

chemrtk) for a 120-day review period prior to the start of any new testing. The Agency completes its technical evaluation of the complete submission during the 120-day period, and forwards its comments to the sponsor and posts them on the website. However, the initial completeness review and posting on the ChemRTK website of newly submitted test plans and robust summaries may be delayed as a result of the move. Submissions for which the 120-day review period has already started may also be affected. Additional information on this program and any delays that may occur can be found at the ChemRTK website.

#### *H. Was this Action Submitted to Congress and the Comptroller General?*

The Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*, as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, generally provides that before the Agency can impose binding requirements like those contained in a rule, the Agency must submit a report, which includes a copy of the document, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. Although this document is not a rule, it is binding in the sense that the suspensions announced in here are binding. EPA will submit a report to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to its publication in the **Federal Register**. This action is not "major" as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

#### **List of Subjects**

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Chemical right-to-know, High Production Volume, Microorganisms, Premanufacture notices, Test marketing exemptions.

Dated: August 17, 2001.

**Charles M. Auer,**

*Director, Chemical Control Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.*

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## **FEDERAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS ADVISORY BOARD**

### **Notice of New Exposure Draft *Accounting for National Defense PP&E and Associated Cleanup Costs***

#### **Board Action**

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463), as amended, and the FASAB Rules of Procedure, as amended in October, 1999, notice is hereby given that the

Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board has published a new exposure draft, *Accounting for National Defense PP&E and Associated Cleanup Costs*.

#### **Summary of the Proposed Statement**

On August 29, 2001, the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) released for public comment an exposure draft (ED) to amend Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards (SFFAS) No. 11, *Amendments to Accounting for Property, Plant, and Equipment—Definitional Changes*, which was issued in December 1998; SFFAS, No. 8, *Supplementary Stewardship Reporting*, which was issued in June 1996; and SFFAS No. 6, *Accounting for Property, Plant, and Equipment*, which was issued in November 1995. The proposed amendments would change the definition of ND PP&E, the method of accounting for it, and the information reported about it. The exposure draft, entitled *Accounting for National Defense PP&E and Associated Cleanup Costs*, amending SFFAS No. 11, *Amendments to Accounting for Property, Plant, and Equipment—Definitional Changes*, SFFAS No. 8, *Supplementary Stewardship Reporting*, and SFFAS No. 6, *Accounting for Property, Plant, and Equipment* will be out for comment until November 29, 2001.

In the existing standards, ND PP&E consists of: (a) PP&E components of weapons systems and support PP&E owned by the Department of Defense or its component entities for use in the performance of military missions and (b) vessels held in a preservation status by the Maritime Administration's National Defense Reserve Fleet. Expenditures made to acquire, replace, or improve those PP&E are recognized as an expense in the period incurred, rather than being recognized as assets on the balance sheet. In addition, ND PP&E valuation (using either a historical or latest acquisition cost valuation method), condition, and deferred maintenance information are to be reported as Required Supplementary Stewardship Information (RSI). Also, the total estimated cleanup cost for ND PP&E is to be recognized as an expense in the period the asset is placed into service.

In early 1998, the FASAB issued an exposure draft to amend SFFAS Nos. 6 and 8. The exposure draft was initiated (1) to respond to definitional questions from several agencies, and (2) in recognition of the need to provide a transition plan in light of DoD's inability to comply with the provisions of SFFAS No. 8. During the process, the

Board reconsidered whether SFFAS No. 8 was an appropriate end goal.

Ultimately, the 1998 exposure draft included, among other proposals, proposals to replace the requirement to report cumulative cost information in the supplementary stewardship report with a requirement to report ND PP&E annual acquisition costs for each of five years (i.e., annual trend information rather than cumulative costs), unit, and condition information. In addition to considering the written comments, FASAB held a public hearing on these proposals to explore further the concerns expressed by some respondents.

After the public comment period and hearing, the Board proceeded to issue standards relating to various aspects of the proposal. In December of 1998, the FASAB issued SFFAS No. 11, *Amendments to Accounting for Property, Plant, and Equipment—Definitional Changes*, which amended SFFAS Nos. 6 and 8. SFFAS No. 11 accomplished only the definitional changes sought in the 1998 ED. Because of the divergent views of both respondents and Board members on accounting for ND PP&E, the FASAB did not reach a final conclusion on revisions to the reporting requirements for ND PP&E in SFFAS No. 8.

The amendments proposed in this ED would make the following changes. The definition of ND PP&E would be amended. ND PP&E would consist of 2 separate categories of items within the amended definition: (a) Major End Items and (b) Mission Support Items. The two-category approach facilitates application of different standards for expense recognition and disclosures for different types of ND PP&E. Beginning in fiscal year (FY) 2002, Major End Items would be subject to a reporting of the number of units and condition assessment information by asset type or category. Beginning in FY 2006, Major End Items would be capitalized but not depreciated, while Mission Support Items would be capitalized and depreciated. Also, beginning in FY 2006, data for the ten largest (in planned dollar terms) current acquisition programs would be disclosed. In addition, the total estimated cleanup cost per Major End Items would be recognized as a part of the acquisition cost as items are placed into service. For Mission Support Items, a portion of the total estimated cleanup cost would be recognized as an expense during each period that the item is in operation. The amendments proposed in this ED that affect the definition of ND PP&E, and unit and condition reporting would take effect in FY 2002. The remaining

amendments would take effect in FY 2006 or upon implementation of this standard if implemented earlier.

One Board member, who believes various proposed reporting requirements do not meet criteria to be considered essential for financial statement purposes, provided an alternative view in the ED.

The exposure draft will soon be mailed to FSAB's mailing list subscribers. Additionally, it is available on FSAB's home page <http://www.financenet.gov/fasab.htm>. Copies can be obtained by contacting FSAB at (202) 512-7350, or [wascakr@fasab.gov](mailto:wascakr@fasab.gov).

The Board has posed specific questions for comment. Respondents are encouraged to address those questions and to comment on any part of the ED in light of Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Concepts 1, *Objectives of Federal Financial Reporting*. For further information call Risk Wascak (202) 512-7363.

Written comments are requested by November 29, 2001, and should be sent to: Wendy M. Comes, Executive Director, Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board, 441 G Street, NW, Suite 6814, Mail Stop 6K17V, Washington, DC 20548.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Wendy Comes, Executive Director, 441 G St., NW., Room 6814, Washington, DC 20548, or call (202) 512-7350.

**Authority:** Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. No. 92-463.

Dated: August 30, 2001.

**Wendy M. Comes,**  
Executive Director.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission, Comments Requested.

August 29, 2001.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with

a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted on or before November 5, 2001. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all comments to Les Smith, Federal Communications Commissions, 445 12th Street, SW., Room 1-A804, Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to [lesmith@fcc.gov](mailto:lesmith@fcc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Les Smith at (202) 418-0217 or via the Internet at [lesmith@fcc.gov](mailto:lesmith@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB Approval No.:** 3060-0837.

**Title:** Application for DTV Broadcast Station License.

**Form No.:** FCC 302-DTV.

**Type of Review:** Extension of currently approved collection.

**Respondents:** Businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions.

**Number of Respondents:** 500 license applications, 100 modification applications.

**Estimated Hours Per Response:** 1.5 hours for license applications, 10 hours for modification applications (2.0 hours applicant; 2 hours attorney, 6 hours contract engineer).

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion.

**Cost to Respondents:** \$245,000.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden:** 950 hours.

**Needs and Uses:** Licensees and permittees of DTV broadcast stations are required to file FCC Form 302-DTV to obtain a new or modified station license, and/or to notify the Commission of certain changes in the licensed facilities of these stations.

The data is used by FCC staff to confirm that the station has been built to terms specified in the outstanding construction permit, and to update FCC

station files. Data is then extracted from FCC 302-DTV for inclusion in the subsequent license to operate the station.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Magalie Roman Salas,**  
Secretary.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

August 28, 2001.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted on or before October 9, 2001. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all comments to Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-C804, 445 12th Street, SW, DC 20554 or via the Internet to [jboley@fcc.gov](mailto:jboley@fcc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information or copies of the information collection(s), contact Judy