

to document an individual's past work history.

Number of Respondents: 42,640.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 14,213 hours.

3. Medical History and Disability Report, Disabled Child—0960-0574. The information collected on Form SSA-3820-F4 is needed for the determination of disability by the State Disability Determination Services. The SSA-3820 will be used to obtain various types of information about a child's condition, his/her treating sources and/or other medical sources of evidence. The respondents are applicants for disability benefits.

Number of Respondents: 18,720.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 6,240 hours.

Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be sent within 60 days from the date of this publication, directly to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following address: Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Frederick W. Brickenkamp, 6401 Security Blvd., 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., Baltimore, MD 21235.

In addition to your comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate, we are soliciting comments on the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

II. The Information Collection(s) Listed Below Have Been Submitted to OMB

1. Employer Report of Special Wage Payments—0960-0565. The Social Security Administration (SSA) gathers the information on Form SSA-131 to prevent earnings related overpayments to employees and to avoid erroneous withholding. The respondents are employers who provide special wage payment verification.

Number of Respondents: 100,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 20-22 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 33,367 hours.

2. Railroad Employment Questionnaire—0960-0078. Form SSA-671 is used by SSA to secure sufficient information to coordinate Social

Security claims processing with the Railroad Retirement Board. The form is completed whenever claimants indicate having been employed in the Railroad Industry. The respondents are retired employees of the Railroad Industry or their dependents.

Number of Respondents: 125,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 10,417 hours.

3. Concise Notice Survey—0960-NEW. SSA will conduct a survey of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) awardees to determine customer opinions and preferences on the format and clarity of existing and proposed SSI award notices. The information will be used to determine whether a new concise notice format would improve comprehension of the information thus improving service to SSI customers. The respondents will be a random sample of new SSI awardees.

Number of respondents: 1,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 250 hours.

Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be directed within 30 days to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses:

(OMB)

Office of Management and Budget, OIRA, Attn: Lori Schack, New Executive Office Building, Room 10230, 725 17th St., NW, Washington, DC 20503.

(SSA)

Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Frederick W. Brickenkamp, 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235.

To receive a copy of any of the forms or clearance packages, call the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4145 or write to him at the address listed above.

Dated: December 3, 1998.

Frederick W. Brickenkamp,

Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Office of the Secretary

[Public Notice 2948]

Countries Providing Sanctuary to Indicted War Criminals; Determinations: Serbia, et al.

Subject: Determination with respect to Countries Providing Sanctuary to Indicted War Criminals.

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 570 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1999, as enacted in Pub. L. 105-277, I hereby determine that Serbia and the Republika Srpska Entity of Bosnia and Herzegovina have failed to take necessary and significant steps to apprehend and transfer to the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (the "Tribunal") all persons who have been publicly indicted by the Tribunal.

This determination shall be provided to the Congress and published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: November 30, 1998.

Madeleine Albright,
Secretary of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2942]

International Joint Commission, Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909

The United States and Canadian federal governments have asked the International Joint Commission (IJC) to further examine the international watershed approach as a mechanism to anticipate and respond to the range of water-related and other environmental challenges that are expected to occur as we enter the 21st century.

In its report to Governments, The IJC and the 21st century, the IJC proposed the international watershed board concept to build on cooperative efforts and successes achieved in the Great Lakes by offering to provide similar opportunities to other major transboundary basins through the establishment of permanent IJC international watershed boards. These boards would provide a much improved mechanism for avoiding and resolving transboundary disputes by building a capacity at the watershed level to anticipate and respond to the full range of water-related and other environmental challenges that may be foreseen for the 21st century.

Specifically, governments have asked the IJC to:

- Define the general framework under which watershed boards would operate, which includes the definition of the scope of activities of the watershed boards and the definition of the operating principles of such boards;
- Recommend the location of the first watershed board;
- Recommend the structure, composition and terms of reference of the first international watershed board, including the priority issues that it would address;
- Develop cost projections and possible sources of funding, including innovative funding mechanisms, for the formation and operation of the first international watershed board and for special studies that would be projected for its first few years of operation;
- Consult provinces, states and both federal governments on the identification of locations and the development, planning and establishment of additional international watershed boards at appropriate times.

The International Joint Commission is a binational Canada-U.S. organization established by the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909. It assists the governments in managing waters along the border for the benefit of both countries in a variety of ways including examining issues referred to it by the two federal governments.

The IJC will undertake broad consultations with all interested parties as part of its examination of the watershed approach. The IJC would invite all interested parties to notify the Commission of their interest in this matter at either one of the following addresses:

International Joint Commission, United States Section, 1250 23rd Street, NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20440, Telephone: (202) 736-9000, Fax: (202) 736-9015, Email: commission@washington.ijc.org

International Joint Commission, Canadian Section, 100 Metcalfe Street, 18th Floor, Ottawa, ON K1P 5M1, Telephone: (613) 995-2984, Fax: (613) 993-5583, commission@ottawa.ijc.org

Dated: November 30, 1998.

Gerald E. Galloway,

Secretary, United States Section.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2941]

International Joint Commission, Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909

An Invitation to Comment on the 1998 Progress Report of the Air Quality Committee under the Canada-United States Air Quality Agreement.

The International Joint Commission invites public comment on progress by the United States and Canada in reducing transboundary air pollution under the 1991 Agreement on Air Quality. The Commission will provide a synthesis of the comments to the two governments and the public as directed by the Agreement.

The Governments of the United States and Canada signed an Agreement on Air Quality on March 13, 1991. The purpose of the Agreement was to establish a practical and effective instrument to address shared concerns on transboundary air pollution. The 1998 Progress Report reviews acid rain control programs, monitoring, prevention of air quality deterioration and visibility protection, notification of significant transboundary air pollution, cooperation on ground-level ozone and particulate matter, and scientific and technical cooperation.

Under the terms of the Agreement, the Governments established a bilateral Air Quality Committee. This Committee is responsible for reviewing progress made in the implementation of the Agreement, preparing and submitting periodic progress reports to the Governments, referring each progress report to the International Joint Commission, and releasing those reports to the public. The 1998 Progress Report of the Committee is now available and may be obtained from:

Acid Rain Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code: 6204J, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, Acid Rain Hotline: (202) 564-9620.

Environment Canada, Inquiry Centre, 351 St. Joseph Blvd., Hull, Quebec, K1A 0H3, (819) 997-2800.

The full report is also available at the following sites on the World Wide Web: <http://www.epa.gov/acidrain/lawsregs/airus.pdf> <http://www.ec.gc.ca/special/airqual.html>

Under the Agreement, the Governments assigned the International Joint Commission the responsibility of inviting comments on each progress report of the Air Quality Committee. The International Joint Commission invites comment on any aspect of the 1998 Progress Report. Please send

comments in writing by February 26, 1999, to either address below, or contact us if you have any questions about the comment process.

International Joint Commission, United States Section, 1250 23rd Street, NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20440, Telephone: (202) 736-9000, Fax: (202) 736-9015, Email: commission@washington.ijc.org
International Joint Commission, Canadian Section, 100 Metcalfe Street, 18th Floor, Ottawa, ON K1P 5M1, Telephone: (613) 995-2984, Fax: (613) 993-5583, Email: commission@ottawa.ijc.org

Dated: November 30, 1998.

Gerald E. Galloway,

Secretary, United States Section.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Proposed Advisory Circular 25-XX, Certification of Transport Airplane Mechanical Systems

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed Advisory Circular (AC) 25-XX and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of and requests comments on a proposed advisory circular (AC) which provides methods acceptable to the Administrator for showing compliance with the provisions of subparts D and F of 14 CFR part 25 regarding the type certification requirements for transport airplane mechanical systems. This notice is necessary to give all interested persons an opportunity to present their views on the proposed AC.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 12, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on proposed AC to: Federal Aviation Administration, Attention: Mahinder Wahi, Propulsion/Mechanical Systems/Crashworthiness/Noise Branch, ANM-112, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, 1601 Lind Avenue SW, Renton, WA 98055-4056. Comments may be inspected at the above address between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. weekdays, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Toni Jackson, Transport Standards Staff, at the address above, telephone (425) 227-2112.