

Finally, Noramco has expressed concern that Penick's poor financial situation and management may increase the risk of diversion of any controlled substances that it imports.

The Government's Comments

The Government asserts that the above-captioned proceeding is a combination of a rulemaking to determine whether the Schedule II raw materials coca leaves, raw opium, poppy straw, and poppy straw concentrate may be imported lawfully into the United States pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 952(a)(1) and also an adjudication pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 958(a) on Penick's pending application for a DEA registration as an importer of Schedule II raw materials. The Government argues that because DEA does not maintain a "contingency reserve" of DEA registrants Penick must first demonstrate that raw opium and poppy straw concentrate may be imported into the United States pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 952(a)(1). The Government further asserts that Penick, which is involved in Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings, must next demonstrate to the Deputy Administrator that it is able to satisfy the requirements of 21 U.S.C. 823(a) and 958(a) and 21 CFR 1301.34(b)-(f) before the Deputy Administrator will renew its DEA registration to import the above-listed Schedule II raw materials into the United States.

The Government also requests that all interested parties be afforded the opportunity to provide comments for such rulemaking. Due to the length of time between the notice of Penick's application for renewal of its DEA registration, see 62 FR 25972 (1997), and this Notice of Hearing, the Government's request is granted. All interested parties shall have until November 30, 1998, to file comments regarding the above-mentioned rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; The National Judicial Reporting Program, Form NJRP-1

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection Under Review; (Reinstatement, without change of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired).

The Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) has submitted the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days until December 28, 1998.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Patrick Langan, 202-616-3490, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, 810 7th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20531.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information 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 function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of 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:* Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* National Judicial Reporting Program.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form NJRP-1. Bureau of Justice Statistics, Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary:* State Court authorities. The National Judicial Reporting Program (NJRP) is the only collection effort that provides an ability to maintain important statistics on felons convicted and sentenced in state courts. The NJRP enables the Bureau, Federal, State, and local correctional administrators; legislators; researchers; and planners to track change in the numbers and types of offenses and sentences felons convicted in state courts receive; as well as track changes in the demographics, conviction type, number of charges, sentence length, and time between arrest and conviction and sentencing of felons convicted in state courts.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply:* It is estimated that 344 respondents will take 11.5 hours per response.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: The total annual burden hours are 3,956.

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