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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection Activities: Form N-445; Extension
of an Existing Information Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: 60-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review; Form N-
445, Notice of Naturalization Oath Ceremony; OMB Control No. 1615-0054.

The Department Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration
Services (USCIS) has submitted the following information collection
request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork
Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection is published to
obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are
encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days until December 21, 2009.

During this 60 day period, USCIS will be evaluating whether to
revise the Form N-445. Should USCIS decide to revise Form N-445 we will
advise the public when we publish the 30-day notice in the Federal
Register in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. The public
will then have 30 days to comment on any revisions to the Form N-445.

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), USCIS, Chief, Regulatory Products Division,
Clearance Officer, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., 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. When submitting comments by e-
mail, please make sure to add OMB Control No. 1615-0054 in the subject
box. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected
agencies concerning the collection of information 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 agencies 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 an existing information collection.

(2) Title of the Form/Collection: Notice of Naturalization Oath Ceremony.

(3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection: Form N-445; U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

(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 Form N-445 refers to events that may have occurred since the applicant's initial interview and prior to the administration of the oath of allegiance. Several months may elapse between these dates and the information that is provided assists the officer to make and render an appropriate decision on the application.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 650,000 responses at 10 minutes (.166) per response.

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(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 107,900 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: October 16, 2009.

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Chief, Regulatory Products Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.
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