

who are trained and certified to remove lead in the environment in a safe manner, future generations will be assured of a cleaner environment and healthier lives.

### III. Federal Overfiling

TSCA section 404(b) makes it unlawful for any person to violate, or fail, or refuse to comply with, any requirement of an approved State or Tribal program. Therefore, EPA reserves the right to exercise its enforcement authority under TSCA against a violation of, or a failure or refusal to comply with, any requirement of an authorized State or Tribal program.

### IV. Public Record and Electronic Submissions

The official record for this action, as well as the public version, has been established under docket control number PB-402404-DC. Copies of this notice, the District of Columbia's authorization application, and all comments received on the application are available for inspection in the Region III office, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The docket is located at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, Waste and Chemicals Management Division, Toxics Programs and Enforcement Branch, 1650 Arch St., Philadelphia, PA.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:

gerena.enid@epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number PB-402404-DC. Electronic comments on this document may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Information claimed as CBI should not be submitted electronically.

Commenters are encouraged to structure their comments so as not to contain information for which CBI claims would be made. However, any information claimed as CBI must be marked "confidential," "CBI," or with some other appropriate designation, and a commenter submitting such information must also prepare a nonconfidential version (in duplicate) that can be placed in the public record. Any information so marked will be handled in accordance with the procedures contained in 40 CFR part 2. Comments and information not claimed

as CBI at the time of submission will be placed in the public record.

### V. Regulatory Assessment Requirements

#### A. Certain Acts and Executive Orders

EPA's actions on State or Tribal lead-based paint activities program applications are informal adjudications, not rules. Therefore, the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA, 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), Executive Order 12866 (*Regulatory Planning and Review*, 58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993), and Executive Order 13045 (*Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks*, 62 FR 1985, April 23, 1997), do not apply to this action. This action does not contain any Federal mandates, and therefore is not subject to the requirements of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (2 U.S.C. 1531-1538). In addition, this action does not contain any information collection requirements and therefore does not require review or approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

#### B. Executive Order 12875

Under Executive Order 12875, entitled *Enhancing the Intergovernmental Partnership* (58 FR 58093, October 28, 1993), EPA may not issue a regulation that is not required by statute and that creates a mandate upon a State, local or Tribal government, unless the Federal government provides the funds necessary to pay the direct compliance costs incurred by those governments. If the mandate is unfunded, EPA must provide to OMB a description of the extent of EPA's prior consultation with representatives of affected State, local, and Tribal governments, the nature of their concerns, copies of any written communications from the governments and a statement supporting the need to issue the regulation. In addition, Executive Order 12875 requires EPA to develop an effective process permitting elected officials and other representatives of State, local, and Tribal governments "to provide meaningful and timely input in the development of regulatory proposals containing significant mandates."

Today's action does not create an unfunded Federal mandate on State, local, or Tribal governments. This action does not impose any enforceable duties on these entities. Accordingly, the requirements of section 1(a) of Executive Order 12875 do not apply to this action.

#### C. Executive Order 13084

Under Executive Order 13084, entitled *Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments* (63 FR 27655, May 19, 1998), EPA may not issue a regulation that is not required by statute and that significantly or uniquely affects the communities of Indian tribal governments, and that imposes substantial direct compliance costs on those communities, unless the Federal government provides the funds necessary to pay the direct compliance costs incurred by the Tribal governments. If the mandate is unfunded, EPA must provide OMB, in a separately identified section of the preamble to the rule, a description of the extent of EPA's prior consultation with representatives of affected Tribal governments, a summary of the nature of their concerns, and a statement supporting the need to issue the regulation. In addition, Executive Order 13084 requires EPA to develop an effective process permitting elected and other representatives of Indian tribal governments "to provide meaningful and timely input in the development of regulatory policies on matters that significantly or uniquely affect their communities."

Today's action does not significantly or uniquely affect the communities of Indian tribal governments. This action does not involve or impose requirements that affect Indian Tribes. Accordingly, the requirements of section 3(b) of Executive Order 13084 do not apply to this action.

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 2682, 2684.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Hazardous substances, Lead, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: December 15, 1998.

**W. Michael McCabe,**

*Regional Administrator, Region III.*

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### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

#### Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval

December 19, 1998.

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

Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) 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 comments should be submitted on or before January 27, 1999. 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 contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all comments to Les Smith, Federal Communications Commissions, Room 234, 1919 M St., NW, Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to lesmith@fcc.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Les Smith at 202-418-0217 or via the Internet at lesmith@fcc.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-0065.

*Title:* Application for New or Modified Radio Stations Authorization Under Part 5 of the FCC Rules—Experimental Radio Service (Other than Broadcast).

*Form Number:* FCC Form 442.

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

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit entities; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal governments.

*Number of Respondents:* 700.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 4 hours.

*Frequency of Response:*

Recordkeeping; on occasion reporting requirements.

*Total Annual Burden:* 2,800 hours.

*Total Annual Costs:* None.

*Needs and Uses:* FCC Form 442 is required to be filed by Sections 5.55(a), (b), and (c) of the FCC Rules and Regulations by applicants requiring an FCC license to operate a new or modified experimental radio station. The data supplied by this form are used by communications clerks, legal instruments examiners and engineers of the FCC to determine: (1) if the applicant is eligible for an experimental license; (2) the purpose of the experiment; (3) compliance with the requirements of Part 5 of the FCC Rules; and (4) if the proposed operation will cause interference to existing operations. The FCC could not grant an experimental license without the information contained on this form. Revision of the form is not required.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Magalie Roman Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### Notice of Meeting of Network Reliability and Interoperability Council

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended, this notice advises interested persons of a meeting of the Network Reliability and Interoperability Council ("Council"), which will be held at the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, DC.

**DATES:** January 14, 1999 at 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, Room 856, 1919 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20554.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marsha MacBride, Director of the FCC Year 2000 Task Force and Designated Federal Officer of the Council, 2000 M Street, NW, Suite 290, Washington, DC 20554; telephone (202) 418-2379.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council was established by the Federal Communications Commission to bring together leaders of the telecommunications industry and telecommunications experts from academic, consumer and other

organizations to explore and recommend measures that would enhance network reliability. One of the current issues before the Council is the risk that the Year 2000 date conversion problem presents for the telecommunications networks.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows: The Council will review progress reports of Focus Groups 1 and 2 which will give observations, assessments, and initial recommendations on the Year 2000 date conversion problem and the telecommunications networks. Focus Group 3 will provide a status report. Finally, NRSC will provide its quarterly report.

Information concerning the activities of NRIC can be reviewed at the Council's website [www.nric.org](http://www.nric.org). Material relevant to the January 14, 1999 meeting will be posted there.

Members of the general public may attend the meeting. The Federal Communications Commission will attempt to accommodate as many people as possible. However, admittance will be limited to the seating available. The public may submit written comments to the Council's designated Federal Officer before the meeting.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Shirley S. Suggs,**

*Chief, Publications Branch.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### Early Closing on December 24, 1998

Released: December 21, 1998.

In accordance with the guidance issued by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management to implement the half-day closing of government department and agencies on Thursday, December 24th, 1998, the Federal Communications Commission will close its offices at 1:30 p.m. on December 24, 1998. All filings, paper and electronic, due on December 24, 1998, will be accepted as timely on the next official work day.

Federal Communications Commission.

**William F. Caton,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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