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Subject : (U) Emergency Request under the Paperwork Reduction Act for a New Information Collection Implementing State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Counter-UAS Authority under 6 U.S.C. § 124n(a)(2) (SAFER SKIES Act)

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, on behalf of the Department of Justice and jointly with the Department of Homeland Security, requests emergency clearance under 5 CFR § 1320.13 for a new information collection that supports an interim final rule implementing 6 U.S.C. § 124n(a)(2). Section 124n(a)(2), added by the SAFER SKIES Act, extends counter-UAS authority to state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) law enforcement and correctional agencies. The collection consists of the coordination, authorization, reporting, and recordkeeping submissions the rule requires of those agencies, including the C-UAS Operations Plan (C-UAS-OPLAN), the Advance Notification (C-UAS-AN), the Notice of Intent (C-UAS-NOI), the Post-Operation Report (C-UAS-POR), the Semiannual Operational Summary (C-UAS-SOS), and the Implementation Policy Portal Attestation (C-UAS-PPA), together with the recordkeeping and retention requirements of § 124.14.

The collection is essential to the mission of the agency within the meaning of 5 CFR § 1320.13(a)(1)(ii). The submissions are the means by which the federal government deconflicts SLTT counter-UAS operations with federal counter-UAS, law enforcement, and national security operations, coordinates airspace use with the Federal Aviation Administration and spectrum use with the Federal Communications Commission, and verifies that mitigation

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operations are authorized and conducted by trained and certified operators. Without an approved collection in place when the rule takes effect, the rule's coordination and oversight framework cannot function and the authority cannot be exercised safely.

The collection is needed before the expiration of the time periods established under the normal clearance procedures of 5 CFR Part 1320. The Department is issuing the interim final rule on a compressed schedule tied to a near-term national period of heightened activity, including the United States Semiquincentennial. Use of the normal clearance procedures is reasonably likely to prevent or disrupt the collection during this period. See 5 CFR § 1320.13(a)(2)(iii). Agencies cannot lawfully be required to submit the coordination and reporting information until clearance is complete, which would leave operations unsupported by the federal deconfliction, airspace, and spectrum coordination the submissions provide.

Public harm is also reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. See 5 CFR § 1320.13(a)(2)(i). Counter-UAS operations conducted without the coordination data these submissions carry present risks to manned aviation, to spectrum-dependent services, and to concurrent federal operations. The report due within 48 hours of a mitigation action is required by statute, 6 U.S.C. § 124n(d)(2)(C), and supports immediate notification of unintended consequences such as interference with aviation.

The Department has taken practical steps to minimize burden. See 5 CFR § 1320.13(c). The collection uses a single electronic submission that routes to all federal recipients, standardized forms that may incorporate prior submissions by reference, consolidated reporting formats, and online training at no cost. The Department developed the collection in coordination with the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration, and the Federal Communications Commission.

The Department understands that an emergency approval under 5 CFR § 1320.13 is effective for six months. Concurrent with this request, the Department will seek regular clearance for the

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collection, publish the notice required by 5 CFR § 1320.8(d),  
and address any public comments received.

In conclusion, the FBI respectfully requests that OMB conduct  
emergency clearance and approve this new information collection  
within 10 calendar days of receipt of this request.

Attachments:

1. 6 U.S.C. § 124n (post-SAFER SKIES), relevant subsections
2. SAFER SKIES SLTT Counter-UAS interim final rule (information  
collection provisions)
3. Supporting Statement A
4. OMB Form 83-I
5. Collection instruments: C-UAS-OPLAN (Operations Plan), C-  
UAS-AN (Advance Notification), C-UAS-NOI (Notice of Intent), C-  
UAS-POR (Post-Operation Report), C-UAS-SOS (Semiannual  
Operational Summary), C-UAS-PPA (Implementation Policy Portal  
Attestation)
6. Information Collection Request-Privacy Assessments (ICR-PA),  
one for each instrument, including the severable training and  
certification instrument

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