

| | Percent |
|---|---------|
| Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere | 3.324 |

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 346412. For economic injury the number is 9S5900 for Mississippi; and 9S6000 for Alabama.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008).

Dated: November 15, 2002.

S. George Camp,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3462]

State of Tennessee

As a result of the President's major disaster declaration on November 13, 2002, I find that Anderson, Bedford, Carroll, Coffee, Crockett, Cumberland, Gibson, Henderson, Madison, Marshall, Montgomery, Morgan, Rutherford, Scott, Sumner and Tipton Counties in the State of Tennessee constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by severe storms, tornadoes and flooding occurring on November 9 through November 12, 2002. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on January 13, 2003 and for economic injury until the close of business on August 13, 2003 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations:

U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 2 Office, One Baltimore Place, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30308.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the following contiguous counties may be filed until the specified date at the above location: Benton, Bledsoe, Campbell, Cannon, Cheatham, Chester, Davidson, Decatur, Dickson, Dyer, Fayette, Fentress, Franklin, Giles, Grundy, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henry, Houston, Knox, Lauderdale, Lincoln, Loudon, Macon, Maury, Moore, Obion, Pickett, Putnam, Roane, Robertson, Rhea, Shelby, Stewart, Trousdale, Union, Van Buren, Warren, Weakley, White, Williamson and Wilson in the State of Tennessee; Crittenden and Mississippi counties in the State of Arkansas; Allen, Christian, McCreary, Simpson, Todd, Wayne and

Whitley counties in the State of Kentucky.

The interest rates are:

| | Percent |
|---|---------|
| For Physical Damage: | |
| Homeowners with credit available elsewhere | 5.875 |
| Homeowners without credit available elsewhere | 2.937 |
| Businesses with credit available elsewhere | 6.648 |
| Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere | 3.324 |
| Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere | 5.500 |
| For Economic Injury: | |
| Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere | 3.324 |

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 346212. For economic injury the number is 9S5200 for Tennessee; 9S5300 for Arkansas; and 9S5400 for Kentucky.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: November 15, 2002.

S. George Camp,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request and Comment Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages that will require clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Pub. L. 104-13 effective October 1, 1995, The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection packages that may be included in this notice are for new information collections, revisions to OMB-approved information collections and extensions (no change) of OMB-approved information collections.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s)

should be submitted to the OMB Desk Officer and the SSA Reports Clearance Officer. The information can be mailed and/or faxed to the individuals at the addresses and fax numbers listed below:

(OMB), Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th St., NW., Washington, DC 20503, Fax: 202-395-6974.
 (SSA) Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Reports Clearance Officer, 1338 Annex Bldg., 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, Fax: 410-965-6400.

I. The information collections listed below are pending at SSA and will be submitted to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. Therefore, your comments should be submitted to SSA within 60 days from the date of this publication. You can obtain copies of the collection instruments by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at 410-965-0454, or by writing to the address listed above.

1. *Internet Social Security Disability Report-Child-20 CFR 404.1512 and 416.912-0960-NEW.* SSA is developing an Internet Social Security Disability Report-Child. This Internet application, I3820, will collect information about a child who is applying for disabled child's benefits. It will solicit the details of the child's condition, how the condition affects the child's day-to-day life, and his or her medical treatment sources and/or other medical sources of evidence. Respondents will provide information on the disabled child by completing a series of screens on a personal computer. The information will then be transmitted to SSA electronically. However, until such time as SSA develops an acceptable electronic signature process and implements a Disability Determination Services (DDS) electronic disability process, applicants will also print, sign and mail a text formatted summary of the answers given on I3820. They will also print, sign and mail copies of the medical release form (SSA-827). The information collected on I3820 will be used by the State DDS's to develop medical evidence and to assess the alleged disability. The respondents will be applicants for child's disability benefits who opt to file via the Internet.

Type of Request: New information collection.

Number of Respondents: 52,300.

Frequency of Response: 1

Average Burden Per Response: 2 hours.

Estimated Annual Burden: 104,600 Hours.

2. *Work Activity Report—Employee—0960-0059*. Form SSA-821-BK collects information that determines whether individuals have worked in employment after becoming disabled and, if so, whether the work is substantial gainful activity. The data is reviewed and evaluated to determine if the recipient continues to meet the disability requirements of the law. The respondents are title II beneficiaries and title XVI recipients.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.
Number of Respondents: 300,000.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 45 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 225,000 hours.

3. *Permanent Residence Under Color of Law—20 CFR 416.1615 and 416.1618-0960-0451*. Under Public Law (Pub. L.) 104-193, effective August 22, 1996, a noncitizen must be a "qualified alien" and meet certain additional requirements in order to be eligible for SSI. This law also established an exception to the new requirements for certain "nonqualified aliens" (*i.e.*, noncitizens who are not qualified aliens) who were receiving SSI on August 22, 1996. The exception allowed nonqualified aliens to remain on the rolls until September 30, 1997, at which time benefits would be suspended if the aliens had not acquired qualified alien status. Pub. L. 105-33 extended the suspension date to September 30, 1998 and Pub. L. 105-306, enacted October 28, 1998, provided that nonqualified aliens who are receiving SSI on August 22, 1996 would remain eligible after September 30, 1998 as long as other requirements were met (*e.g.*, income and resources, *etc.*). SSI eligibility for this group of aliens, "grandfathered nonqualified aliens," will continue to be determined based on the rules governing alien eligibility in effect prior to August 22, 1996, *i.e.*, the PRUCOL standard. Under this standard, PRUCOL aliens must present evidence of their status to SSA at the time of application and periodically thereafter. SSA will verify the validity of the evidence of PRUCOL aliens with the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Based on the INS response, SSA will determine whether the individual is eligible for SSI payments. The respondents are alien applicants for and recipients of SSI payments.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.
Number of Respondents: 9,000.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 750 hours.
 4. *Instructions for Completion of Federal Assistance Application—0960-0184*.

The information on Form SSA-96 will be used to assist the Commissioner in selecting grant proposals for funding based on their technical merits. The information will also assist in evaluating the soundness of the design of the proposed activities, the possibilities of obtaining productive results, the adequacy of resources to conduct the activities and the relationship to other similar activities that have been or are being conducted. The respondents are State and local Governments, State-designated protection and advocacy groups, colleges and universities and profit and nonprofit private organizations.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.
Number of Respondents: 200.
Frequency of Response: 8.
Average Burden Per Response: 14 hours.
Estimated Annual Burden: 22,400 hours.

5. *Certificate of Election for Reduced Spouse's Benefits—0960-0398*. SSA uses the information on the certificate of election, collected on form SSA-25, as the spouse's request for reduced benefits for the month of filing, and for months preceding the month of filing, as designated by the spouse (but not to exceed 12 months). The spouse must file a certificate of election with SSA to elect reduced benefits, if an entitled spouse (age 62-64) no longer has an entitled child in care. The respondents are individuals or households.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.
Number of Respondents: 30,000.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 2 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,000 hours.

6. *Annual Registration Statement Identifying Separated Participants with Deferred Benefits, Schedule SSA—0960-0606*. Schedule SSA is a form filed annually as part of a series of pension plan documents required by Section 6057 of the IRS Code. Administrators of pension benefit plans are required to report specific information on future plan benefits for those participants who left plan coverage during the year. SSA maintains the information until a claim for Social Security benefits has been approved. At that time, SSA notifies the beneficiary of his/her potential eligibility for payments from the private pension plan. The respondents are administrators of

pension benefit plans or their service providers employed to prepare the Schedule SSA on behalf of the pension benefit plan. Below are the estimates of the cost and hour burdens for completing and filing Schedule SSA(s). We have used an average to estimate the hour burden. However, the burden may be greater or smaller depending on whether the respondent is a large or small pension benefit plan and how many Schedule SSA's are filed in a given year.

Type of request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.
Number of Respondents: 88,000.
Frequency of Response: Annually.
Average Burden Per Respondent: 2.5 hours.

Estimated Annual Burden: 220,000 hours.

Estimated Annual Cost Burden for All Respondents: \$12,194,400.

7. *Internet Report of Continuing Disability Interview—20 CFR 404.1589 and 20 CFR 416.989—0960-NEW*.

Background

The Government Paperwork Elimination Act (GPEA) of 1998 directed federal agencies to develop electronic service delivery instruments as an alternative to traditional paper-based methods. As a result, the Social Security Administration is actively expanding its Internet services to enable citizens to complete the application process as well as to process their requests for post-entitlement transactions online. One of the initiatives in this process is the development of the Internet version of the current paper-based form entitled Report of Continuing Disability Interview, SSA-454-BK, which is used by the agency in the continuing disability review (CDR) process.

The Collection

SSA will use the Internet Report of Continuing Disability Interview (I454) to collect information from individuals receiving disability benefits or their representatives. The information collected will be used to determine whether a person who receives Social Security benefits and/or SSI, based on disability or blindness continues to be disabled. The report will update the record of the disabled individual, providing information on recent medical treatment, vocational and educational experiences, work activity and evaluations of the potential for return to work. On the basis of the responses, additional medical and other evidence is developed to assist SSA in determining whether their disability continues or has ended, and if so when

the disability ended. Respondents to I454 are disabled individuals scheduled for CDRs.

Type of request: New information collection.

Number of Respondents: 85,200.

Frequency of Response: 1 per respondent.

Average Burden Per Response: 120 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 170,400 hours.

8. Integrated Registration for Employers and Submitters (IRES)—0960-0626.

The IRES authentication system is a free service designed to allow employers to access SSA's electronic wage reporting services, and to replace the use of a handwritten signature with an electronic signature. Employer representatives use an IRES generated PIN and password as their electronic signature. IRES was designed to be more efficient, reducing the costs to both employers and SSA, and will facilitate the filing of wage data electronically. SSA's paramount interest in the development of IRES was to ensure that the new electronic method of identifying wage report submitters provides the same security features as the current paper-based method. Security features include message integrity, originator authentication, non-repudiation and confidentiality. The PIN and password will be issued to an individual designated by the employer after SSA authenticates the company and contact information provided by the individual. SSA uses the IRES in conjunction with SSA's wage reporting processes. It is used as the gateway for electronic wage reporting and the online employee verification service. IRES will also be used when SSA implements additional electronic services such as electronic notices and error information, and to authenticate representatives of organizational representative payees in a limited Proof of Concept study. Also, the PIN will be used in the Annual Wage Reporting diskette process to replace the signature on IRS paper form 6559. SSA has received approval from IRS to use an alternative signature. Respondents to IRES will be Employers and Submitters who utilize SSA's electronic wage reporting and online employee verification services.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 27,000.

Number of Respondents: 250,040.

Number of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 2 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 8,335 hours.

9. Report of New Information in Disability Cases—20 CFR 404.460, 404.468, 404.408 & 404.1588—0960-0071. The information collected on Form SSA-612 is used to update the disability records of respondents, based on changes reported. The form is used to gather information on a number of topics that can affect the beneficiary's or the applicant's entitlement to disability benefits. This includes, but is not limited to, information about a return to work, improvement in the medical condition, workers' compensation settlements or representative payee issues. The respondents are applicants for and recipients of Title II disability benefits.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 27,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2,250 hours.

10. Vocational Rehabilitation "301" Program Development—20 CFR, 404.408, 404.460 & 404.468, Subpart E and 20 CFR, 404.1588, Subpart P—0960-0282. SSA uses Form SSA-4290 to collect information to determine whether an individual, whose disability or blindness has ceased, is eligible for continued benefit payments because of participation in an approved program of vocational rehabilitation services, employment services or other support services. The respondents are State vocational rehabilitation agencies, other public or private providers of vocational rehabilitation services and employment services or other support services.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 8,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2,000 hours.

11. Statement for Determining Continuing Eligibility for Supplemental Security Income Payments—Adult, Form SSA-3988-TEST; Statement for

Determining Continuing Eligibility for Supplemental Security Income Payments—Child, Form SSA-3989-TEST—20 CFR Subpart B—416.204—0960-0643.

Background

The Social Security Act mandates periodic redeterminations of the non-medical factors that relate to the SSI recipients' continuing eligibility for SSI payments. Recent SSA studies have indicated that as many as two-thirds of all scheduled redeterminations completed, with the assistance of a SSA employee, did not result in any change in circumstances that affected payment. Therefore, SSA is planning to increase the number of respondents and revise the test methodology of the currently approved test forms. The expansion of the test is needed to further validate whether the test redetermination process actually results in significant operational savings and a decrease in recipient inconvenience, while still timely obtaining the accurate data needed to determine continuing eligibility through the process.

The Collection

A test of forms SSA-3988-TEST and SSA-3989-TEST will be used to determine whether SSI recipients have met and continue to meet all statutory and regulatory non-medical requirements for SSI eligibility, and whether they have been and are still receiving the correct payment amount. The SSA-3988-TEST and SSA-3989-TEST are designed as self-help forms that will be mailed to recipients or to their representative payees for completion and return to SSA. The objectives of the expanded test are to determine the public's ability to understand and accurately complete the test forms. The respondents are recipients of SSI benefits or their representatives. In addition, SSA wants to determine the public's ability to understand and accurately complete a supplemental SSA-3988, which will be directed to a sample of beneficiaries that continue to receive Medicaid, but whose earnings from work are too high to allow payment of SSI benefits.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

| | Respondents | Frequency of response | Average burden per response (min.) | Estimated annual burden (hours) |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| SSA-3988-TEST | 46,500 | 1 | 20 | 15,500 |
| SSA-3988-SUP-TEST2 | 2,000 | 1 | 21 | 700 |

| | Respondents | Frequency of response | Average burden per response (min.) | Estimated annual burden (hours) |
|---------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| SSA-3989-TEST | 8,500 | 1 | 20 | 2,833 |
| Total burden | | | | 19,033 |

II. The information collections listed below have been submitted to OMB for clearance. Your comments on the information collections would be most useful if received by OMB and SSA within 30 days from the date of this publication. You can obtain a copy of the OMB clearance packages by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at 410-965-0454, or by writing to the address listed above.

Authorization to Disclose Information to the Social Security Administration—20 CFR Subpart O, 404.1512 and Subpart I, 416.912—0960-0623. SSA must obtain sufficient medical evidence to make eligibility determinations for the Social Security disability benefits and SSI payments. For SSA to obtain medical evidence, an applicant must authorize his or her medical source(s) to release the information to SSA. The applicant may use one of the forms SSA-827, SSA-827 OP1 or SSA-827 OP2 to provide consent for the release of information. Generally, the State DDS completes the form(s) based on information provided by the applicant, and sends the form(s) to the designated medical source(s). The respondents are applicants for Social Security disability benefits and SSI payments.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 3,853,928.

Frequency of Response: 4.

Average Burden Per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2,569,285 hours.

Dated: November 15, 2002.

Elizabeth A. Davidson,

Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4208]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "The Dead Sea Scrolls"

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to

the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999 (64 FR 56014), and Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999 (64 FR 57920), as amended, I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition, "The Dead Sea Scrolls," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with a foreign lender. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Public Museum of Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids, Michigan, from on or about February 16, 2003, to on or about June 1, 2003, and at possible additional venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of exhibit objects, contact Paul W. Manning, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, 202/619-5997, and the address is United States Department of State, SA-44, Room 700, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: November 14, 2002.

Patricia S. Harrison,

Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Notice of Meeting of the Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Textiles and Apparel (ISAC-15)

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of an opened meeting.

SUMMARY: The Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Textiles and Apparel (ISAC-15) will hold a meeting on December 10, 2002, from 10 a.m. to 12

p.m. The meeting will be opened to the public from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2002, unless otherwise notified.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the North Carolina Center for Applied Textile Technology, 7220 Wilkinson Boulevard, Belmont, North Carolina.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maria D'Andrea, DFO for ISAC-15 at (202) 482-4058, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 or Christina Sevilla, Director for Intergovernmental Affairs, on (202) 395-6120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: During the opened portion of the meeting the following agenda item will be discussed.

- Department of Commerce (DOC)/ Department of Energy (DOE) Project to Explore the Development of a Special "Textile Marker System."

Christopher A. Padilla,

Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-1998-3584]

Proposed Modernization of the Coast Guard National Distress and Response System

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality's Regulations for Implementing NEPA, the U.S. Coast Guard announces that it has approved its Supplemental Program Environmental Assessment (SPEA) and has made available its Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed modernization of the National Distress and Response System (NDRS) known as "Rescue 21."