

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Transportation Security Administration****Notice of Intent To Request Approval From the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of Two Public Collections of Information; Transportation Security Screener Medical Questionnaire; Airspace Waiver Applications**

AGENCY: Transportation Security Administration (TSA), DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: TSA invites public comment on two new information collection requirements abstracted below that will be submitted to OMB in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. **DATES:** Send your comments by January 21, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed or delivered to Lisa Dean, Privacy Officer, Office of Transportation Security Policy, TSA-9, Transportation Security Administration, 601 South 12th Street, Arlington, VA 22202-4220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Dean at the above address or by telephone (571) 227-3947 or facsimile (571) 227-2555.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information, unless it displays a valid OMB control number. Therefore, in preparation for submission to obtain clearance of the following information collections, TSA is soliciting comments to—

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed information requirements are 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 agency's estimate of the burden;

(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.

1. Transportation Security Screener Medical Questionnaire. TSA is requesting the collection of this information to comply with 49 U.S.C. 44935, which requires TSA to establish qualification standards for the

employment of security screening personnel, including physical abilities and aptitude requirements. This collection of information will assist the agency in ensuring that candidates under employment consideration for Transportation Security Screener positions meet the qualification standards to successfully perform the functions of the position. These qualification requirements must be met to create a national workforce of skilled employees charged with protecting the Nation's transportation systems to ensure freedom of movement for people and commerce.

The information will be collected through a screener medical questionnaire. TSA deems this collection necessary to evaluate a candidate's aptitude and physical abilities, including color perception, visual and aural acuity, physical coordination and motor skills to be able to: (a) Distinguish on screening equipment monitors the appropriate imaging standard; (b) distinguish each color displayed on every type of screening equipment and explain what each color signifies; (c) hear and respond to the spoken voice and to audible alarms in an active checkpoint environment; (d) perform physical searches by efficiently and thoroughly manipulating and handling baggage, containers, and other objects; (e) perform pat-downs or hand-held metal detector searches of individuals with sufficient dexterity and capacity to thoroughly conduct the procedures over an individual's entire body; and (f) demonstrate a daily fitness for duty without impairment due to illegal drugs, sleep deprivation, medication, or alcohol. The current estimated annual reporting burden is 11,430 hours, based on an estimated 38,052 respondents.

2. Airspace Waiver Applications. TSA is requesting approval of this collection of information to enable it to operate its airspace waiver program. This program allows aircraft operators to request permission to fly in restricted airspace. To obtain a waiver, the aircraft operator must file a waiver request in advance of the flight containing information about all passengers and crew members on board the flight, so that TSA may perform a background check on each individual. The waiver request seeks information such as the purpose of the flight, aircraft type and tail number, corporate information, itinerary, as well as the names, dates and places of birth, and social security numbers or passport number of all passengers and crew members. The current estimated annual reporting burden is 48,000 hours, based on an estimated 24,000 respondents.

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Lisa S. Dean,

Privacy Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Transportation Security Administration****Reports, Forms, and Record Keeping Requirements: Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review; Flight Crew Self-Defense Training—Registration and Evaluation**

AGENCY: Transportation Security Administration (TSA), DHS.

ACTION: Notice of emergency clearance request.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration, has submitted a request for emergency processing of a new public information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 35). This notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to OMB for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden.

DATES: Send your comments by December 22, 2004. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be faxed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: DHS-TSA Desk Officer, at (202) 395-5806.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Dean, Privacy Officer, Office of Transportation Security Policy, TSA-9, Transportation Security Administration, 601 South 12th Street, Arlington, VA 22202-4220; telephone (571) 227-3947; facsimile (571) 227-2555.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Transportation Security Administration**

Title: Flight Crew Self-Defense Training—Registration and Evaluation.

Type of Request: Emergency processing request of new collection.

OMB Control Number: Not yet assigned.

Form(s): "Level 1 End-of-Course Evaluation"

Affected Public: Flight and cabin crew on commercial passenger and cargo flights.

Abstract: Section 603 of Vision 100—Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act (Pub. L. 108–176) requires TSA to develop and provide a voluntary advanced self-defense training program for flight and cabin crew members of air carriers providing scheduled passenger air transportation. This collection would allow TSA to collect enrollment information from volunteer flight and cabin crew members who wish to register for self-defense classes, and would permit TSA to solicit voluntary feedback on the quality of the training. Due to an impending statutory deadline, TSA is seeking an emergency three-month authorization, until February 2005, to collect this information.

TSA seeks emergency approval for a collection of information that would permit flight and cabin crew members to register for self-defense classes, and would solicit voluntary feedback from participants on the quality of the training. Registration information would be gathered from volunteers for purposes of registering them for a self-defense program, confirming that they are eligible for that program (*i.e.*, that they are an active flight or cabin crew member for a commercial or cargo air carrier), and to confirm attendance at the self-defense classes. The information that would be collected during the registration process consists of the volunteer's identifying information (such as the volunteer's name and employee number), the name of the volunteer's employer, and contact information. There would be no form used for registration because it will occur through local community colleges throughout the country. Applicants will register through whatever the normal registration process is for the community college that is offering the course in their area.

After training is completed, TSA would solicit written feedback from trainees by using a standard TSA form (attached). Completion of this form would be voluntary and anonymous.

Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: An estimated 750 hours annually.

Estimated Annual Cost Burden: \$0.00. TSA is soliciting comments to—

- (1) Evaluate whether the proposed information requirement 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 agency's estimate of the burden;
- (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.

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Lisa S. Dean,

Privacy Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permit for Incidental Take of Threatened Species for the Elizabeth Cross Roads Property, Elbert County, CO

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Issuance of Permit for Incidental Take of Endangered Species.

SUMMARY: On December 16, 2003, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 68 No. 241 FR 70028), that an Application had been filed with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) by the Elizabeth Cross Roads, LLC, for a permit to incidentally take, under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1539), as amended, Preble's meadow jumping mouse, *Zapus hudsonius preblei*, pursuant to the terms of the "Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan for Issuance of an Endangered Species Section 10(a)(1)(B) Permit for the Incidental Take of the Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse (*Zapus hudsonius preblei*) for the Elizabeth Cross Roads Property in Elbert County, Colorado."

Notice is hereby given that on September 23, 2004, as authorized by the provisions of the Endangered Species Act, the Service issued a permit (TE–079424–0) to the above named party subject to certain conditions set forth therein. The permit was granted only after the Service determined that it was applied for in good faith, that granting the permit would not be to the disadvantage of the threatened species, and that it would be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in the Endangered Species Act, as amended.

Additional information on this permit action may be requested by contacting the Colorado Field Office, 755 Parfet Street, Suite 361, Lakewood, Colorado 80215, telephone (303) 275–2370, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Dated: September 24, 2004.

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Acting Deputy Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Request for Public Comments on Extension of Existing Information Collection To Be Submitted to OMB for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The proposal for the information collection described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's clearance officer at the phone number listed below. Comments on the proposal should be made within 60 days to the Bureau Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, telephone (703) 648–7313.

As required by OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), the U.S. Geological Survey solicits specific public comments as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the bureaus, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: North American Amphibian Monitoring Program.

Current OMB Approval Number: 1028–0078.

Summary: The North American Amphibian Monitoring Program (NAAMP) is a long-term, large-scale anuran (frog and toad) monitoring program to track the status and trends of eastern and central. Volunteers conduct calling surveys three to four times per year, depending on the regional species assemblage. Volunteers listen for 5 minutes at 10 stops along the