

B. Description of the Collection of Information

This collection of information will consist of a random digit dialing (RDD) telephone survey. Use of RDD will result in a probability sample of all U.S. households, ensuring that the estimates will be representative of the U.S. population. Selected high-risk subsets of the population will be over-sampled to ensure that the fire problem in those groups can be adequately characterized. These include rural households, and low socioeconomic households. Data collection will take place over a 12-month period to account for variation in the number and causes of fire that occur over the course of a year.

The intention of the survey is to contact both households that have experienced a fire during the previous 3 months and households that have not experienced a fire. Demographic data on fire and non-fire households will be collected so that fire risk can be calculated for different demographic groups.

Households that have had fires will be asked about the cause of the fire, the products involved in starting the fire, and the items that burned. Information about the severity of the fire will be collected, including deaths, non-fatal injuries, medical treatment, property damage, and whether the fire was attended by the fire service. Information will be obtained on the number, characteristics, and performance of smoke alarms. CPSC is particularly interested in obtaining information on the role of the smoke alarm in warning the occupants that there was a fire. Information also will be obtained on the presence and performance of fire sprinklers and fire extinguishers.

A contractor will conduct a cognitive pre-test of the telephone questionnaire using a Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) program. Revisions to the CATI programming will be made based on the pretest. Data collection for the survey will be conducted over a one-year period. The contractor will then review and edit the data and construct a database for CPSC analysis.

C. Burden on Respondents

Households will be screened using RDD methodology to identify 1,500 households who have had a fire within the previous three months. The estimated incidence of fire households is approximately 2.5%. Screening to identify household qualification is expected to take an average of approximately 2 minutes. It is estimated that the study will require screening of

86,680 households to yield 1,500 qualified, cooperative respondents.

The interview with fire households is estimated to take an average of 22 minutes to administer over the telephone. In addition, a sub-sample of 2,000 non-fire households will be interviewed using a 6-minute demographic survey.

Given these estimates, the burden on respondents is calculated to be:

- 86,680 screening interviews @ 2 minutes = 173,360 minutes;
- 1,500 interviews with fire households @ 22 minutes = 33,000 minutes; and
- 2,000 interviews with non-fire households @ 6 minutes = 12,000 minutes,

for a total of 218,360 minutes, or 3,639.3 interviewing hours of burden for respondents. The staff estimates that the annualized cost to respondents for the hour burden for the collection of information is \$85,305, based on \$23.44 per hour (September 2002 Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor cost for employee compensation, private industry, state and local government.)

D. Requests for Comments

The Commission solicits written comments from all interested persons about the proposed survey to determine residential fire cause and smoke alarm performance. The Commission specifically seeks information relevant to the following topics:

- Whether the survey described above is necessary for the proper performance of the Commission's functions, including whether the information would have practical utility;
- Whether the estimated burden of the proposed collection of information is accurate;
- Whether the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected could be enhanced; and
- Whether the burden imposed by the collection of information could be minimized by use of automated, electronic or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology.

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Todd Stevenson,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Senior Executive Service; Performance Review Board; Membership

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice of names of members.

SUMMARY: This notice lists the individuals who have been appointed to the Commission's Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 16, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Consumer Product Safety Commission, Office of the Secretary, Washington, DC 20207.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Shawn Blain, Office of Human Resources Management, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207, telephone (301) 504-7220.

Members of the Performance Review Board are listed below:

Mary Sheila Gall, Thomas Hill Moore, Susan W. Ahmed, Mary Ann T. Danello (alternate), William H. DuRoss, III (non-voting), Jacqueline Elder, Hugh McLaurin (alternate), Ronald L. Medford (alternate), Thomas W. Murr, Jr., Alan H. Schoem (alternate), Marc J. Schoem (alternate), Patricia M. Semple, Andrew G. Stadnik, Patrick D. Weddle.

Alternate members may be designated by the Chairman or the Chairman's designee to serve in the place of regular members who are unable to serve for any reason.

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Todd A. Stevenson,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Availability of Funds for Grants to Support New Senior Companion and Foster Grandparent Projects

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter, the "Corporation") announces the availability of funding for grants to support, for twelve months, two new Senior Companion projects in geographic areas that do not fall within approved service areas of current Corporation-funded Senior Companion