



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

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### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget; The William T. Pecora Award Application and Nomination Process

**AGENCY:** Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is proposing to renew an existing information collection without change.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. Please provide a copy of your comments by mail to USGS, Information Collections Clearance Officer, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 159, Reston, VA 20192 or by email to [gs-info\\_collections@usgs.gov](mailto:gs-info_collections@usgs.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1028-0101 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this information collection request (ICR), contact Sarah Cook by email at [scook@usgs.gov](mailto:scook@usgs.gov) or by telephone at 703-648-6136. Individuals in the United

States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We provide the general public and other federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

A *Federal Register* notice with a 60-day public comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on November 24, 2023 (88 FR 82395). No comments were received.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we are again soliciting comments from the public and other Federal agencies on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

(1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) How the agency might 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 response.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII) in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your PII from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

*Abstract:* The Pecora Award was established in compliance with the following authorities:

- Department of the Interior's Appropriations Act of 1992 (sec. 115 of H. R. 2686, Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1992)
- President Obama's "Guidance on the Use of Challenges and Prizes to Promote Open Government" March 8, 2010.
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
  - Agency-Funded and Agency-Administered Prizes: NASA (42 U.S.C. 2459f-1)
  - 42 U.S.C. 2457, The National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958, as amended
  - 42 U.S.C. 2458, The National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958, as amended
  - 5 CFR part 451, Awards

The William T. Pecora Award is presented annually to individuals or teams using satellite or aerial remote sensing that make outstanding contributions toward understanding the Earth (land, oceans, and air), educating the next generation of scientists; informing decision makers; or supporting natural or human-induced disaster response. The award is sponsored jointly by the Department of the Interior and NASA.

The award was established in 1974 to honor the memory of Dr. William T. Pecora, former director of the U.S. Geological Survey and Under Secretary, Department of the Interior. Dr. Pecora was a motivating force behind the establishment of a program for civil remote sensing of the Earth from space. His early vision and support helped establish what we know today as the Landsat satellite program. The purpose of the award is to recognize individuals or groups working in the field of remote sensing of the Earth. National and international nominations are accepted from public and private sector individuals, teams, organizations, and professional societies.

Nomination packages include three sections: a cover sheet, a summary statement, and supplemental materials. The cover sheet includes professional contact information. The summary statement is limited to two pages and describes the nominee's achievements in the scientific and technical remote sensing community; contributions leading to successful practical applications of remote sensing; and/or major breakthroughs in remote sensing science or technology. Nominations may include up to 12 pages of supplemental materials such as a resume, a publications list, letters of endorsement, etc., which highlight the specific individual or group's achievements. These should be peer-reviewed and documented in industry-recognized and scientifically credible publications.

*Title of Collection:* The William T. Pecora Award Application and

Nomination Process.

*OMB Control Number:* 1028-0101

*Form Number:* None.

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

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals, businesses, and other academic and non-profit institutions; and state, local, and Tribal governments.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 12.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 12.

*Estimated Completion Time per Response:* 6 hours

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 72 hours.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Frequency of Collection:* Annually.

*Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:* None.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, nor is a person is required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

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