

survey. It will be collected in written form.

III. Data

OMB Number: N/A.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 4.0 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 8,000 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: No cost other than the respondents' time to complete the survey.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 29, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Request for public comment on the potential market impact of proposed revisions to certain material quantities under the FY 1999 Annual Materials Plan (AMP) of National Defense Stockpile disposals.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise the public that the National Defense Stockpile Market Impact Committee seeks comments from the public concerning the potential market impact of the Department of Defense's planned disposals of excess materials currently held in the National Defense Stockpile. The FY 1999 AMP materials under review are Graphite (All), Columbium (Ferro), Bauxite (refractory, Jamaican, and Surinam), Tantalum (Carbide Powder), and Aluminum Oxide (Fused Crude).

DATE: Comments must be received by July 6, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Richard V. Meyers, Co-Chair, Stockpile Market Impact Committee, Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security, Room 3876, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; FAX (202) 482-5650.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard V. Meyers, Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3634; or Stephen H. Muller, Office of International Energy and Commodity Policy, U.S. Department of State, (202) 647-3423; co-chairs of the National Defense Stockpile Market Impact Committee.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the authority of the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act of 1979, as amended, (50 U.S.C. 98 *et seq.*), the Department of Defense (DOD), as National Defense Stockpile Manager, maintains a stockpile of strategic and critical materials to supply the military, industrial, and essential civilian needs of the United States for national defense. Section 3314 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 1993 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) (50 U.S.C. 98h-1) formally established a Market Impact Committee (the Committee) to

"advise the National Defense Stockpile Manager on the projected domestic and foreign economic effects of all acquisitions and disposals of materials from the stockpile * * *." The Committee must also balance market impact concerns with the statutory requirement to protect the Government against avoidable loss.

The Committee is comprised of representatives from the Departments of Commerce, State, Agriculture, Defense, Energy, Interior, Treasury and the Federal Emergency Management Agency and is co-chaired by the Departments of Commerce and State. The FY 1993 NDAA directs the Committee to "consult from time to time with representatives of producers, processors and consumers of the types of materials stored in the stockpile."

Because of current industry demand and favorable market conditions, DOD has requested the Committee to consider proposed revisions to AMP disposal levels for Graphite (All), Columbium (Ferro), Bauxite (refractory, Jamaican, and Surinam), Tantalum (Carbide Powder), and Aluminum Oxide (Fused Crude) from the National Defense Stockpile in Fiscal Year (FY) 1999. In order for the Committee to obtain sufficient information to prepare its recommendations to DOD, the Committee requests that interested parties provide comment on the potential market impact of the proposed revised disposals of these commodities.

Included with the AMP listing of materials below are the proposed maximum disposal quantity for each material. These quantities are not sales target disposal quantities. They are only a statement of the proposed maximum disposal quantity of each material that may be sold in a particular fiscal year. The quantity of each material that will actually be offered for sale will depend on the market for the material at the time as well as on the quantity of material approved for disposal by Congress.

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO FISCAL YEAR 1999 AMP

Material	Units	Current FY 1999 quantity	Revised FY 1999 quantity
Aluminum Oxide (Fused Crude)	ST	30,000	65,000
Bauxite (Jamaican)	LDT	1,200,000	2,000,000
Bauxite (Refractory)	LCT	80,000	90,000

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO FISCAL YEAR 1999 AMP—Continued

Material	Units	Current FY 1999 quantity	Revised FY 1999 quantity
Bauxite (Surinam)	LDT	800,000	1,500,000
Columbium (Ferro)	Lb Cb	200,000	400,000
Graphite (All)	ST	2,660	3,760
Tantalum (Carbide Powder)	Lb Ta	2,000	4,000

The Committee requests that interested parties provide written comments, supporting data and documentation, and any other relevant information on the potential market impact of the sale of these commodities. Although comments in response to this Notice must be received by July 6, 1998 to ensure full consideration by the Committee, interested parties are encouraged to submit additional comments and supporting information at any time thereafter to keep the Committee informed as to the market impact of the sale of these commodities. Public comment is an important element of the Committee's market impact review process.

Public comments received will be made available at the Department of Commerce for public inspection and copying. Material that is national security classified or business confidential will be exempted from public disclosure. Anyone submitting business confidential information should clearly identify the business confidential portion of the submission and also provide a non-confidential submission that can be placed in the public file. Communications from agencies of the United States Government will not be made available for public inspection.

The public record concerning this notice will be maintained in the Bureau of Export Administration's Records Inspection Facility, Room 4525, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone (202) 482-5653. The records in this facility may be inspected and copied in accordance with the regulations published in Part 4 of Title 15 of the Code of Federal Regulations (15 CFR 4.1 *et seq.*).

Information about the inspection and copying of records at the facility may be obtained from Ms. Margaret Cornejo, the Bureau of Export Administration's Freedom of Information Officer, at the above address and telephone number.

Dated: May 29, 1998.

William J. Denk,

Acting Director, Strategic Industries and Economic Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Overseas Business Interest Questionnaire; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 3, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Request for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to: Thomas Nisbet, Trade Development, Office of Export Promotion Coordination, Room 2013, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; Phone number: (202) 482-5657, and fax number: (202) 482-1999.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This collection allows U.S. firms participating in overseas trade events sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration (ITA) an opportunity to specifically identify their marketing objective for a specific event as well as current marketing activities and status in the specific foreign markets where

the event will take place. The U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service/ITA overseas posts use the information to schedule business appointments during the trade event, arrange "blue ribbon" calls on key agents or distributors identified by participants prior to an event, and to issue specific show invitations appropriate prospective overseas business partners. It is critical to prearrange business appointments thus providing U.S. participants with a program of high caliber business appointments.

II. Method of Data Collection

Form ITA-471P is sent by request to U.S. firms. Applicant firms complete the form and forward it to the appropriate Department of Commerce trade event manager.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0625-0039.

Form Number: ITA-471P.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit companies; small to medium sized businesses or organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 490 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Costs: The estimated annual cost for this collection is \$20,000.00 (\$18,000.00 for respondents and \$2,000.00 for federal government).

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and costs) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or forms of information technology.