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Office of Management and Budget
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
725 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Madame/Sir:

Pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 1320.13 (a) (2), the Department of State's Office of Medical Services requests the OMB authorize the emergency processing of DS-6570 Pre-Deployment Physical Exam Acknowledgement Form.

The information requested on the DS-6570 is required in order to make appropriate medical clearance decisions for the "Employee Self-Certification and Ability To Perform In Emergencies" (ESCAPE) program. The goal of that program is to ensure that personnel who are bidding on a position at an ESCAPE post (currently located in Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, and Yemen) are capable of the unique, potentially challenging and life-threatening conditions there, and that any individual seeking assignment to an ESCAPE post, as well as any employee on Tour Of Duty (TDY) assignment totaling more than 45 days in one calendar year, is capable of performing certain emergency safety functions. In the past, a number of personnel have not been able to successfully complete their assignments to these posts because of medical or physical limitations. The use of this form will identify these conditions prior to deployment that put not only these employees at risk but also post personnel and property.

The Department of State's Office of Medical Services requests emergency OMB approval to implement this collection process prior to the next group of personnel being deployed to ESCAPE posts in June of this year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Behzad Shahbazian".

Behzad Shahbazian, D.O.
Director of Clinical Services