to make EPA’s comments on EISs available to the public. Accordingly, after March 31, 2010, EPA will discontinue the publication of this notice of availability of EPA comments in the Federal Register.


EIS No. 20090439, Final EIS, FHWA, ME, Aroostook County Transport Study, Route I–161 Connector, To Identify Transportation Corridors that will Improve Mobility and Efficiency within Northeastern Aroostook County and other portions of the U.S. and Canada, U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, Endangered Species Act, NPDES and Section 10 River and Harbors Act, Caribou, Aroostook County, ME, Wait Period Ends: 01/25/2010, Contact: Mark Hasselmann, 207–622–8355.


EIS No. 20090443, Final EIS, FHWA, DC, ADOPTION—Department of Homeland Security Headquarters at the St. Elizabeths West Campus, To Consolidate Federal Office Space on a Secure Site, Washington, DC, Contact: Jack VanDop, 703–404–6282. The U.S. Department of Transportation’s, Federal Highway Administration (DOT/FHWA) has ADOPTED the U.S. General Services Administration FEIS #20080452, filed on 10/31/2008. DOT/FHWA was a Cooperating Agency for the above project. Recirculation of the FEIS is not necessary under 40 CFR 1506.3(c).


Amended Notices


EIS No. 20090435, Draft EIS, APHIS, 00, Glyphosate-Tolerant Alfalfa Events J101 and J163: Request for No regulated Status, Implementation, United States, Comment Period Ends: 02/16/2010, Contact: Cindy Eck, 301–734–0667. Revision to FR Notice Published 12/18/2009: Correction to Contact Telephone Number.


Pearl E. Young,
NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.
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FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

Sunshine Notice

December 17, 2009.

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m., Thursday, January 7, 2010.

PLACE: The Richard V. Backley Hearing Room, 9th Floor, 601 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Commission will consider and act upon the following in open session: Secretary of Labor v. Cumberland Coal Resources, LP, Docket Nos. PENN 2008–51–R, et seq. (Issues include whether an order issued to the operator under 30 CFR 75.363(a) (requiring that hazardous conditions be corrected or posted) should be amended to allege a violation of 30 CFR 75.360(b) (requiring that the person conducting a preshift examination identify hazardous conditions).)

Any person attending this meeting who requires special accessibility features and/or auxiliary aids, such as sign language interpreters, must inform the Commission in advance of those needs. Subject to 29 CFR 2706.150(a)(3) and 2706.160(d).


Jean H. Ellen,
Chief Docket Clerk.
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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission (“FTC” or “Commission”).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The information collection requirements described below will be
submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act ("PRA"). The FTC is seeking public comments on its proposal to extend through May 31, 2013, the current PRA clearance for information collection requirements contained in its Contact Lens Rule. Those clearances expire on May 31, 2010.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 22, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments electronically or in paper form, by following the instructions in the Request for Comments to 60-Day Notice part of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section below. Comments in electronic form should be submitted by using the following Web link: [https://public.commentworks.com/ftc/contactlensrulepra] and following the instructions on the web-based form). Comments in paper form should be mailed or delivered to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, Room H–135 (Annex J), 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580, in the manner detailed in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Information Collection Activities

Under the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521, federal agencies must obtain approval from OMB for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. “Collection of information” means agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. 44 U.S.C. §3502(3), 5 CFR §1320.3 (c). Because the number of entities affected by the Commission’s requests will exceed ten, the Commission plans to seek OMB clearance under the PRA. As required by §3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, the Commission is providing this opportunity for public comment before requesting that OMB extend the existing paperwork clearance for the information collection requirements associated with the Commission’s regulations under the Contact Lens Rule (“the Rule”), 16 CFR part 315.

The Rule was promulgated by the FTC pursuant to the Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act (“FCLCA”), Pub. L. 108–164 (December 6, 2003), which was enacted to enable consumers to purchase contact lenses from the seller of their choice. The Rule became effective on August 2, 2004. As mandated by the FCLCA, the Rule requires the release and verification of contact lens prescriptions and contains recordkeeping requirements applying to both prescribers and sellers of contact lenses. Specifically, the Rule requires that prescribers provide a copy of the prescription to the consumer upon the completion of a contact lens fitting and verify or provide prescriptions to authorized third parties. The Rule also mandates that a contact lens seller may sell contact lenses only in accordance with a prescription that the seller either: (a) Has received from the patient or prescriber; or (b) has verified through direct communication with the prescriber. In addition, the Rule imposes recordkeeping requirements on contact lens prescribers and sellers. For example, the Rule requires prescribers to document in their patients’ records the medical reasons for setting a contact lens prescription expiration date of less than one year. The Rule requires contact lens sellers to maintain records for three years of all direct communications involved in obtaining verification of a contact lens prescription, as well as prescriptions, or copies thereof, which they receive directly from customers or prescribers.

The information retained under the Rule’s recordkeeping requirements is used by the Commission to substantiate compliance with the Rule and may also provide a basis for the Commission to bring an enforcement action. Without the required records, it would be difficult either to ensure that entities are complying with the Rule’s requirements or to bring enforcement actions based on violations of the Rule.

Commission staff estimates the paperwork burden of the FCLCA and Rule based on its knowledge of the eye care industry. Staff believes there will be some burden on individual prescribers to provide contact lens prescriptions, although it involves merely writing a few items of information onto a slip of paper and handing it to the patient, or perhaps mailing or faxing it to a third party. In addition, there will be some recordkeeping burden on contact lens sellers—including retaining prescriptions or records of “direct communications”—pertaining to each sale of contact lenses to consumers who received their original prescription from a third party prescriber.

Request for Comments to 60-Day Notice

The FTC invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. All comments should be filed as prescribed below, and must be received on or before February 22, 2010.

Because comments will be made public, they should not include any sensitive personal information, such as an individual’s Social Security Number; date of birth; driver’s license number or other state identification number, or foreign country equivalent; passport number; financial account number; or credit or debit card number. Comments also should not include any sensitive health information, such as medical records or other individually identifiable health information. In addition, comments should not include any “[t]rade secret or any commercial or financial information which is obtained from any person and which is privileged or confidential . . .”, as provided in Section 6(f) of the Federal Trade Commission Act ("FTC Act"), 15 U.S.C. 46(f), and FTC Rule 4.10(a)(2), 16 CFR 4.10(a)(2). Comments containing material for which confidential treatment is requested must be filed in paper form, must be clearly labeled “Confidential,” and must comply with FTC Rule 4.9(c). 16 CFR 4.9(c).1

Because paper mail addressed to the FTC is subject to delay due to heightened security screening, please

1The comment must be accompanied by an explicit request for confidential treatment, including the factual and legal basis for the request, and must identify the specific portions of the comment to be withheld from the public record. The request will be granted or denied by the Commission’s General Counsel, consistent with applicable law and the public interest. See FTC Rule 4.9(c), 16 CFR 4.9(c).
consider submitting your comments in electronic form. Comments filed in electronic form should be submitted by using the following web link: (https://public.commentworks.com/ftc/contactlensrulepra) (and following the instructions on the web-based form). To ensure that the Commission considers an electronic comment, you must file it on the web-based form at the web link: (https://public.commentworks.com/ftc/contactlensrulepra). If this Notice appears at (http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp), you may also file an electronic comment through that website. The Commission will consider all comments that regulations.gov forwards to it. You may also visit the FTC Website at (http://www.ftc.gov) to read the Notice and the news release describing it.

A comment filed in paper form should include the “Contact Lens Rule: FTC File No. P054510” reference both in the text and on the envelope, and should be mailed or delivered to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, Room H-135 (Annex J), 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580. The FTC is requesting that any comment filed in paper form be sent by courier or overnight service, if possible, because U.S. postal mail in the Washington area and at the Commission is subject to delay due to heightened security precautions.

The FTC Act and other laws the Commission administers permit the collection of public comments to consider and use in this proceeding as appropriate. The Commission will consider all timely and responsive public comments that it receives, whether filed in paper or electronic form. Comments received will be available to the public on the FTC Website, to the extent practicable, at (http://www.ftc.gov/os/publiccomments.shtm). As a matter of discretion, the Commission makes every effort to remove home contact information for individuals from the public comments it receives before placing those comments on the FTC Website. More information, including routine uses permitted by the Privacy Act, may be found in the FTC’s privacy policy, at (http://www.ftc.gov/ftc/privacy.shtm).

Burden Statement

Estimated total annual hours burden: 850,000 hours (rounded to the nearest thousand).

Based upon staff knowledge of the industry, this figure is derived by adding approximately 567,000 disclosure hours for contact lens prescribers to approximately 283,000 recordkeeping hours for contact lens sellers, for a combined industry total of 850,000 hours. This is slightly lower than the estimates previously submitted to OMB (the similar figure was 950,000 hours in 2006); and is due to a drop in the estimated number of contact lens wearers from 36 million (2006) to 34 million (2008).

No provisions in the Rule have been amended since staff’s prior submission to OMB. The Rules disclosure and recordkeeping requirements, therefore, remain the same. As noted above, the number of contact lens wearers in the United States is estimated to be approximately 34 million. Therefore, assuming an annual contact lens exam for each contact lens wearer, 34 million people would receive a copy of their prescription each year under the Rule.

At an estimated one minute per prescription, the annual time spent by prescribers complying with the disclosure requirement would be a maximum of 567,000 hours. ([34 million \times 1 minute]/60 minutes = 566,667 hours]

As required by the FCLCA, the Rule also imposes two recordkeeping requirements. First, prescribers must document the specific medical reasons for setting a contact lens prescription expiration date shorter than the one year minimum established by the FCLCA. This burden is likely to be nil because the requirement applies only in cases when the prescriber invokes the medical judgment exception, which is expected to occur infrequently, and prescribers are likely to record this information in the ordinary course of business as part of their patients’ medical records. The OMB regulation that implements the PRA defines “burden” to exclude any effort that would be expended regardless of a regulatory requirement. 5 CFR 1320.3(B)(3)(2).

Second, the Rule requires contact lens sellers to maintain certain documents relating to contact lens sales. As noted above, a seller may sell contact lenses only in accordance with a prescription that the seller either (a) has received from the patient or prescriber, or (b) has verified through direct communication with the prescriber. The FCLCA requires sellers to retain prescriptions and records of communications with prescribers relating to prescription verification for three years.

Staff believes that the burden of complying with this requirement is low. Sellers who seek verification of contact lens prescriptions must retain one or two records for each contact lens sale: Either the relevant prescription itself, or the verification request and any response from the prescriber. Staff estimates that such recordkeeping will entail a maximum of five minutes per sale, including time spent preparing a file and actually filing the record(s).

Staff also believes that, based on its knowledge of the industry, this burden will fall primarily on mail order and Internet-based sellers of contact lenses, as they are the entities in the industry most reliant on obtaining or verifying contact lens prescriptions. Based on conversations with the industry, staff estimates that these entities currently account for approximately 10% of sales in the contact lens market and, by extension, that approximately 3.4 million consumers—10% of the 34 million contact lens wearers in the United States—purchase their lenses from them.

At an estimated five minutes per sale to each of 3.4 million consumers, contact lens sellers will spend a total of 283,300 burden hours complying with the recordkeeping requirement. ([3.4 million \times 5 minutes]/60 minutes = 283,333.3 hours] This estimate likely overstates the actual burden, however, because it includes the time spent by sellers who already keep records pertaining to contact lens sales in the ordinary course of business. In addition, the estimate may overstate the time spent by sellers to the extent that records (e.g., verification requests) are generated and stored automatically and electronically, which staff understands is the case for some larger online sellers.

Estimated labor costs: $32,317,001 (rounded to the nearest thousand).

Commission staff derived labor costs by applying appropriate hourly cost figures to the burden hours described above. Staff estimates, based on its knowledge of the industry, that optometrists account for approximately 75% of prescribers. Consequently, for simplicity, staff will focus on their average hourly wage in estimating prescribers’ labor cost burden.

According to Bureau of Labor Statistics from May 2008, salaried optometrists earn an average wage of $50.58 per hour and general office clerical personnel earn an average of $12.90 per hour.¹

With these categories of personnel, respectively, likely to perform the brunt of the disclosure (for optometrists) and recordkeeping (for office clerks) aspects of the Rule, estimated total labor cost attributable to the Rule would be approximately $32.8 million.\[($50.58 \times 566,666.7 \text{ hours}) + ($12.90 \times 283,333.3 \text{ hours}) = $32,317,001]\] The contact lens market is a multibillion-dollar market; one recent survey estimates that contact lens sales totaled $2.37 billion from Jan 1, 2006 to Dec 31, 2006.² Thus, the total labor cost burden estimate of $32.3 million represents approximately 1.5% of the overall market.

**Estimated annual non-labor cost burden:** $0 or minimal.

Staff believes that the Rule’s disclosure and recordkeeping requirements impose negligible capital or other non-labor costs, as the affected entities are likely to have the necessary supplies and/or equipment already (e.g., prescription pads, patients’ medical charts, facsimile machines and paper, telephones, and recordkeeping facilities such as filing cabinets or other storage).

Willard Tom,
General Counsel
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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
[Docket No. FR–5280–N–50]

**Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

**DATES:** Effective Date: December 24, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathy Ezell, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 7262, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708–1234; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708–2565 (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 800–927–7588.

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:** In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration, No. 88–2503–OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today’s Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: December 17, 2009.

Mark R. Johnston,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

**Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act**

Notice is hereby given that on December 18, 2009, a proposed Consent Decree in United States v. Newell Holdings Delaware, Inc. and Rock Springs Enterprises, Inc., Civil Action No. 5:07-cv-164, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia. In a civil action filed on December 18, 2007, under Section 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (“CERCLA”), 42 U.S.C. 9607(a), the United States sought recovery of response costs from Newell Holdings Delaware, Inc. (“Newell Holdings”) and Rock Springs Enterprises, Inc. (“Rock Springs”) in connection with the Eighth and Plutos Streets Pottery Site in Chester, West Virginia (“the Site”). The proposed Consent Decree, lodged on December 18, 2009, resolves the liability of the defendant Newell Holdings for response costs incurred and to be incurred by the United States in connection with the Site, and requires Newell Holdings to pay $800,000 in response costs in accordance with the terms of the Decree. Defendant Rock Springs is not a party to the Consent Decree.

The Department of Justice will receive comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication. Please address comments to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, by e-mail to pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov or regular mail to P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20044–7611, and refer to United States v. Newell Holdings Delaware, Inc. and Rock Springs Enterprises, Inc., D.J. Ref. 90–11–3–09297.

The Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney for the Northern District of West Virginia, U.S. Courthouse and Federal building, 1125 Chapline Street, Wheeling, WV 26003 and at U.S. EPA Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. During the public comment period, the Consent Decree may also be examined on the following Department of Justice Web site, http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/consent_decrees.html. A copy of the Consent Decree may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044–7611 or by faxing or e-mailing a request to Tonia Fleetwood (tonia.fleetwood@usdoj.gov), fax no. (202) 514–0097, phone confirmation number (202) 514–1547. When requesting a copy from the Consent Decree Library, please enclose a check in the amount of $6.00 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the U.S. Treasury or, if by e-mail or fax, forward a check in that amount to the Consent Decree Library at the address above.

Maureen Katz,
Assistant Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

**Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements Under OMB Review**

**AGENCY:** Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of Reporting Requirements Submitted for OMB Review.