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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In order to identify and assess the vulnerabilities and risks pertaining to a specific public assembly venue, such as a stadium or arena, owner-operators and/or security managers often volunteer to conduct an R-SAT assessment. The requested questionnaire information is necessary in order to facilitate electronic execution of the Commercial Facilities Sector's risk assessment to focus protection resources and activities on those assets, systems, networks, and functions with the highest risk profiles. Currently, there is no known data collection that includes multiple facilities within the Commercial Facilities Sector.

After the user logs into the R-SAT system the user will be prompted with the R-SAT Assessment questionnaire and will answer various questions to input the data. Once the user begins the assessment, the only information required to be submitted to (and shared with) the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) before completing the assessment is venue identification information (e.g., Point-of-Contact information, address, latitude/longitude, venue type, capacity, etc.). A user can elect to share their entire completed assessment with DHS, which will protect the information as Protected Critical Infrastructure Information (PCII). The information from the assessment will be used to assess the risk of the evaluated entity (e.g., calculate a vulnerability score by threat, evaluate protective/mitigation measures relative to vulnerability, calculate a risk score, report threats presenting highest risks, etc.). The information will also be combined with data from other respondents to provide an overall sector perspective (e.g., report additional relevant protective/mitigation measures for consideration, etc.).

The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments which:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information 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 of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

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, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Analysis

Agency: Department of Homeland Security, National Protection and Programs Directorate.

Title: Assessment Questionnaire—Risk Self Assessment Tool (R-SAT).

DHS Form: Not Applicable.

OMB Number: 1670—NEW.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 200.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 40 hours.

Total Burden Hours: 8,000 annual burden hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.00.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$0.00.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

National Protection and Programs Directorate; Assessment Questionnaire—Voluntary Chemical Assessment Tool (VCAT)

AGENCY: National Protection and Programs Directorate, DHS.

ACTION: 60-Day notice and request for comments; new information collection request, 1670—NEW.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security, National Protection and Programs Directorate, has submitted the following information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until November 13, 2009. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.1.

ADDRESSES: Comments and questions about this Information Collection

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS), issued by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in April 2007, mandates that chemical facilities conduct a security vulnerability assessment (SVA) and then develop a site security plan (SSP) to implement security measures that adhere to standards specified by the Department. All facilities complete a top-screen process that determines whether or not completion of an SVA is required. Those facilities that do not meet the threshold do not conduct an SVA, however there is no means by which they can assess the risks and/or vulnerabilities of their facility. To fill this gap, the Methodology Technical Implementation (MTI) office, within the Infrastructure Information Collection Division (IICD), in the Office of Infrastructure Protection (IP), National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD), supports the automation of sector-approved risk and vulnerability assessment methodologies that are compliant with the criteria outlined in the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP). The method is to provide a Web-based, automated assessment tool to the Chemical Sector for voluntary use by chemical facilities that allow owners/operators to identify their current vulnerability and risk levels through an all-hazards approach. The application, titled Voluntary Chemical Assessment Tool (VCAT), will enable owners/operators to evaluate the theoretical vulnerability and risk associated with the effects of the selected threats, thus allowing the Chemical Sector to more thoroughly understand, prioritize and analyze its assets or systems. This application will facilitate cost benefit analysis, allowing owners/operators to select the best combination of physical security countermeasures and mitigation strategies to reduce overall risk. Collection of this information is directed and supported by Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) 7, "Critical Infrastructure Identification, Prioritization, and Protection," December 17, 2003.

After Chemical sector specific agency (SSA) and private sector partners access the VCAT system (see supporting statement for VCAT User Accounts), the user will be prompted with the VCAT Assessment questionnaire and will answer various questions to input the data. This information will be used to supplement existing CIKR protection

activities conducted by DHS NPPD. More specifically, the information will be used to address facility assessments, response planning, and risk mitigation execution and related CIKR protection and incident management activities.

The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments which:

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2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
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, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Analysis

Agency: Department of Homeland Security, National Protection and Programs Directorate.

Title: Assessment Questionnaire—Voluntary Chemical Assessment Tool (VCAT).

DHS Form: Not Applicable.

OMB Number: 1670—NEW.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 8 hours.

Total Burden Hours: 400 annual burden hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.00.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$0.00.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

National Protection and Programs Directorate; Infrastructure Protection Data Call Survey

AGENCY: National Protection and Programs Directorate, DHS.

ACTION: 60-Day Notice and request for comments; new information collection request: 1670—NEW.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security, National Protection and Programs Directorate, has submitted the following Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until November 13, 2009. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.1

ADDRESSES: Written comments and questions about this Information Collection Request should be forwarded to NPPD/IP/IICD, *Attn.: Mary Matheny-Rushdan, mary.matheny-rushdan@dhs.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is the lead coordinator in the national effort to identify and prioritize the country's critical infrastructure and key resources (CIKR). At DHS, this responsibility is managed by the Office of Infrastructure Protection (IP) in the National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD). In FY2006, IP engaged in the annual development of a list of CIKR assets and systems to improve IP's CIKR prioritization efforts; this list is called the Critical Infrastructure List. The Critical Infrastructure List includes assets and systems that, if destroyed, damaged or otherwise compromised, could result in significant consequences on a regional or national scale.

The IP Data Call is administered out of the Infrastructure Information Collection Division (IICD) in the Office of Infrastructure Protection (IP). The IP Data Call provides opportunities for States and territories to collaborate with DHS and its Federal partners in CIKR protection. DHS, State and territorial Homeland Security Advisors (HSA), Sector Specific Agencies (SSA), and territories build their CIKR data using the IP Data Call application. To ensure that HSAs, SSAs and territories are able to achieve this mission, IP requests opinions and information in a survey from IP Data Call participants regarding the IP Data Call process and the Web-based application used to collect the CIKR data. The survey data collected is for internal IICD and IP use only.

IICD and IP will use the results of the IP Data Call Survey to determine levels of customer satisfaction with the IP Data Call process and the IP Data Call

application and prioritize future improvements. The results will also allow IP to appropriate funds cost-effectively based on user need, and improve the process and application.

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Analysis

Agency: Department of Homeland Security, National Protection and Programs Directorate.

Title: IP Data Call Survey.

Form: Not Applicable.

OMB Number: 1670—NEW.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 138.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 2 hours.

Total Burden Hours: 276.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$25,513.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

National Protection and Programs Directorate; User Account Creation—Risk Self Assessment Tool (R-SAT)

AGENCY: National Protection and Programs Directorate, DHS.

ACTION: 60-Day Notice and request for comments; new information collection request, 1670—NEW.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security, National Protection and