



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[OMB Number 1117-0007]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Registrant Record of Controlled Substances Destroyed

AGENCY: Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice.

ACTION: 30-day notice.

SUMMARY: The Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice (DOJ), 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. This proposed information collection was previously published in the *Federal Register* on October 26, 2023, allowing for a 60-day comment period.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 30 days until [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: 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 Scott A. Brinks, Regulatory Drafting and Policy Support Section, Drug Enforcement Administration; Mailing Address: 8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152; Telephone: (571) 362-3261; email: DPW@dea.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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/or
- 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.

Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function and entering either the title of the information collection or the OMB Control Number 1117-0007. This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Justice, information collections currently under review by OMB.

DOJ seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. The DOJ notes that information collection requirements submitted to the OMB for existing ICRs receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

Overview of this information collection:

1. Type of Information Collection: Extension of a currently approved collection.
2. Title of the Form/Collection: Registrant Record of Controlled Substances Destroyed.
3. Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection: DEA Form 41. The applicable component within the Department of Justice is the Drug Enforcement Administration, Diversion Control Division.

4. Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:

Affected public (Primary): Private Sector—business or other for-profit.

Affected public (Other): Not-for-profit institutions; Federal, State, local, and tribal governments.

Abstract: In accordance with the Controlled Substance Act (CSA), every DEA registrant must make a biennial inventory and maintain, on a current basis, a complete and accurate record of each controlled substance manufactured, received, sold, delivered, or otherwise disposed of. 21 U.S.C. 827 and 958. These records must be maintained separately from all other records of the registrant or, alternatively, in the case of non-narcotic controlled substances, be in such form that required information is readily retrievable from the ordinary business records of the registrant per 21 U.S.C. 827(b)(2). The records must be kept and be available for at least two years for inspection and copying by officers or employees of the United States authorized by the Attorney General. 21 U.S.C. 827(b)(3). The records must be in accordance with and contain such relevant information as may be required by regulations promulgated by DEA. 21 U.S.C. 827(b)(1). These record requirements help to deter and detect diversion of controlled substances and ensure that registrants remain accountable for all controlled substances within their possession and/or control.

5. Obligation to Respond: Mandatory per 21 CFR 1314.
6. Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 92,832.
7. Estimated Time per Respondent: 30 minutes for DEA Form 41.
8. Frequency: DEA Form 41 is 1 per year.
9. Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 46,416 hours.
10. Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$0.

If additional information is required, contact: Darwin Arceo, Department Clearance Officer, Policy and Planning Staff, Justice Management Division, United States Department of Justice,

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