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a forthcoming meeting of the NASA Exploration Transportation System Strategic Roadmap Committee.

**DATES:** Thursday, February 3, 2005, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, February 4, 2005, 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

**ADDRESSES:** Sheraton Safari Hotel, 12205 Apopka Vineland Road, Orlando, FL 32836.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Dana Gould, MS 149, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Langley Research Center, Hampton, VA 23681-2199 (757) 864-7747.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will be open to the public up to the capacity of the room. Visitors to the meeting will be requested to sign a visitor's register.

The agenda for the meeting includes the following topics:

- Background and Stage Setting for Exploration Transportation System Strategic Roadmap.
- Exploration Transportation Strategic Roadmap Framework Introduction.
- Exploration Transportation Strategic Roadmap Initial Development.

It is imperative that the meeting be held on this date to accommodate the

scheduling priorities of the key participants.

**P. Diane Rausch,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer,  
National Aeronautics and Space Administration.*

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## **NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[Notice (05-005)]

### **NASA Solar System Exploration Strategic Roadmap Committee; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a meeting of the NASA Solar System Exploration Strategic Roadmap Committee.

**DATES:** Thursday, February 3, 2005, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, February 4, 2005, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pacific Standard Time.

**ADDRESSES:** NASA Ames Conference Center, Bldg 3, 500 Severys Road, Moffett Field, CA 94035-1000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Rho Christensen at (650) 604-2476.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the meeting room. Attendees will be requested to sign a register.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Introductory remarks and team logistics.
- Strategic Roadmap and Integration Overview.
- Review of prior Solar System roadmaps and strategies: NRC survey report, 2003 Strategic Roadmap, Solar System Exploration White Paper.
- Strategic Process: Pathways/Options/Decision Points/Interdependencies.
- Plan for completing the new Strategic Roadmap.

It is imperative that the meeting be held on this date to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants.

**P. Diane Rausch,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer,  
National Aeronautics and Space Administration.*

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## **NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

### **Notice of the Availability of a Record of Decision Following a Final Comprehensive Environmental Evaluation for Antarctic Activities**

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of a Record of Decision following a Final Environmental Impact Statement/Comprehensive Environmental Evaluation (FEIS/FCEE) for activities proposed to be undertaken in Antarctica.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation gives notice of the availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement/Comprehensive Environmental Evaluation (FEIS/FCEE) for activities proposed to be undertaken in Antarctica.

The Office of Polar Programs (OPP) has decided to proceed with the construction and operation of a high-energy neutrino telescope to be located at the Amundsen-Scott Station, South Pole, Antarctica. Given the United States Antarctic Program's (USAP) mission to support polar research, the proposed action will result in a telescope that has been specifically designed to detect a wide diversity of high-energy neutrinos of astrophysical origin. In reaching this decision, the Director of the Office of Polar Programs has considered the potential environmental impacts addressed in the Project IceCube EIS/CEE. The Director has also considered input from Antarctic Treaty nations and the public pertaining to the EIS/CEE for Project IceCube.

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 2403a, the National Science Foundation has prepared this Record of Decision following the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Comprehensive Environmental Evaluation for Project IceCube, Amundsen-Scott Station, South Pole, Antarctica.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Record of Decision are available upon request from: Dr. Polly A. Penhale, National Science Foundation, Office of Polar Programs, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Suite 755, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292-8033.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A Notice of Availability of the draft EIS/CEE was published in the **Federal Register**. Via a Web site link, the draft Project IceCube EIS/CEE was made available for review to all interested parties including Antarctic Treaty nations, international and U.S. Federal agencies, research institutions, private organizations, and individuals. Comments were received