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Memorandum

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Subject: Request for Emergency Clearance

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) requests emergency review of an information collection request associated with the a notice, "Request for Comments on Incentivizing Humanitarian Technologies and Licensing Through the Intellectual Property System." The USPTO published this notice in the Federal Register September 20, 2010.

The collection of information associated with this incentive program is needed prior to the time period established by 5 CFR 1320. The importance of humanitarian innovation is unquestioned. The USPTO is an international leader in promoting innovation, and this program will be a valuable incentive for entities to pursue humanitarian technologies or licensing.

To delay implementation of this program while ordinary PRA clearances are obtained would cause undue public harm.

The USPTO asks OMB to conclude its review of this information collection request by Friday, April 29, 2011. Thank you for your consideration and assistance in this manner.