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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection Activities: Form N-470; Extension  
of a Currently Approved Information Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: 30-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Form N-  
470, Application To Preserve Residence for Naturalization; Form N-470.  
OMB Control No. 1615-0056.

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The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and  
Immigration Services (USCIS) has submitted the following information  
collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for  
review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of  
1995. The information collection was previously published in the  
Federal Register on June 2, 2009, at 74 FR 26411, allowing for a 60-day  
public comment period. USCIS did not receive any comments.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for  
public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until  
October 28, 2009. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR  
1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained  
in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and  
associated response time, should be directed to the Department of  
Homeland Security (DHS), and to the Office of Information and  
Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), USCIS Desk  
Officer. Comments may be submitted to: USCIS, Chief, Regulatory  
Products Division, Clearance Office, 111 Massachusetts Avenue,  
Washington, DC 20529-2210. Comments may also be submitted to DHS via  
facsimile to 202-272-8352 or via e-mail at [rfs.regs@dhs.gov](mailto:rfs.regs@dhs.gov), and to the  
OMB USCIS Desk Officer via facsimile at 202-395-5806 or via e-mail at  
[oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov).

When submitting comments by e-mail, please make sure to add OMB  
Control No. 1615-0056 in the subject box. Written comments and  
suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or  
more of the following four points:

- (1) 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;
- (2) 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;
- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to  
be collected; and
- (4) 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 currently approved information collection.

(2) Title of the Form/Collection: Application To Preserve Residence for Naturalization.

(3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection: Form N-470. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Individuals or households. The information furnished on this form will be used to determine whether an alien who intends to be absent from the United States for a period of one year or more is eligible to preserve residence for naturalization purposes.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 375 responses at 35 minutes (.583) per response.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 219 annual burden hours.

If you need a copy of the information collection instrument, please visit the Web site at: <http://www.regulations.gov/>.

We may also be contacted at: USCIS, Regulatory Products Division, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20529-2210, Telephone number 202-272-8377.

Dated: September 22, 2009.

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