

States, the Government of Canada and the Government of Mexico established *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews* ("Rules"). These Rules were published in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 1994 (59 FR 8686).

A first Request for Panel Review was filed with the United States Section of the NAFTA Secretariat, pursuant to Article 1904 of the Agreement, on November 27, 2002, requesting panel review of the final determination described above.

The Rules provide that:

(a) A Party or interested person may challenge the final determination in whole or in part by filing a Complaint in accordance with Rule 39 within 30 days after the filing of the First Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Complaint is December 27, 2002);

(b) A Party, investigating authority or interested person that does not file a complaint but that intends to appear in support of any reviewable portion of the final determination may participate in the panel review by filing a Notice of Appearance in accordance with Rule 40 within 45 days after the filing of the First Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Notice of Appearance is January 13, 2003); and

(c) The panel review shall be limited to the allegations of error of fact or law, including the jurisdiction of the investigating authority, that are set out in the Complaints filed in the panel review and the procedural and substantive defenses raised in the panel review.

Dated: December 2, 2002.

Caratina L. Alston,

United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.

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THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

2003 National Capital Arts and Cultural Affairs Program

Notice is hereby given that Pub. L. 99-190, as amended, authorizing the National Capital Arts and Cultural Affairs Program, has been funded for 2003 in the amount of \$7,000,000.00. All requests for information and applications for grants should be received by 31 December 2002 and addressed to: Charles H. Atherton, Secretary, Commission of Fine Arts, National Building Museum, Suite 312, 441 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001-2728. *Phone:* (202) 504-2200.

Deadline for receipt of grant applications is March 1, 2003.

This program provides grants for general operating support of organizations whose primary purpose is performing, exhibiting, and/or presenting the arts. To be eligible for a grant, organizations must be located in the District of Columbia, must be non-profit, non-academic institutions of demonstrated national repute, and must have annual incomes, exclusive of federal funds, in excess of one million dollars for each of the past three years.

Charles H. Atherton,

Secretary.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request—Flammability Standards for Carpets and Rugs

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In the **Federal Register** of September 16, 2002 (67 FR 58358), the Consumer Product Safety Commission published a notice in accordance with provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), to announce the agency's intention to seek extension of approval of collections of information in regulations implementing two flammability standards for carpets and rugs. The regulations are codified at 16 CFR parts 1630 and 1631, and prescribe requirements for testing and recordkeeping by persons and firms issuing guaranties of products subject to the Standard for the Surface Flammability of Carpets and Rugs and the Standard for the Surface Flammability of Small Carpets and Rugs.

Two comments were received in response to that notice. The Carpet and Rug Institute ("CRI") commented that the washing requirement in § 1630.4(ii) is not an acceptable method for cleaning carpet materials and suggested that the staff consider the AATCC Test Method 171-2000, "Carpets: Cleaning of; Hot Water Extraction Method," as a more appropriate method for consideration. CRI further commented that the testing and recordkeeping is not a significant burden for the industry when measured against the benefits of consumer protection and product liability.

Shaw Industries, Inc. suggested that § 1630.4(ii) be changed to reference the same AATCC test method and also

commented on the Eli Lilly Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("Lily") discontinuation of methenamine tablets specified as the source of ignition. The CPSC staff is aware that Lily no longer produces the methenamine tablet specified as the ignition source in the standards. The staff is in the process of evaluating methenamine pills from several different manufacturers and developing draft technical amendments to the standards that will provide performance requirements for the ignition source, rather than specifying a manufacturer. The staff will also consider other relevant issues, such as laundering procedures, as appropriate during the amendment process.

After considering these comments, the staff believes it should nevertheless seek approval of the collection of information. Therefore, by publication of this notice, the Commission announces that it has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of approval of those collections of information without change.

Additional Information About the Request for Reinstatement of Approval of Collections of Information

Agency address: Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

Title of information collection: Standard for the Surface Flammability of Carpets and Rugs, 16 CFR Part 1630; Standard for the Surface Flammability of Small Carpets and Rugs, 16 CFR Part 1631.

Type of request: Extension of approval without change.

General description of respondents: Manufacturers and importers of products subject to the flammability standards for carpets and rugs.

Estimated number of respondents: 120.

Estimated average number of hours per respondent: 500 per year.

Estimated number of hours for all respondents: 60,000 per year.

Estimated cost of collection for all respondents: \$1,584,000.

Comments: Comments on this request for extension of approval of information collection requirements should be submitted by January 6, 2003, to (1) the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for CPSC, Office of Management and Budget, Washington DC 20503; telephone: (202) 395-7340, and (2) the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207. Written comments may also be sent to the Office of the Secretary by facsimile at (301

504-0127 or by e-mail at cpssc-os@cpssc.gov.

Copies of this request for extension of the information collection requirements and supporting documentation are available from Linda Glatz, management and program analyst, Office of Planning and Evaluation, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone: (301) 504-0416, ext. 2226.

Dated: November 29, 2002.

Todd A. Stevenson,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science Financial Assistance Program Notice 03-11: Early Career Principal Investigator Program in Applied Mathematics, Collaboratory Research, Computer Science, and High-Performance Networks

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice inviting grant applications.

SUMMARY: The Office of Advanced Scientific Computing Research (ASCR) of the Office of Science (SC), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), hereby announces its interest in receiving applications for grants in support of its Early Career Principal Investigator Program. The purpose of this program is to support research in applied mathematics, collaboratory research, computer science, and networks performed by exceptionally talented scientists and engineers early in their careers. The full text of Program Notice 03-11 is available via the Internet using the following Web site address: <http://www.science.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>.

DATES: To permit timely consideration for award in Fiscal Year 2003, completed applications in response to this notice must be received by February 20, 2003, to be accepted for merit review and funding in Fiscal Year 2003.

ADDRESSES: Formal applications in response to this solicitation are to be electronically submitted by an authorized institutional business official through DOE's Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) at: <http://e-center.doe.gov/>. IIPS provides for the posting of solicitations and receipt of applications in a paperless environment via the Internet. In order to submit applications through IIPS, your business official will need to register at the IIPS

Web site. The Office of Science will include attachments as part of this notice that provide the appropriate forms in PDF fillable format that are to be submitted through IIPS. Color images should be submitted in IIPS as a separate file in PDF format and identified as such. These images should be kept to a minimum due to the limitations of reproducing them. They should be numbered and referred to in the body of the technical scientific grant application as Color image 1, Color image 2, etc. Questions regarding the operation of IIPS may be e-mailed to the IIPS Help Desk at: HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov, or you may call the help desk at: (800) 683-0751. Further information on the use of IIPS by the Office of Science is available at: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>

If you are unable to submit an application through IIPS, please contact the Office of the Director, Grants and Contracts Division, Office of Science, DOE at: (301) 903-5212 in order to gain assistance for submission through IIPS or to receive special approval and instructions on how to submit printed applications.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Samuel J. Barish, Office of Advanced Scientific Computing Research, SC-31/Germantown Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290, telephone: (301) 903-5800, e-mail: sam.barish@science.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Program Mission

The primary mission of the Office of Advanced Scientific Computing Research, which is carried out by the Mathematical, Information, and Computational Sciences (MICS) Division, is to discover, develop, and deploy the computational and networking tools that enable researchers in the scientific disciplines to analyze, model, simulate, and predict complex physical, chemical, and biological phenomena important to DOE. To accomplish this mission, the MICS Division fosters and supports fundamental research in advanced scientific computing applied mathematics, collaboratory research, computer science, and networking—and operates supercomputers, a high performance network, and related facilities. Further descriptions of the base research portion of the MICS portfolio, which is the scope of this Notice, is provided below.

Applied Mathematical Sciences Research

The objective of the applied mathematics component of the MICS research portfolio is to support research on the underlying mathematical understanding as well as the numerical algorithms needed to enable effective description and prediction of physical, chemical, and biological systems such as fluids, materials, magnetized plasmas, or protein molecules. This includes, but is not limited to, methods for solving large systems of partial differential equations on parallel computers, techniques for choosing optimal values for parameters in large systems with hundreds to hundreds of thousands of parameters, improving our understanding of fluid turbulence, and developing techniques for reliably estimating the errors in simulations of complex physical phenomena.

In addition to the existing research topics described, MICS plans to invest in new areas of applied mathematics research to support DOE's mission. Such investments may include research in multiscale algorithms, the mathematics of feature identification in large datasets, asymptotically optimal algorithms for solving PDEs, fast multipole and related hybrid methods, and algorithms for handling complex systems with constraints. The MICS research portfolio in Applied Mathematics emphasizes investment in long-term research that will result in the next generation of computational tools for scientific discovery.

Collaboratory Research

Collaboratories link geographically dispersed researchers, data, and tools via high performance networks to enable remote access to facilities, access to large datasets, shared environments, and ease of collaboration. The objective of the collaboratory component of the MICS portfolio is to support research for developing the software infrastructure that will enable universal, ubiquitous, easy access to remote resources or that will contribute to the ease with which distributed teams work together. Enabling high performance for distributed scientific applications is an important consideration. The middleware component for collaboratories encompasses activities in

- Building the application frameworks that allow discipline scientists to express and manage the simulation, analysis, and data management aspects of overall problem solving