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## **FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

### **Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission Under Delegated Authority**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995. Comments are requested concerning whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

**DATES:** Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all PRA comments to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov) <<mailto:PRA@fcc.gov>> and to [Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov](mailto:Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov) <<mailto:Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov>>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information about the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418-2918.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**OMB Control No.:** 3060-1013.

**Title:** Mitigation of Orbital Debris.

**Form No.:** N/A.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents:** Business or other for-profit.

**Number of Respondents:** 53 respondents; 53 responses.

**Estimated Time per Response:** 3 hours.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion reporting requirement; Third party disclosure

requirement.

**Obligation to Respond:** Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for this

collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 301, 303, 308, 309 and 310.

**Total Annual Burden:** 159 hours.

**Annual Cost Burden:** \$102,025.

**Privacy Act Impact Assessment:** No impact(s).

**Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:** In general, there is no need for confidentiality with this collection of information.

**Needs and Uses:** This collection will be submitted as an extension (no change in reporting or recordkeeping requirements) after this 60-day comment period to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in order to obtain the full three year clearance.

Disclosure of debris mitigation plans as part of requests for FCC authorization will help preserve the United States' continued affordable access to space, the continued provision of reliable U.S. space-based services-including communications and remote sensing satellite services for the U.S. commercial, government, and homeland security purposes-as well as the continued safety of persons and property in space and on the surface of the Earth. Disclosure of debris mitigation plans will allow the Commission and potentially affected third parties to evaluate satellite operators' debris mitigation plans prior to the issuance of a FCC approval for communications activities in space. Disclosure may also aid in the wider dissemination of information concerning debris mitigation techniques and may provide a base-line of information that will aid in

analyzing and refining those techniques. Without disclosure of orbital debris mitigation plans as part of applications for FCC authority, the Commission would be denied any opportunity to ascertain whether satellite operators are in fact considering and adopting reasonable debris mitigation practices, which could result in an increase in orbital debris and a decrease in the utility of space for communications and other uses. Furthermore, the effects of collisions involving orbital debris can be catastrophic and may cause significant damage to functional spacecraft or to persons or property on the surface of the Earth, if the debris re-enters the Earth's atmosphere in an uncontrolled manner.

Federal Communications Commission.

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Secretary,

Office of the Secretary,

Office of Managing Director.

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