

respondents are disability applicants and other sources of evidence. SSA uses various forms to collect the information specified in the regulations. The public reporting burden is accounted for in the Information Collection Requests for these forms. Consequently, we are assigning a placeholder of 1-hour to the specific reporting requirements in these listings so that we do not duplicate the burden assigned to the forms.

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

9. *Request for Review of Hearing Decision/Order—20 CFR 404.967-.981, 20 CFR 416.1467-.1481—0960-0277.* SSA collects the information on form HA-520 from each claimant for Social Security or SSI benefits who is dissatisfied with the hearing decision or the dismissal of a hearing request and wants to request review of the decision by the Appeals Council. An individual may request Appeals Council review by filing a written request; however, a completed HA-520 ensures that SSA receives the information necessary to establish that the claimant filed the request for review within the prescribed time, that the claimant is a proper party, and that the claimant has completed the requisite steps to permit review by the Appeals Council. The Appeals Council also uses the information provided by the claimant to document the claimant's reason (s) for disagreeing with the ALJ decision or dismissal, to determine whether the claimant has additional evidence to submit, and to determine whether the claimant has a representative or wants to appoint one.

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

Number of Respondents: 107,485.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 17,914 hours.

10. *Non-Attorney Representative Demonstration Project Application—0960-NEW.*

Section 303 of the Social Security Protection Act of 2004 (SSPA) provides for a 5-year demonstration project to be conducted by SSA under which the direct payment of SSA approved fees is extended to certain non-attorney claimant representatives. Under the SSPA, to be eligible for direct payment of fees, a non-attorney representative must fulfill the following statutory requirements: (1) Possess a bachelors degree or have equivalent qualifications derived from training and work experience; (2) pass an examination that tests knowledge of the relevant

provisions of the Social Security Act; (3) secure professional liability insurance or equivalent insurance; (4) pass a criminal background check; and (5) demonstrate completion of relevant continuing education courses. Through the services of a private contractor, SSA must collect the requested information to determine if a non-attorney representative has met the statutory requirements to be eligible for direct payment of fees for his or her claimant representation services. The information collection is needed to comply with the legislation. The respondents are non-attorney representatives who apply for direct payment of fees.

Type of Request: New information collection.

Number of Respondents: 500.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 60 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 500 hours.

11. *Disability Determination and Transmittal—20 CFR 404.1615(e), 416.1015(f)—0960-0437.* The information collected on form SSA-831-C3/U3 is used by SSA to document the State agency determination as to whether an individual who applies for disability benefits is eligible for those benefits based on his/her alleged disability. SSA also uses form SSA-831-C3/U3 for program management and for evaluation. The respondents are State DDSs adjudicating Title II and Title XVI disability determinations for SSA.

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

Number of Respondents: 3,155,120.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Average Burden: 788,780 hours.

12. *State Mental Institution Policy Review—20 CFR 416 Subpart U, 20 CFR 416 Subpart F, 20 CFR 404.2035 and .2065, 20 CFR 416.635 and .665—0960-0110.* SSA sends form SSA-9584-BK to State mental institutions that participate in SSA's representative payee onsite review program. As a representative payee, the State mental institution has the responsibility to receive and administer payments to beneficiaries who have been determined by SSA to be incapable of managing benefits. SSA is required by law and regulations to monitor representative payees' use of benefits. Under the onsite review program, SSA conducts a triennial review of State mental institutions in order to determine whether the institutions; policies and practices conform with SSA's regulations in the

use of benefits, and the other duties and responsibilities required of representative payees.

The form obtains information needed by the SSA review team (comprised of representatives from SSA's regional and field offices), and provides a basis for conducting the actual onsite review. In addition, the information is used in the preparation of the subsequent report of findings and recommendations, which is issued to the institutions.

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

Number of Respondents: 100.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 60 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 100 hours.

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Elizabeth A. Davidson,

Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Andean Trade Preference Act (ATPA), as Amended: Notice Regarding the 2003 and 2004 Annual Reviews

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) received petitions in September 2004 to review certain practices in certain beneficiary developing countries to determine whether such countries are in compliance with the ATPA eligibility criteria. In a November 15, 2004 notice, USTR published a list of responsive petitions that were accepted for review. This notice specifies the results of the preliminary review of those petitions as well as the status of the petitions filed in 2003 that have remained under review.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bennett M. Harman, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Latin America, at (202) 395-9446.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ATPA (19 U.S.C. 3201 *et seq.*), as renewed and amended by the Andean Trade Promotion and Drug Eradication Act of 2002 (ATPDEA) in the Trade Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-210), provides trade benefits for eligible Andean countries. Pursuant to section 3103(d) of the ATPDEA, USTR promulgated regulations (15 CFR part 2016) (68 FR 43922) regarding the review of

eligibility of countries for the benefits of the ATPA, as amended.

In a **Federal Register** notice dated August 17, 2004, USTR initiated the 2004 ATPA Annual Review and announced a deadline of September 15, 2004 for the filing of petitions (69 FR 51138). Several of these petitions requested the review of certain practices in certain beneficiary developing countries regarding compliance with the eligibility criteria set forth in sections 203(c) and (d) and section 204(b)(6)(B) of the ATPA, as amended (19 U.S.C. 3203 (c) and (d); 19 U.S.C. 3203(b)(6)(B)).

In a **Federal Register** notice dated November 15, 2004, USTR published a list of the responsive petitions filed pursuant to the announcement of the annual review (69 FR 65674). The Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) has conducted a preliminary review of these petitions. It has determined that the petition filed by the American Cast Iron Pipe Company concerning Ecuador does not require action and terminates its review.

With respect to the remaining 2004 petitions, the TPSC is modifying the schedule for this review, in accordance with 15 CFR 2016.2(b). The results will be announced on or about May 31, 2005. The TPSC is similarly modifying the date of the announcement of the results of preliminary review for the remaining 2003 petitions to May 31, 2005. Following is the list of all petitions that remain under review:

Peru: Engelhard;
Peru: Princeton Dover;
Peru: LeTourneau;
Peru: Duke Energy;
Ecuador: AFL-CIO; Human Rights Watch; and US/LEAP;
Ecuador: Chevron Texaco;
Ecuador: Electrolux Home Products, Inc.;
Peru: Parsons Corporation.

Carmen Suro-Bredie,

Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Addison and Rutland Counties, VT

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an

environmental impact statement will be prepared for proposed improvements to freight transportation to and from Middlebury, Vermont.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rob Sikora, Environmental Program Manager, Federal Highway Administration, P.O. Box 568, Montpelier, Vermont 05601. Telephone: 802-828-4573.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans), will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposal to improve the transportation of large amounts of industrial materials to and from Middlebury along the U.S. Route 7 corridor.

Improvements in the corridor are considered necessary to provide for existing and projected movement of freight to and from Middlebury via U.S. Route 7. Alternatives under consideration include (1) taking no action; (2) improving existing U.S. Route 7; and (3) adding a new rail line with associated connector tracks and access roads. Incorporated into and studied with the various build alternatives will be design variations of grade and alignment.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have an interest in this proposal. A series of public meetings will be held in Middlebury and other communities along Route 7. In addition, a public hearing will be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meetings and hearing. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing. No formal scoping meeting is planned at this time.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program)

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Environmental Program Manager, Montpelier, Vermont.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: New Hanover County, NC

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for the proposed extension of Independence Boulevard in New Hanover County, North Carolina.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John F. Sullivan, III, PE, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, 310 New Bern Avenue, Ste 410, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-1418, Telephone: (919) 856-4346.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to provide an extension to Independence Boulevard in New Hanover County, North Carolina. The proposed improvement would involve the extension of Independence Boulevard as an urban boulevard with a grass median and partially controlled access between Randall Parkway and Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway for a distance of about 2 miles.

Improvements to the corridor are considered necessary to provide for the existing and projected traffic demand. Also, included in this proposal is the potential construction of a partial cloverleaf interchange at Princess Place (with ramps and loops in the southwest and northeast quadrants, and spanning the CSX Railroad crossing). A trumpet interchange at Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway may also be necessary. Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and to private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. Public meetings will be held in Wilmington, North Carolina throughout the development of the EIS. In addition, a public hearing will be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meetings and