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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Designated Federal Officer via mail at: Greg Susanke, Mail Drop 8104-R, Office of Science Policy, Office of Research and Development, Environmental Protection Agency, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460; via phone/voice mail at: (202) 564-9945; via fax at: (202) 565-2911; or via e-mail at: [susanke.greg@epa.gov](mailto:susanke.greg@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**General Information**

The meeting is open to the public. Any member of the public interested in receiving a draft BOSC agenda or making a presentation at the meeting may contact Greg Susanke, the Designated Federal Officer, via any of the contact methods listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above. In general, each individual making an oral presentation will be limited to a total of three minutes.

EPA ORD is conducting a prospective and retrospective independent expert review through the BOSC, of its Homeland Security Research Program, to evaluate the program's relevance, quality, performance, and scientific leadership. The BOSC's evaluation and recommendations will provide guidance to ORD's National Homeland Security Research Center. Proposed agenda items for the meeting include, but are not limited to: review and discussion of the draft subcommittee report which includes overall comments and recommendations to ORD's National Homeland Security Research Program, and responses to subcommittee charge questions.

*Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities:* For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Greg Susanke at (202) 564-9945 or [susanke.greg@epa.gov](mailto:susanke.greg@epa.gov). To request accommodation of a disability, please

contact Greg Susanke, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: June 9, 2008.

**Mary Ellen Radzikowski,**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**[EPA-HQ-ORD-2003-0002; FRL-8579-7]**

**Notice of Availability for the Framework for Application of the Toxicity Equivalence Methodology for Polychlorinated Dioxins, Furans, and Biphenyls in Ecological Risk Assessment**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of the final "Framework for Application of the Toxicity Equivalence Methodology for Polychlorinated Dioxins, Furans, and Biphenyls in Ecological Risk Assessment" (EPA/100/R-08/004). The purpose of the Framework is to assist EPA scientists in using the toxicity equivalence methodology to assess ecological risks from mixtures of dioxin-like chemicals, i.e., polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins (PCDDs), dibenzofurans (PCDFs), and biphenyls (PCBs), as well as to inform EPA decision makers, other agencies, and the public about this methodology. This framework provides an introduction to the toxicity equivalence methodology, offers considerations for how and when to apply the methodology, and presents practical examples of its use. The Framework thus serves to enhance the application of the best available science. This document is not intended to serve as guidance on how to conduct a comprehensive risk assessment for dioxin-like chemicals or to act as a regulation or binding policy. EPA's Risk Assessment Forum oversaw the development of this document, incorporating input obtained from an expert workshop, scientists throughout the Agency, stakeholders, and a peer review by twelve experts from a range of scientific disciplines.

**ADDRESSES:** The final document is available electronically through the EPA Office of the Science Advisor's Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/osa/raf/>

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Seema Schappelle, Risk Assessment Forum, Mail Code 8105R, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-3372; fax number: (202) 564-2070, E-mail: [schappelle.seema@epa.gov](mailto:schappelle.seema@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For more than a decade, EPA and other organizations have estimated the combined risks that mixtures of PCDDs, PCDFs, and PCBs pose to human health using the toxicity equivalence methodology. As both data and experience with the methodology have accumulated, experts have come to the consensus that the toxicity equivalence methodology can strengthen assessments of ecological risks as well. In 1998, EPA and DOI sponsored a workshop that recommended the development of further guidance on application of the toxicity equivalence methodology in ecological risk assessment. This framework has been developed in direct response to that workshop recommendation. EPA consulted with other federal agencies at key points during the document's development. In July 2003, EPA released a draft Framework for a 60-day public comment period. An external peer review was conducted in 2004 by twelve experts from a range of scientific disciplines.

Dated: May 15, 2008.

**George M. Gray,**

*EPA Science Advisor.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**Public Information Collection Requirement Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval, Comments Requested**

June 5, 2008.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this

opportunity to comment on the following information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law No. 104–13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. Pursuant to the PRA, no person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information 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 PRA comments should be submitted on or before July 16, 2008. 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 contacts listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all PRA comments to Nicholas A. Fraser, Office of Management and Budget, via Internet at [Nicholas\\_A.\\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Nicholas_A._Fraser@omb.eop.gov) or via fax at (202) 395–5167; and to Cathy Williams, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1–C823, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554, or via Internet at [Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov](mailto:Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov) and/or [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov). Include in the comments the OMB control number of the collection as shown in the “Supplementary Information” section below or, if there is no OMB control number, the Title as shown in the “Supplementary Information” section.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information or copies of the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at 202–418–2918, or via Internet at [Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov](mailto:Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov), and/or [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov). To view a copy of this information collection request (ICR) submitted to OMB: (1) Go to the Web page <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>, (2) look for the section of the Web page called “Currently Under Review,” (3) click on the downward-pointing arrow in the “Select Agency” box below the “Currently Under Review” heading, (4) select “Federal Communications Commission” from the list of agencies presented in the “Select

Agency” box, (5) click the “Submit” button to the right of the “Select Agency” box, (6) when the list of FCC ICRs currently under review appears, look for the OMB control number of this ICR you want to review (or its Title if there is no OMB control number) and then click on the ICR Reference Number. A copy of the FCC submission to OMB will be displayed.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number:* 3060–0463.

*Title:* Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities, Report and Order and Declaratory Ruling, CG Docket No. 03–123, FCC 07–186.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit entities; State, local or tribal government.

*Number of Respondents and Responses:* 5,045 respondents; 5,211 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 10–15 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* Annual reporting requirement; Recordkeeping requirement; Third Party Disclosure.

*Total Annual Burden:* 27,412 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* None.

*Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain or retain benefit. The statutory authority can be found at section 225 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. 225. The law was enacted on July 26, 1990, as Title IV of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Public Law 101–336, 104 Stat. 327.

*Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:* An assurance of confidentiality is not offered because this information collection does not require the collection of personally identifiable information from individuals.

*Privacy Impact Assessment:* No impact(s).

*Needs and Uses:* On November 19, 2007, the Commission released the *Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities*, Report and Order and Declaratory Ruling (2007 TRS Cost Recovery Order), CG Docket No. 03–123, FCC 07–186, adopting (1) A new cost recovery methodology for interstate traditional Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) and interstate Speech-to-Speech (STS) based on the Multi-state Average Rate Structure (MARS) plan proposed by Hamilton Relay, Inc., (2) a new cost recovery methodology for interstate captioned telephone service (CTS) and interstate and intrastate

Internet-Protocol (IP) Captioned Telephone Service (IP CTS) based on the MARS plan, (3) a cost recovery methodology for IP Relay based on price caps, and (4) a cost recovery methodology for Video Relay Services (VRS) that adopts tiered rates based on call volume. The 2007 TRS Cost Recovery Order also clarifies the nature and extent that certain categories of costs are compensable from the Interstate TRS Fund (Fund), and addresses certain issues concerning the management and oversight of the Fund, including financial incentives offered to consumers to make relay calls and the role of the Interstate TRS Fund Advisory Council.

The 2007 TRS Cost Recovery Order establishes reporting requirements associated with the MARS plan cost recovery methodology for compensation from the Fund. Specifically, TRS providers must submit to the Fund administrator the following information annually, on a per-state basis, regarding the previous calendar year: (1) The per-minute compensation rate(s) for intrastate traditional TRS, STS and CTS, (2) whether the rate applies to session minutes or conversation minutes, (3) the number of intrastate session minutes for traditional TRS, STS and CTS, and (4) the number of intrastate conversation minutes for traditional TRS, STS, and CTS. Also, STS providers must file a report annually with the Fund administrator and the Commission on their specific outreach efforts directly attributable to the additional compensation approved by the Commission for STS outreach.

In the 2007 TRS Cost Recovery Order, the Commission has assessed the effects of imposing the submission of rate data, and has found that there is no increased administrative burden on businesses with fewer than 25 employees. The Commission recognizes that the required rate data is presently available with the states and the providers of interstate traditional TRS, interstate STS, and interstate CTS, thereby no additional step is required to produce such data. The Commission therefore believes that the submission of the rate data does not increase an administrative burden on businesses.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene H. Dortch,**

Secretary.

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