

20,000,000 record keepers at 4 minutes (0.066) hours per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 13,020,000 annual burden hours.

If additional information is required during the first 60 days of this same regular review period contact Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Request OMB emergency approval; application for temporary protected status.

The Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has submitted the following information collection request (ICR) utilizing emergency review procedures, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the section 1320.13(a)(2)(iii) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The INS has determined that it cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures under this Part because normal clearance procedures are reasonably likely to prevent or disrupt the collection of information. This information collection is needed prior to the expiration of established time periods. OMB approval has been requested by September 30, 1997. If granted, the emergency approval is only valid for 90 days. All comments and/or questions pertaining to this pending request for emergency approval must be directed to OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Ms. Debra Bond, 202-395-7316, Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20503. Comments regarding the emergency submissions of this information collection may also be telefaxed to Ms. Bond at 202-395-6974.

During the first 60 days of this same period, a regular review of this

information collection is also being undertaken. During the regular review period, the INS requests written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until October 3, 1997. During the 60-day regular review all comments and suggestions, or questions regarding additional information, to include obtaining a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, should be directed to Mr. Richard A. Sloan, 202-514-3291, Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, U.S. Department of Justice, Room 5307, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points.

(1) 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;

(2) 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;

(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 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 information collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for Temporary Protected Status.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form I-821. Adjudications Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or Households. The information provided on this collection will be used by the INS to determine whether an applicant for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) meets the eligibility requirements. Such TPS benefits include employment authorization and relief from the threat

of removal or deportation from the U.S. while in such status.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 10,000 respondents at 30 minutes (.5) hours per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 5,000 annual burden hours.

If additional information is required during the first 60 days of this same regular review period contact Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

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MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

Privacy Act of 1974: Proposed New System of Records

AGENCY: Merit Systems Protection Board.

ACTION: Privacy Act of 1974; Notice of New System of Records.

SUMMARY: As required by The Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552, the Merit Systems Protection Board (Board) is publishing a notice proposing establishment of a new system of records. This new records system is the Workload and Assignment Tracking System. The system is intended to provide a method for tracking workload and may be used to monitor performance of employees of the MSPB.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 3, 1997. This system of records becomes effective as proposed, without further notice, on October 3, 1997, unless comments are received which would result in a contrary determination. Comments may be mailed to the Merit Systems Protection Board, Office of the Clerk of the Board, 1120 Vermont Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20419, or faxed to the same address on 202-653-7130. Electronic mail comments may be sent via the Internet to mspb@mspb.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael H. Hoxie, Office of the Clerk of the Board, 202-653-7200.