

Homeland Security—Federal Emergency Management Agency, effective August 6, 2003, the above numbered declaration is hereby amended to establish the incident period for this disaster as beginning on July 4, 2003 and continuing through August 6, 2003.

All other information remains the same, *i.e.*, the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is September 9, 2003, and for economic injury the deadline is April 12, 2004.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

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Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request and Comment Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages that will require clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law 104-13 effective October 1, 1995, The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection packages that may be included in this notice are for new information collections, revisions to OMB-approved information collections and extensions (no change) of OMB-approved information collections.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; 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. Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be submitted to the OMB Desk Officer and the SSA Reports Clearance Officer. The information can be mailed and/or faxed to the individuals at the addresses and fax numbers listed below:

(OMB), Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th St., NW., Washington, DC 20503, Fax: 202-395-6974.

(SSA), Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Reports Clearance Officer, 1338 Annex, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, Fax: 410-965-6400.

1. The information collections listed below are pending at SSA and will be submitted to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. Therefore, your comments should be submitted to SSA within 60 days from the date of this publication. You can obtain copies of the collection instruments by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at 410-965-0454, or by writing to the address listed above.

1. *Integrated Registration for Employers and Submitters (IRES)—0960-0626.* The IRES authentication system is a free service designed to allow employers to access SSA's electronic wage reporting services, and to replace the use of a handwritten signature with an electronic signature. Employer representatives use an IRES generated PIN and password as their electronic signature. IRES is designed to be more efficient, reducing the costs to both employers and SSA, and will facilitate the filing of wage data electronically. SSA's paramount interest in the development of IRES was to ensure that the new electronic method of identifying wage report submitters provides the same security features as the current paper-based method. Security features include message integrity, originator authentication, non-repudiation and confidentiality. The PIN and password will be issued to an individual designated by the employer after SSA authenticates the company and contact information provided by the individual. SSA uses the IRES in conjunction with SSA's wage reporting processes. It is used as the gateway for electronic wage reporting and the online employee verification service. IRES will also be used when SSA implements additional electronic services such as electronic notices and error information. Also, the PIN will be used in the Annual Wage Reporting diskette process to replace IRS paper form 6559. SSA has received approval from IRS to use an alternative signature. Respondents to IRES will be Employers and Submitters who utilize SSA's electronic wage reporting and online employee verification services.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 250,120.

Number of Responses: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 2 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 8,337 hours.

2. *Application for Widow's or Widower's Insurance Benefits—20 CFR 404.335-.338—0960-0004.* SSA uses the information collected on the Form SSA-10-BK to determine if the applicant meets the statutory and regulatory

conditions for entitlement to widow(er)'s benefits. The respondents are applicants for Widow(er)'s benefits.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 288,580.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 72,145 hours.

3. *Application of Circuit Court Law—0960-0581.* SSA regulations at 20 CFR 404.985 and 416.1485 inform claimants of their right to request that a published Acquiescence Ruling (AR) be applied to a prior determination when we make a determination or decision on a claim between the date of the Circuit Court decision and the date we publish the AR. The regulations also specify that claimants can request that the AR be applied to a prior determination or decision by submitting a statement that demonstrates how the AR could change the prior determination or decision. SSA will use the information provided in the statement to readjudicate the claim if the claimant demonstrates the Ruling could change the prior determination. Claimants may use Form SSA-795, Statement of Claimant or Other Person (0960-0045), to request and support application of a published AR to the prior determination or decision. The respondents are claimants whose determinations or decisions on their claims may be affected by an AR.

Type of Request: Extension of current approved collection.

Number of Respondents: 100,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 17 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 28,333 hours.

4. *Waiver of Right to Appear—20 CFR 404.913-914, 20 CFR 404.916(b)(5), 20 CFR 416.1413-1414 and 416(b)(5)—0960-0534.* The Social Security Administration uses Form-773-U4 to provide claimants with an effective means of requesting a waiver of their right to appear at a disability hearing. The information collected will be used as documentation that claimants understand their rights to appear and the effects of the decision to waive this right. The respondents are claimants under Title II (Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance) and Title XVI (Supplemental Security Income) of the Social Security Act, who wish to waive their right to a disability hearing.

Type of Request: Extension of current approved collection.

Number of Respondents: 200.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 3 minutes.