

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Notice of Agreement Under the Comprehensive Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA)**

AGENCY: Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement agreement; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 122(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9622(i), notice is hereby given of a proposed administrative settlement between the United States, on behalf of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, and Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO) for the recovery of costs incurred by the United States in responding to the release or threatened release of hazardous substances at and from the Cashman Mill Site (Site), near Skykomish, King County, Washington. The Forest Service has incurred costs investigating conditions, analyzing cleanup alternatives and overseeing ARCO's work at the Site. In 1997, ARCO removed flue dust and associated contaminated soil from the Site. Under the proposed settlement ARCO will also remove contaminated material from another portion of the Site. ARCO and the Forest Service will each bear their respective costs, while retaining the right to recover those costs from persons not parties to the settlement.

DATES: Comments must be received, in writing, on or before September 11, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this proposed settlement agreement may be sent to: James E. Alexander, USDA Office of General Counsel, Room 1734 Federal Building, 1220 SW 3rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204-2825, and should refer to the Cashman Mill Site, Skykomish, King County, Washington. A copy of the proposed settlement agreement may be obtained by mail from Mary Grove, USDA Office of General Counsel, Room 1734 Federal Building, 1220 SW 3rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204-2825.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James E. Alexander, USDA Office of General Counsel, Room 1734 Federal Building, 1220 SW 3rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204-2825.

Dated: August 6, 2003.

Linda D. Goodman,

Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service, Region 6.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), Commerce.

Title: Annual Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad.

Form Number(s): BE-11.

Agency Approval Number: 0608-0053.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection without any change in the substance or in the method of collection.

Burden: 118,400 hours.

Number of Respondents: 1,600.

Avg Hours Per Response: 74 hours.

Needs and Uses: The survey provides a variety of measures of the overall operations of nonbank U.S. parent companies and their nonbank foreign affiliates, including total assets, sales, net income, employment and employee compensation, taxes, research and development expenditures, and exports and imports of goods. The survey is a cut-off sample survey that covers all foreign affiliates (and their U.S. parent companies) above a size-exemption level. The sample data are used to derive universe estimates in nonbenchmark years by extrapolating forward similar data reported in the BE-10, Benchmark Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad, which is taken once every five years. The data are needed to measure the size and economic significance of direct investment abroad, measure changes in such investment, and assess its impact on the U.S. and foreign economies.

The data from the survey are primarily intended as general purpose statistics. They should be readily available to answer any number of research and policy questions related to U.S. direct investment abroad. Policy areas of particular and lasting interest are trade in goods and services, employment and employee compensation, taxes, and technology.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit institutions.

Frequency: Annual.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 22 U.S.C., sections 3101-3108, as amended.

OMB Desk Officer: Paul Bugg, (202) 395-3093.

You may obtain copies of the above information collection proposal by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov, ((202) 482-0266).

Send comments on the proposed information collection within 30 days of publication of this notice to Paul Bugg, OMB Desk Officer, via the Internet at pbugg@omb.eop.gov or by fax (202) 395-7245.

Dated: August 6, 2003.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request**

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), Commerce.

Title: Direct Transactions of U.S. Reporter with Foreign Affiliate.

Form Number(s): BE-577.

Agency Approval Number: 0608-0004.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection without any change in the substance or in the method of collection.

Burden: 67,500 hours.

Number of Respondents: 13,500 respondents, 4 responses each per year.

Avg Hours Per Response: 1¼ hours.

Needs and Uses: The survey obtains quarterly sample data on transactions and positions between U.S.-owned foreign business enterprises and their U.S. parent companies. The survey is a cut-off sample survey that covers all foreign affiliates above a size-exemption level. The sample data are used to derive universe estimates in nonbenchmark years by extrapolating forward similar data reported in the BE-10, Benchmark Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad, which is taken