

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES
Supporting Statement
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION ON WATER QUALITY CONSIDERATIONS
ATF F 5000.30

A. Justification

1. A person engaged in the business of manufacturing explosives is required to have a license under the provisions of 18 U.S.C 843. The application process involves submission of ATF 5400.13/16 (Application for Explosive License or Permit) in order to determine if criteria established under statutory authority are met by the applicant. In addition, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 USC 1341, authorizes the execution of the Supplemental Information on Water Quality Considerations, ATF 5000.30, during the application process in order to ensure compliance with the Act.
2. The data provided by the applicant on ATF F 5000.30, Supplemental Information on Water Quality Considerations, allows ATF to identify waste product(s) generated as a result of the operations and the disposal of the products into navigable waters. The information is then reviewed in order to determine if there is any adverse impact on the environment. Information may be disclosed to other Federal, State and local law enforcement and regulatory personnel to verify information on the form and to aid in the enforcement of environmental laws.
3. The form will be available on the ATF website however, the form cannot be completed online as it requires an original signature. The form may be scanned and emailed to FELC@atf.gov, faxed to 304-616-4401 or mailed back to ATF. ATF has no policy objections to authorizing an electronic signature for the Supplemental Water Quality form, or its other industry forms. However, technical and funding barriers currently prevent ATF from implementing an electronic filing option for more than just a handful of industry forms. ATF has prioritized at least 12-15 other forms with broader usage that will take precedence over the Water Quality form in order to give eForms the greatest positive effect. The Water Quality form is very limited in usage relative to other industry forms being developed for electronic signature and submission. The form will be available on the ATF website. ATF cannot commit to having this form fully electronic in three years, although it will continue to seek ways to fund the conversion of existing applications to electronic format.

4. ATF uses uniform subject classification system to identify duplication and to ensure that any similar information already available cannot be used or modified for use the purpose of this information collection.

5. The collection of information does not have specific impact on small businesses other than that required of all size businesses.

6. The consequence of not conducting this information collection would result in waste disposal that may not be in accordance with standards established in the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

7. There is no special circumstance as this information collection is consistent with 5 CFR 1320.6.

8. No comments were received for the 60-day Federal Register Notice. However, a 30-day FR notice was recently published to solicit public comments.

9. No payment or gift is associated with this collection.

10. The information is kept in a secured location at the Federal Explosives Licensing Center. Confidentiality is not assured.

11. No questions of a sensitive nature are asked.

12. The number of respondents associated with this collection is 680. Each respondent completes the form one time. The total number of responses is 680 and the time necessary to complete the form is 30 minutes. The total annual burden is 340 hours.

13. The estimated annual cost associated with this form involves 680 respondents who send the form as part of the application. The postage rate is 45 cents. $680 \times .45 = \$306.00$, if all mail it in, less if faxed or scanned. This change in cost from previous collections is due to a postal rate increase.

14. The cost to the Federal government is \$4,000.00

15. There are no program changes or adjustments associated with this collection.

16. The results of this collection will not be published.

17. ATF does not request approval to not display the expiration date of OMB approval for this collection.

18. There are no exceptions to the certification statement.

B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods.

None.