

minimize the consequences of accidents involving highly hazardous chemicals.

## II. Proposed Actions

OSHA proposes to reduce its earlier estimates of the burden hours for the HAZWOPER Standard from 2,229,062 to 1,592,338 hours. The burden reduction resulted when the Agency reestimated the number of clean-up sites, as well as the number of storage, treatment, and disposal (STD) sites (also referred to as Resource Conservation and Recovery Act [RCRA] sites) from 725 to 1,115. OSHA determined that the number of emergency response units remained the same as originally estimated. The Agency also changed the methodology for the training requirements and medical surveillance provisions, using the number of employees rather than sites to better estimate the burden hours for these provisions.

In addition, OSHA identified several activities as usual and customary business practices. Under PRA-95, the burden associated with usual and customary activities are not calculated as part of the paperwork burden.

OSHA will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice and will include this summary in the request to OMB to extend the approval of the information collection requirements contained in the HAZWOPER standard.

*Type of Review:* Extension of currently approved information collection requirements.

*Agency:* Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) (29 CFR 1910.120).

*OMB Number:* 1218-0202.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; Federal government; state, local or tribal government.

*Number of Respondents:* 38,363.

*Frequency:* Varies (On Occasion, Annually).

*Average Time per Response:* Varies from 5 minutes (.08 hr.) to 64 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 1,592,338.

## III. Authority and Signature

Charles N. Jeffress, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice. The authority for this notice is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506), Secretary of Labor's Order No. 6-96 (62 FR 111), and 29 CFR part 1911.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 25th day of June 1999.

**Charles N. Jeffress,**

*Assistant Secretary of Labor.*

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 99-093]

### NASA Advisory Council, Life and Microgravity Sciences and Applications Advisory Committee, Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a meeting of the NASA Advisory Council, Life and Microgravity Sciences and Applications Advisory Committee.

**DATES:** Thursday, July 22, 1999, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Friday, July 23, 1999, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

**ADDRESSES:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration Headquarters, 300 E Street, SW, MIC-6, Room 6H46, Washington, DC 20546.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Raymond P. Whitten, Code UM, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546, 202/358-1996.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Action Status
- Update: Office of Life & Microgravity Sciences and Applications
- Biology Pillars
- Congressional Budget
- ISS Research
- Biology Inspired Technology
- Discussion of Committee Findings and Recommendations
- Subcommittee Report Review

It is imperative that the meeting be held on this date to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. Visitors will be requested to sign a visitor's register.

Dated: June 25, 1999.

**Matthew M. Crouch,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.*

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 99-094]

### NASA Advisory Council, Aero-Space Technology Advisory Committee, Rotorcraft Subcommittee; Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a NASA Advisory Council, Aero-Space Technology Advisory Committee, Rotorcraft Subcommittee meeting.

**DATES:** Tuesday, August 24, 1999, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday, August 25, 1999, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Ames Research Center, Building 235, Galileo Room, Moffett Field, CA 94035.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Sue Zabor, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, CA 94035, 650/604-2890.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room. Agenda topics for the meeting are as follows:

- Rotorcraft Base Program
- Short Haul & Civil Tiltrotor Program
- Rotorcraft Safety Program
- Rotorcraft Subcommittee Recommendations

It is imperative that the meeting be held on these dates to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. Visitors will be requested to sign a visitor's register.

Dated: June 25, 1999.

**Matthew M. Crouch,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.*

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## NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

### National Endowment for the Arts; Combined Arts Advisory Panel

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that meetings of the Combined Arts Panel, Dance Section (Creation &

Presentation and Planning & Stabilization categories) to the National Council on the Arts will be held on August 9–13, 1999 in Room 716 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC., 20506. The panel will meet with 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on August 9th–12th and from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on August 13th. A portion of this meeting, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on August 13th, will be open to the public for policy discussions.

The remaining portions of this meeting, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on August 9th–12th and from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on August 13th, are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency by grant applicants. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of May 12, 1999, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to (c)(4)(6) and (9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Any person may observe meetings, or portions thereof, of advisory panels which are open to the public, and, if time allows, may be permitted to participate in the panel's discussions at the discretion of the Panel chairman and with the approval of the full-time Federal employee in attendance.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the office of AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506, 202/682–5532, TDY–TDD 202/682–5496, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, D.C. 20506, or call 202/682–5691.

Dated: June 21, 1999.

**Kathy Plowitz-Worden,**

*Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations,  
National Endowment for the Arts.*

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## OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

[OMB Circular A–127, “Financial Management Systems.”]

### Interim Final Revision of OMB Circular A–127, “Financial Management Systems”

**AGENCY:** Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

**SUMMARY:** OMB Circular No. A–127 “Financial Management Systems,” dated July 23, 1993, prescribes policies and standards for executive departments and agencies to follow in developing, operating, evaluating, and reporting on financial management systems. The Office of Management and Budget is issuing an interim final revision to Circular A–127 to incorporate recommendations from the Chief Financial Officers (CFO) Council. These recommendations change the process for acquiring software to meet core financial system requirements by eliminating the restriction to only acquire the software and related services from the FMSS Schedule, and to provide for software testing that is independent of the procurement process. These recommendations will result in the revision of Sections 8d and 9b, as well as adding a new Section 9a(3) and 9c. These changes are shown below.

**DATES:** The interim final revision is effective July 1, 1999. Comments on the interim final revision must be received on or before August 2, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this interim final revision should be addressed to Jean Holcombe, Federal Financial Systems Branch, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 6025, Washington, DC 20503. Comments up to three pages in length may be submitted via facsimile to 202–395–3952. Electronic mail comments may be submitted via Internet to jholcomb@omb.eop.gov. Please include the full body of electronic mail comments in the text and not as an attachment. Please include the name, title, organization, postal address, and E-mail address in the text of the message.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jean Holcombe, Federal Financial Systems Branch, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget, (202) 395–3993.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In January, 1997, at the request of Federal agencies, the Financial Systems Committee (FSC) of the Chief Financial

Officers (CFO) Council formed the Joint Systems Solution Team (JSST) to assess the core financial management system acquisition process that was based upon using the FMSS Schedule. At that time, the mandatory GSA FMSS Schedule acquisition award process was linked directly with the software certification (testing) process. The team recommended to the CFO Council an approach that included separation of the testing of products from the acquisition process in order to: (1) Provide more information to agencies; (2) provide assistance to vendors to stimulate product development, and (3) establish a procurement vehicle with streamlined procedures. Through research and analysis, including on-site visits and groupware sessions with public and private sector representatives, the JSST recommended a three-phase program to achieve the goals of effective certification of the off-the-shelf financial systems and simplified procurement. The three phases recommended were: (1) Determinations of requirements, (2) test and qualification of software, and (3) establishment of a procurement vehicle with streamlined procedures. The JSST also recommended that a Program Management Office (PMO) within the Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP) be responsible for the requirements determination and the testing and qualification phases and that GSA manage the establishment and administration of the procurement vehicle. These recommendations were approved by the CFO Council. Circular A–127 is being revised to reflect changes in testing and acquiring that resulted from these recommendations. In addition, OMB intends to seek public comment on additional revision to A–127 later this year. These revisions will include: (1) FFMIA review and reporting requirements; (2) guidance on procuring financial management systems and services; and (3) clarifications of current financial management system requirements.

**Jacob J. Lew,**

*Director.*

*The changes to Circular A–127 are as follows.*

*1. Section 8d of the current Circular should be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:*

*8d(1). Use of “Off-the-Shelf”*

*Software.* Agencies replacing software to meet core financial system requirements are required to use the GSA FMSS Multiple Award Schedule until its expiration on September 30, 1999. As of October 1, 1999 agencies replacing software to meet core financial system