

Item	Estimated time for response (hours)	Estimated annual responses	Estimated annual burden hours
Record Keeping Maintenance Under Suspension or Exclusion from the USPTO .....	60	5	300
Complaint/Violation Reporting .....	2	100	200
Responses to Requests/Requirements for Information .....	3	150	450
Requests for Extension of Time to Respond .....	<sup>1</sup> 5	30	2
Responses to Settlement Offers .....	3	10	30
Responses to Show Cause .....	4	5	20
<b>Total</b> .....		<b>582</b>	<b>8,334</b>

<sup>1</sup> Minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Nonhour Respondent Cost Burden:* \$661. There are no capital start-up or maintenance costs associated with this information collection. However, there are postage costs associated with this collection.

The public may submit the complaints, responses, and requests in this collection to the USPTO by mail through the United States Postal Service. If these documents are sent by first-class mail, a certificate of mailing for each piece of correspondence, stating the date of deposit or transmission to the USPTO, may also be included.

The USPTO expects that the complaints will be mailed to the USPTO by first-class postage, for an average cost of 49 cents. The USPTO estimates that up to 100 responses may be mailed by first-class mail (49 cents), for a total postage cost of \$49 per year.

The USPTO believes that the responses to requests/requirements for information and the responses to show cause will be mailed to the USPTO by first-class or priority mail. Since these submissions are frequently bulky in nature, the USPTO estimates that they could weigh up to one pound, for an average postage cost of \$3.85. The USPTO estimates that up to 155 responses may be mailed by first-class or priority mail (\$3.85), for a total postage cost of \$597 per year.

The USPTO believes that the requests for extension of time to respond and the responses to settlement offers will be mailed to the USPTO by first-class postage, for an average cost of 37 cents. The USPTO estimates that up to 40 responses may be mailed by first-class mail (37 cents), for a total postage cost of \$15 per year.

Therefore, this information collection has a total of \$661 in postage costs.

#### 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 or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### **Notice of Availability for Public Viewing of the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Pulsed Fast Neutron Analysis Cargo Inspection System Test Facility at the Ysleta Port of Entry Commercial Cargo Facility, El Paso, TX**

**AGENCY:** Counterdrug Technology Development Program Office (CTDPO), DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The notice announces that a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) regarding potential environmental impacts resulting from the Pulsed Fast Neutron Analysis (PFNA) Cargo Inspection System Test Facility is available for public review. The facility will be constructed at the Ysleta Port of Entry cargo lot in El Paso, Texas. The Counterdrug Technology Development

Program Office (CTDPO) will consider comments before issuing a final EA.

**DATES:** The draft EA will be available for public review for a 30-day period beginning on May 29, 2003. Written comments must be received by June 30, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be submitted to the Department of Defense, Counterdrug Technology Development Program Office, Naval Surface Warfare Center, 17320 Dahlgren Road, Dahlgren, Virginia 22448-5100, Attn: Dr. Stephen Haimbach. Copies of the draft EA will be available for viewing at the above address. Copies may also be obtained by telephone request through the following phone number: 540/653-2374, and by accessing the following Internet address: <http://www.scainc.biz/EA>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Stephen Haimbach at 540/653-2374 or at [PFNAmail@dodcounterdrug.com](mailto:PFNAmail@dodcounterdrug.com).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

##### *Introduction*

In its counter-terrorism and counter-drug efforts, the Federal government has invested considerable resources into developing technologies for detecting explosives, narcotics or other contraband hidden among the freight imported into the United States. Radiation-based, non-intrusive inspections systems, such as X-ray and gamma ray, have been in use for several years by Federal government agencies. A related technology, called Pulsed Fast Neutron Analysis (PFNA), was developed several years ago for cargo inspection. PFNA is designed to directly and automatically detect and measure the presence of specific materials, such as cocaine or explosives, which may have been hidden within the vehicle. PFNA technology uses pulses of neutrons as the radiation source to non-intrusively examine packages and containers for suspect materials. While PFNA has been successfully demonstrated in a laboratory setting, it