

*abstract*: Primary: Individuals or households. Other: None. The application form is submitted voluntarily, once a year by law students and judicial law clerks who will be in this applicant pool only once; the revision to this collection concerns two additional forms required to be submitted only by those applicants who were selected to be interviewed by DOJ components. Both of these forms seek information in order to prepare both the official Travel Authorizations prior to the interviewees' performing pre-employment interview travel (as defined by 41 CFR 301-1.3), and the official Travel Vouchers after the travel is completed. The first new form is the Travel Survey—used by the Department in scheduling travel and/or hotel accommodations, which in turn provides the estimated travel costs required by the Travel Authorization form. The second new form is a simple Reimbursement Form—the interviewees are asked to provide their travel costs and/or hotel accommodations (if applicable) in order for the Department to prepare the Travel Vouchers required before these interviewees can be reimbursed by the Department for the authorized costs they incurred during this pre-employment interview travel.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply*: It is estimated that 5000 respondents will complete the application in approximately 1 hour per application. The revised burden would include 600 respondents who will complete the travel survey in approximately 10 minutes per form, and 600 respondents who will complete the reimbursement form in approximately 10 minutes per form.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection*: The estimated revised total annual public burden associated with this application is 5200 hours.

If additional information is required contact Lynn Bryant, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Suite 1600, 601 D Street NW., Washington, DC 20530.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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### Civil Rights Division; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Requested

**ACTION:** 60-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The Department of Justice (DOJ), CRT will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for "sixty days" until March 9, 2010. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

If you have comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Robert S. Berman, U.S. Department of Justice, Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., 7243 NWB, Washington, DC 20530.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

—Evaluate 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;

—Evaluate 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;

—Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

—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.

## Overview of this Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection*: Extension of a currently approved collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection*: Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

(3) *Agency form number*: None.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract*: Primary: State or Local or Tribal Government. Other: None.

Abstract: Jurisdictions specially covered under the Voting Rights Act are required to comply with Section 5 of the Act before they may implement any change in a standard, practice, or procedure affecting voting. One option for such compliance is to submit that change to Attorney General for review and establish that the proposed voting changes are not racially discriminatory. The procedures facilitate the provision of information that will enable the Attorney General to make the required determination.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond*: It is estimated that 4,109 respondents will complete each form within approximately 10.02 hours.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection*: There are an estimated 41,172 total annual burden hours associated with this collection.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA")

Notice is hereby given that on December 22, 2009 a proposed consent decree ("proposed Decree") in *United States v. Thoro Products Company*, Civil Action No. 04-M-2330, was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Colorado.