

MA327E—Consumer, Scientific, Technical,  
and Industrial Glassware  
MA333D—Construction Machinery  
MA333F—Mining Machinery  
MA333J—Selected Pollution Control  
Equipment  
MA334P—Communication Equipment

#### *Voluntary Surveys*

- M336G—Civil Aircraft & Aircraft Engines
- MQ313D—Consumption on Woolen System and Worsted Combing
- These voluntary surveys have mandatory annual counterparts.

## **II. Method of Collection**

The Census Bureau will use mail out/mail back survey forms to collect data. We ask respondents to return monthly report forms within 10 days, quarterly report forms within 15 days, and annual report forms within 30 days of the initial mailing. Telephone calls and/or letters encouraging participation will be mailed to respondents that have not responded by the designated time.

## **III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0607-0476—Mandatory Surveys; 0607-0776—Voluntary & Annual Counterparts Surveys.

*Form Number:* Set Chart Above.

*Type of Review:* Regular Review.

*Affected Public:* Businesses, Other for Profit, or Organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* Mandatory Surveys—3,793; Voluntary & Annual Counterparts Surveys—913 Total—4,706.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* Mandatory Surveys—.89 hrs. avg.; Voluntary & Annual Counterparts Surveys—1.64 hrs. avg.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* Mandatory Surveys—2,644 hours; Voluntary & Annual Counterparts Surveys—484 hours Total—3,128 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* The estimated cost to respondents for all the CIR reports in Wave III for fiscal year 2000 is \$41,415.

*Respondent's Obligation:* The CIR program includes both mandatory and voluntary surveys.

**Legal Authority:** Title 13, United States Code, Sections 81, 131, 182, 224, and 225.

## **IV. Request for Comments**

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be

collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 16, 1998.

**Madeleine Clayton,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

[FR Doc. 98-33769 Filed 12-21-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510-07-P

## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **Bureau of the Census**

#### **Informal Caregiver Survey (ICS) Component of the 1999 Long Term Care Survey (LTC)**

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before February 22, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Sarah Higgins, Bureau of the Census, FOB 3, Room 3356, Washington, DC 20233-8400, (301) 457-3801.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Abstract**

The Bureau of the Census plans to conduct the Informal Caregivers Survey (ICS) as a component of the Long Term Care Survey (LTC) which collects information on the health and functional status of the elderly population in the United States. The purpose of the ICS is to collect information on the persons who provide

help to respondents identified as impaired by the LTC. The Census Bureau last conducted the ICS as a component of the 1989 LTC. It was not conducted in conjunction with the 1994 LTC. Sponsorship for the ICS component comes from Duke University using funds received in a grant from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the National Institute on Aging.

Duke University will use the data to obtain information about the experiences of people who care for relatives and friends. The ICS will obtain information on how older Americans and their helpers are coping with health problems and the money problems that go with them. The survey will seek to obtain information on how it is possible for some of the nation's elderly to remain in their homes while others cannot, and how caregivers are coping with this challenge.

##### *Sample Overview*

The LTC survey consists of a screener interview and, potentially, a community or institutional interview. The community interview is given to respondents who live in their own home while the institutional interview is conducted for respondents who are living in nursing facilities. During the community interview, we collect information on the people who provide help or assistance to the LTC respondent. For the ICS sample, we will select the caregiver, if any, who has provided the LTC respondent with the most help during the week prior to the interview. The sample of caregivers is restricted to unpaid helpers or family members. We will attempt to select a caregiver for every LTC respondent. We, however, will select only one caregiver per respondent.

##### *Survey Process*

The Census Bureau's field representatives (FRs) will attempt to conduct the ICS immediately after completing the community interview. If the caregiver is not present the interview will be conducted by phone or personal visit, if necessary. All data is transmitted to the Census Bureau where it is reviewed.

After review, the Census Bureau stores the survey data on a microdata file and delivers the file to Duke University. Duke analyzes the data and makes its findings known to NIA.

## **II. Method of Collection**

The ICS will be conducted by both personal visits and telephone interviews

using computer-assisted (laptop) interviewing. An advance letter will be provided to each caregiver at the time of the interview.

### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0607-0778 (expires 6/30/01).

*Form Number:* There are no forms. We conduct all interviewing on laptop computers.

*Type of Review:* Regular.

*Affected Public:* Individuals.

*Estimated Number of ICS*

*Respondents:* We expect to ask 3,200 informal caregivers to participate in the ICS.

*Estimated ICS Interview Length:* We estimate that the ICS interview will take 30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* The ICS will increase the burden of the LTC by 1600 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* We do not expect respondents to incur any cost other than that of their time to respond.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

**Legal Authority:** Title 42, United States Code, Section 285e-1, and Title 15 United States Code, Section 1525 authorize this survey.

### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 16, 1998.

**Madeleine Clayton,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

[FR Doc. 98-33770 Filed 12-21-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510-07-P

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

*Title:* Scientific Research, Exempted Fishing, and Exempted Activity Submissions.

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a proposal to renew Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance for this information collection. OMB clearance is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before February 22, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to: William D. Chappell, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13461, Silver Spring, MD 20910; telephone 301-713-2341.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

This is a renewal of an information collection reflecting regulatory requirements governing scientific research activity, exempted fishing, and exempted educational activities under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (50 CFR §§ 600.512 and 600.745). Eligible and prospective researchers may submit a scientific research plan to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). NMFS will issue a letter of acknowledgment that may establish a presumption that the applicant's activity is research and exempt from Magnuson-Stevens Act regulations. The information collection also includes standard requirements for persons applying for exempted fishing permits and exempted educational activities. Reports may be required on exempted

fishing and exempted educational activities. Reports from scientific research activities are voluntary.

### II. Method of Collection

This information is collected by an applicant's submission of documentation as specified in the regulations. A researcher desiring to obtain a letter of acknowledgment of research for a scientific research vessel must submit a request and scientific research plan to the appropriate NMFS Regional Administrator. Applicants for an exempted fishing permit or exempted educational activity authorization must submit applications to the Regional Administrator that contain the information specified in the regulations. Reports are submitted to NMFS.

### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0648-0309.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular Submission.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; and State, Local, or Tribal Governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 269.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 1 hour.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 269.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0 (no capital expenditures).

### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 15, 1998.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

[FR Doc. 98-33797 Filed 12-21-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510-22-P