

e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the employee listed below in the For Further Information Contact section of this notice.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before September 22, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Patricia W. Silvey, Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 627, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on a computer disk, or via E-mail to [psilvey@msha.gov](mailto:psilvey@msha.gov), along with an original printed copy. Ms. Silvey can be reached at (703) 235-1910 (voice) or (703) 235-5551 (facsimile).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

George M. Fesak, Director, Office of Program Evaluation and Information Resources, U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 715, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Mr. Fesak can be reached at [gfesak@msha.gov](mailto:gfesak@msha.gov) (Internet E-mail), (703) 235-8378 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**I. Background**

Title 30 Sections 71.400 through 71.402 and 75.1712-1 through 75.1712-3 require coal mine operators to provide bathing facilities, clothing change rooms, and sanitary flush toilet facilities in a location that is convenient for use of the miners. If the operator is unable to meet any or all of the requirements, he/she may apply for a waiver. Title 30 CFR Sections 71.403, 71.404, 75.1712-4 and 75.1712-5 provide procedures by which an operator may apply for and be granted a waiver. Applications are filed with the District Manager for the district in which the mine is located and contain the name and address of the mine operator, name and location of the mine, and a detailed statement of the grounds upon which the waiver is requested and the period of time for which it is requested. Waivers for surface coal mines may be granted for a period not to exceed one year; requests for an annual extension may be sought by the operator. Waivers for underground coal mines may be granted for extended periods of time based on the information provided by the mine operator in the request for a waiver.

The purpose for the waiver is to assure the conditions at the mine make it impractical for the mine operator to provide the required facilities, and to

document the circumstances for granting of the waiver. This gives the mine operator written documentation that the requirement(s) of the standard have been waived by MSHA and MSHA inspection personnel will not require the mine operator to comply with the part(s) of the standard included in the waiver. Without this written documentation MSHA inspection personnel can not be assured that a mine operator is not required to provide the required sanitary facilities.

**II. Current Actions**

This information is necessary in order to assure the mine operator is not required to provide the sanitary facilities as required by the standard. This information provides written documentation that MSHA has waived the requirements for the applicable part(s) of the standard as outlined in the waiver.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Application for Waiver of Surface Facilities Requirement.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0024.

*Agency Number:* MSHA 212.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

Cite/reference	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response (minutes)	Burden (hrs.)
71.403 71.404, Initial .....	204	On Occassion ...	204	30	102
71.403 71.404, Extensions .....	519	Annually .....	519	20	173
75.1712-4 75.1712-5, Initial .....	215	On occassion ...	217	30	108.5
75.1712-4 75.1712-5, Extension .....	2	On Occassion ...	2	20	1
Totals .....	940	.....	940		384

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):* \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: July 17, 1998.

**George M. Fesak,**

*Director, Program Evaluation and Information Resources.*

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**MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION**

**Sunshine Act Meeting**

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETINGS:** Mississippi River Commission.

**TIME AND DATE:** 8:30 a.m., August 17, 1998.

**PLACE:** On board MISSISSIPPI V at City Landing, Red Wing, MN.

**STATUS:** Open to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** (1) Summary of regional and national issues affecting Corps of Engineers and Mississippi River Commission projects and programs on the Mississippi River and its tributaries; (2) Views and suggestions from members of the public on matters pertaining to the programs or projects of the Commission and the

Corps; and (3) District Commander's overview of current project issues within St. Paul District.

**TIME AND DATE:** 2:00 p.m., August 19, 1998.

**PLACE:** On board MISSISSIPPI V at City Landing, Burlington, IA.

**STATUS:** Open to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** (1) Summary of regional and national issues affecting Corps of Engineers and Mississippi River Commission projects and programs on the Mississippi River and its tributaries; (2) Views and suggestions from members of the public on matters pertaining to the programs or

projects of the Commission and the Corps; and (3) District Commander's overview of current project issues within Rock Island District.

**TIME AND DATE:** 9:00 a.m., August 21, 1998.

**PLACE:** On board MISSISSIPPI V at Melvin Price Locks and Dam, Alton, IL.

**STATUS:** Open to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** (1) Summary of regional and national issues affecting Corps of Engineers and Mississippi River Commission projects and programs on the Mississippi River and its tributaries; (2) Views and suggestions from members of the public on matters pertaining to the programs or projects of the Commission and the Corps; and (3) District Commander's overview of current project issues within St. Louis District.

**TIME AND DATE:** 8:30 a.m., August 24, 1998.

**PLACE:** On board MISSISSIPPI V at City Front, Caruthersville, MO.

**STATUS:** Open to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** (1) Report on general conditions of the Mississippi River and Tributaries projects and major accomplishments since the last meeting; (2) Views and suggestions from members of the public on matters pertaining to the flood control, navigation, and environmental features of the Mississippi River and Tributaries project; and (3) District Commander's report on the Mississippi River and Tributaries project within Memphis District.

**TIME AND DATE:** 8:30 a.m., August 25, 1998.

**PLACE:** On board MISSISSIPPI V at city Front, Memphis, TN.

**STATUS:** Open to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** (1) Report on general conditions of the Mississippi River and Tributaries project and major accomplishments since the last meeting; and (2) Views and suggestions from members of the public on matters pertaining to the flood control, navigation, and environmental features of the Mississippi River and Tributaries project.

**TIME AND DATE:** 8:30 a.m., August 26, 1998.

**PLACE:** On board MISSISSIPPI V at Bunge Grain Facility, Mayersville, MS.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** (1) Report on general conditions of the Mississippi River and Tributaries project and major accomplishments since the last meeting; (2) Views and suggestions from members of the public on matters pertaining to the flood control, navigation, and environmental features

of the Mississippi River and Tributaries project; and (3) District Commander's report on the Mississippi River and Tributaries project within Vicksburg District.

**TIME AND DATE:** 8:30 a.m., August 27, 1998.

**PLACE:** On board MISSISSIPPI V near at Teche-Vermilion Pumping Plant, Krotz Springs, LA.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** (1) Report on general conditions of the Mississippi River and Tributaries project and major accomplishments since the last meeting; (2) Views and suggestions from members of the public on matters pertaining to the flood control, navigation, and environmental features of the Mississippi River and Tributaries project; (3) District Commander's report on the Mississippi River and Tributaries project within New Orleans District.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Mr. Noel D. Caldwell, telephone 601-634-5766.

**Noel D. Caldwell,**

*Executive Assistant, Mississippi River Commission.*

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## **NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[Notice 98-099]

### **Notice of Prospective Patent License**

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of Prospective Patent License.

**SUMMARY:** NASA hereby gives notice that StreamCor Inc., of Pittsburgh, PA, has applied for an exclusive license to practice the invention described and claimed in NASA Case No. LAR 15637-1, entitled "MAGNETICALLY SUSPENDED FLUID PUMP AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME," for which a U.S. Patent Application was filed by the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Written objections to the prospective grant of a license should be sent to Langley Research Center.

**DATES:** Responses to this notice must be received by September 22, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Hillary T. Womack, Patent Attorney, Langley Research Center, Mail Stop 212, Hampton, VA 23681-0001; telephone (757) 864-8882; fax (757) 864-9190.

Dated: July 20, 1998.

**Edward A. Frankle,**

*General Counsel.*

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## **NATIONAL BIPARTISAN COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF MEDICARE**

### **Public Meeting**

Establishment of the Medicare Commission included in Chapter 3, Section 4021 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 Conference Report. The Medicare Commission is charged with holding public meetings and publicizing the date, time and location in the **Federal Register**.

Notice of Public Meeting of the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare will hold public meetings on August 10, 1998 in the Cannon Caucus Room, Washington DC.

Monday, August 10, 1998, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., (tentative) Agenda: Graduate Medical Education, Task Force meetings through the afternoon.

If you have any questions, please contact the Bipartisan Medicare Commission, ph: 202-252-3380

Authorized for publication in the **Federal Register** by Julie Hasler, Office Manager, National Bipartisan Medicare Commission.

I hereby authorize publication of the Medicare Commission meetings in the **Federal Register**.

**Julie Hasler,**

*Office Manager, National Bipartisan Medicare Commission.*

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## **NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES**

### **National Endowment for the Arts; Combined Arts Panel**

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Combined Arts Panel, Museum Section (Creation & Presentation category) to the National Council on the Arts will be held on August 10-13, 1998. The panel will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on August 10, 11, and 12, and from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on August 13, in Room 716 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20506. A portion of this meeting, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on August 13, will be open to the public for a policy discussion on field issues and