

IV. Request for Comments

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Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for the Office of Management and Budget approval of this information collection. They also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 16, 2007.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U.S. Census Bureau

Construction Progress Reporting Surveys (CPRS)

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or 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 January 22, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dhynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Michael Davis, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 2125, Building

#4, Washington, DC 20233-6900, (301) 763-1605, (or via the Internet at michael.davis@census.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau plans to request a three year extension of a currently approved collection for forms C-700, Private Construction Projects; C-700(R), Multifamily Residential Projects; and C-700(SL), State and Local Government Projects. These forms are used to conduct the Construction Progress Reporting Surveys (CPRS) to collect information on the dollar value of construction put in place on building projects under construction by private companies or individuals, private multifamily residential buildings, and on building projects under construction by state and local governments.

The Census Bureau is the preeminent collector and provider of timely, relevant and quality data about the people and economy of the United States. Economic data are the Census Bureau's primary program commitment during nondecennial census years. The Form C-700, Private Construction Projects collects construction put in place data for nonresidential projects owned by private companies or individuals. The Form C-700(R), Multifamily Residential Projects collects construction put in place data for private multifamily residential buildings. Form C-700(SL), State and Local Government Projects, collects construction put in place data for state and local government projects.

The Census Bureau uses the information from these surveys to publish the value of construction put in place series. Published estimates are used by a variety of private business and trade associations to estimate the demand for building materials and to schedule production, distribution, and sales efforts. They also provide various governmental agencies with a tool to evaluate economic policy and to measure progress towards established goals. For example, Bureau of Economic Analysis staff use data to develop the construction components of gross private domestic investment in the gross domestic product. The Federal Reserve Board and the Department of Treasury use the value in place data to predict the gross domestic product, which is presented to the Board of Governors and has an impact on monetary policy.

II. Method of Collection

An independent systematic sample of projects is selected each month according to predetermined sampling

rates. Once a project is selected it remains in the sample until completion of the project. Preprinted forms are mailed monthly to respondents to fill in current month data and any revisions to previous months. Some respondents are later called by a Census Bureau interviewer and report the data over the phone. We use a computer-assisted interview process identified as Call Scheduler. This is part of a database system that not only alerts the Census interviewer to call a respondent at a predetermined date and time, but also allows them to enter responses on-line at which time the data are electronically edited for accuracy and consistency. Having the information available from a database at the time of the interview greatly helps reduce the time respondents spend on the phone.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0153.

Form Number: C-700, C-700(R), C-700(SL).

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals, Businesses or Other for Profit, Not-for-Profit Institutions, Small Businesses or Organizations, and State or Local Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

C-700 = 8,500.

C-700(R) = 2,500.

C-700(SL) = 8,500.

TOTAL = 19,500.

Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes per month.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:

C-700 = 25,500.

C-700(R) = 7,500.

C-700(SL) = 25,500.

TOTAL = 58,500.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: 3.8 million.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Section 182.

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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: November 16, 2006.

Madeleine Clayton,

Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

Order No. 1489

Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 231, Stockton, California, Area

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Stockton Port District, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 231, submitted an application to the Board for authority to expand FTZ 231-Site 2 to include additional acreage and to expand the zone to include additional sites in Stockton and Tracy, California, within and adjacent to the San Francisco/Oakland/Sacramento Customs port of entry (FTZ Docket 25-2006; filed 6/14/06);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 35610, 6/21/06) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations; and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and Board's regulations are satisfied, and that the proposal is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The application to expand FTZ 231 is approved, subject to the Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28, and further subject to the Board's standard 2,000-acre activation limit for the overall general-purpose zone project.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 9th day of November 2006.

David M. Spooner,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board

Attest:

Pierre V. Duy,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1488]

Approval for Expansion of Subzone 149C, ConocoPhillips Company (Oil Refinery), Sweeny, Texas

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Brazos River Harbor Navigation District (Port Freeport), grantee of FTZ 149, has requested authority on behalf of ConocoPhillips Company (COP), to expand the scope of manufacturing activity conducted under zone procedures within Subzone 149C at the COP refinery in Sweeny, Texas (FTZ Docket 9-2006, filed 3/6/2006);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 13077, 3/14/2006);

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and Board's regulations would be satisfied, and that approval of the application would be in the public interest if approval is subject to the conditions listed below;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The application to expand the scope of manufacturing authority under zone procedures within Subzone 149C, is approved, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28, and subject to the following conditions:

1. Foreign status (19 CFR § 146.41, 146.42) products consumed as fuel for the petrochemical complex shall be subject to the applicable duty rate.
2. Privileged foreign status (19 CFR § 146.41) shall be elected on all foreign merchandise admitted to the subzone, except that non-privileged foreign (NPF) status (19 CFR § 146.42) may be elected on refinery inputs covered under HTSUS

Subheadings #2709.00.10, #2709.00.20, #2710.11.25, #2710.11.45, #2710.19.05, #2710.19.10, #2710.19.45, #2710.91.00, #2710.99.05, #2710.99.10, #2710.99.16, #2710.99.21 and #2710.99.45 which are used in the production of: -petrochemical feedstocks (examiners report, Appendix "C"); -products for export; -and, products eligible for entry under HTSUS tnum; 9808.00.30 and tnum; 9808.00.40 (U.S. Government purchases).

Signed at Washington, DC, this 9th day of November 2006.

David M. Spooner,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Attest:

Pierre V. Duy,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Foreign Fishing Vessels Operating in Internal Waters

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

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DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before January 22, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Robert Dickinson, 301-713-2276 or Bob.Dickinson@noaa.gov.

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