

FY2012. The technology for electronic capture of this data is in the final phase of development with successful testing of a pilot version conducted in the 4th quarter of FY2010. We are requesting a two year approval for the form anticipating Government Paperwork Elimination Act compliance for electronic means for collections to be developed and deployed by FY2012. We plan to submit any required paperwork to amend this document for the electronic version of this form during FY2011. There has been no increase or decrease in the estimated annual burden hours previously reported for this information collection. There is no change in the information being collected, however there have been cosmetic changes to the form including punctuation and formatting. The title of the form has changed from "Case Problem Submission Worksheet (CIS Ombudsman Form DHS-7001)" to "Case Assistance Form (Form DHS-7001)". The name of the system has changed from "Virtual Ombudsman System" to "Online Ombudsman Form DHS-7001". The instructions have been updated to reflect the electronic submission options. Instructions for electronic submission will be posted on the CIS Ombudsman Web site at <http://www.dhs.gov/cisombudsman>.

The terms of clearance from the previously approved collection have been addressed by updates to the: (a) Privacy Impact Assessment for the Office of the Citizenship & Immigration Services Ombudsman (CISOMB) Virtual Ombudsman System (March 19, 2010); and the (b) Systems of Records Notice: 9110-9B Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Secretary [Docket No. DHS-2009-0146] Privacy Act of 1974; Department of Homeland Security Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman—001 Virtual Ombudsman System (March 2010) to reflect the name change to Online Ombudsman Form DHS-7001 System of Records. These documents are currently under review by DHS HQ Privacy Office.

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: Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Service Ombudsman, DHS.

Title: Case Submission Form.

OMB Number: 1601-0004.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or Household.

Number of Respondents: 2,600.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 1 Hour.

Total Burden Hours: 2,600.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Agency Information Collection Activities: BioWatch Filter Holder Log

AGENCY: Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: 30-Day Notice and request for comments; Extension with change.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security, will submit 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). DHS previously published this information collection request (ICR) in the **Federal Register** on May 2, 2011 at 76 FR 24504, for a 60-day public comment period. No comments were received by DHS. The purpose of this notice is to allow additional 30-days for public comments.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until August 17, 2011. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to OMB Desk Officer, Department of

Homeland Security and sent via electronic mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov or faxed to (202) 395-5806.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If additional information is required contact: The Department of Homeland Security, Attn.: Daniel Yereb, djy1@dhs.gov, 703-647-8052.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Homeland Security, Office of Health Affairs/OCMO Early Detection Division will collect information from BioWatch jurisdictions. The BioWatch Program operates aerosol collector equipment in approximately 30 U.S. jurisdictions to monitor for the presence of organisms that may be related to the deliberate release of a select subset of biological threat agents. Information is collected in writing by a representative of a BioWatch jurisdiction (either an employee, or a contractor) assigned responsibility for installing and removing filters from aerosol collection devices and transportation to local laboratories for sample analysis. A standard filter log form is completed for each sample and is archived by the BioWatch jurisdiction for a period of one year. The BioWatch Program reimburses participating jurisdictions for the cost of collection and laboratory analysis activities, including the preparation of the filter log form and other documentation. The creation of a written record for each sample is required to support law enforcement activities, including criminal prosecution in the case of a deliberate release of a biological agent.

Analysis

Agency: Department of Homeland Security.

Title: BioWatch Filter Holder Log.

OMB Number: 1601-0006.

Frequency: Daily.

Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Number of Respondents: 522.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 0.0167 hours (1 minute).

Total Burden Hours: 3173 hours.

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Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Agency Information Collection Activities: DHS Individual Complaint of Employment Discrimination

AGENCY: Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: 30-Day Notice and request for comments; Extension without Change.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security, Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, DHS will submit 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). DHS previously published this information collection request (ICR) in the **Federal Register** on May 2, 2011 at 76 FR 24503 for a 60-day public comment period. No comments were received by DHS. The purpose of this notice is to allow additional 30-days for public comments.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If additional information is required contact: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), *Attn:* Denise Moore, denise.moore@dhs.gov, 202-254-8230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: It is the policy of the Government of the United States to provide equal opportunity in employment for all persons, to prohibit discrimination in employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, protected genetic information, sexual orientation, or status as a parent, and to promote the full realization of equal employment opportunity (EEO) through a continuing affirmative program in each agency.

Persons who claim to have been subjected to these types of discrimination, or to retaliation for opposing these types of discrimination or for participating in any stage of administrative or judicial proceedings relating to them, can seek a remedy under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act (Title VII) (42 U.S.C. 2000e *et seq.*) (race, color, religion, sex, national origin), the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA) (29 U.S.C. 621 *et seq.*) (age), the Equal Pay Act (29 U.S.C. 206(d)) (sex), the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. 791 *et seq.*) (disability), the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA) (42 U.S.C. 2000ff *et seq.*) (genetic information), and Executive Order 11478 (as amended by Executive Orders 13087 and 13152) (sexual orientation or status as a parent).

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL) adjudicates discrimination complaints filed by current and former DHS employees, as well as applicants for employment to DHS. The complaint adjudication process for statutory rights is outlined in the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) regulations found at Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations Part 1614 and EEO Management Directive 110. For complaints regarding

sexual orientation or status as a parent, DHS follows the same procedures as for statutory rights, to the extent permitted by law.

The recordkeeping provisions are designed to ensure that a current employee, former employee, or applicant for employment claiming to be aggrieved or that person's attorney provide a signed statement that is sufficiently precise to identify the aggrieved individual and the agency and to describe generally the action(s) or practice(s) that form the basis of the complaint. The complaint must also contain a telephone number and address where the complainant or the representative can be contacted. The complaint form is used for original allegations of discrimination but also for amendments to underlying complaints of discrimination. The form also determines whether the person is willing to participate in mediation or other available types of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) to resolve their complaint; Congress has enacted legislation to encourage the use of ADR in the federal sector and the form ensures that such an option is considered at this preliminary stage of the EEO complaint process.

A complainant may access the complaint form on the agency web site and may submit a completed complaint form electronically to the relevant Component's EEO Office. The complaint form can then be directly uploaded into the DHS EEO Enterprise Complaints Tracking System, also known as "iComplaints."

There is no change or adjustment to the burden associated with the collection of information associated with the DHS complaint form.

DHS is proposing to make one change to the DHS complaint form. This change is the need to add a new checkbox that says "pregnancy" under and slightly intended from the existing checkbox that says "sex" on the form. Pregnancy discrimination is a form of sex discrimination, which is covered under Title VII. So this information is already included in data gathered in EEO complaints; adding the separate checkbox just more clearly identifies a sub-category. This form modification is in accordance with new instructions from EEOC—requiring all government agencies to specifically identify this type of information on our complaint forms.

Analysis

Agency: Department of Homeland Security, DHS.

Title: DHS Individual Complaint of Employment Discrimination.