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The MMS Royalty Management Program (RMP) is proposing to continue the use of Form MMS-4393, Request to Exceed Regulatory Allowance Limitation, to be used by royalty payors on Federal or Indian mineral leases. The payors will use the form when requesting MMS approval to exceed established transportation or processing allowance limits.

To request permission to exceed an allowance limit, royalty payors must write a letter to MMS providing the reasons why a higher allowance limit is necessary. Although the request to exceed an allowance limit is voluntary on the part of the payors and results in a benefit to them, many times payors have not provided all of the data needed by MMS to approve or deny a request. The followup necessary to obtain required information creates an additional burden for both the payor and the Government. RMP developed Form MMS-4393 to be included with the payor's request for approval to exceed the allowance limit. The form ensures that MMS receives the lease data required to make a decision on the request by including the Accounting Identification Number identifying the lease, the product code identifying the product being transported or processed, and the selling arrangement used to identify the marketing outlet for the product. These are the necessary data that have been missing from many of the requests in the past. We estimate the annual burden to complete this information collection is 30 minutes.

Dated: December 2, 1999.

Lucy Querques Denett,

Associate Director for Royalty Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submitted for Office of Management and Budget Review, Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are soliciting comments on an information collection titled Payor Information Form, Solid Minerals, Form MMS-4030, OMB Control Number 1010-0064, which expires on May 31, 2000.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 7, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The mailing address for written comments regarding this information collection is David S. Guzy, Chief, Rules and Publications Staff, Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, P.O. Box 25165, MS 3021, Denver, Colorado 80225. Courier address is Building 85, Room A-613, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225. Email address is RMP.comments@mms.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURE: If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to David S. Guzy, Chief, Rules and Publications Staff, Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, P.O. Box 25165, MS 3021, Denver, Colorado 80225-0165. Courier or overnight delivery address is Building 85, Room A-613, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225. You may also comment via the Internet to RMP.comments@mms.gov. Please submit Internet comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include Attn: [ICR title], OMB Control Number 1010-[], and your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact David S. Guzy directly at (303) 231-3432.

We will post public comments after the comment period closes on the Internet at <http://www.rmp.mms.gov>. You may arrange to view paper copies of the comments by contacting David S. Guzy, Chief, Rules and Publications Staff, telephone (303) 231-3432, FAX (303) 231-3385. Our practice is to make comments, including names and addresses of respondents, available for public review on the Internet and during regular business hours at our offices in Lakewood, Colorado. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the rulemaking record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the rulemaking record a respondent's

identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dennis C. Jones, Rules and Publications Staff, phone (303) 231-3046, FAX (303) 231-3385, email Dennis.C.Jones@mms.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act requires each agency "to provide notice * * * and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information * * *." Agencies must specifically solicit comments to: (a) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The Department of the Interior (DOI) is the department within the Federal Government responsible for matters relevant to mineral resource development on Federal and Indian Lands and the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) is responsible for managing the production of minerals from Federal and Indian Lands and the OCS; for collecting royalties from lessees who produce minerals; and for distributing the funds collected in accordance with applicable laws.

We perform the royalty management functions for the Secretary. We utilize the Auditing and Financial System and Common Reference Database (AFS/CRD) to store royalty information and reference data. Reference data is initially submitted and subsequently updated by lessees who produce minerals from leased Federal and Indian lands. The Payor Information Form (PIF), Solid Minerals, Form MMS-4030 (see <http://www.rmp.mms.gov/custserv/pubserv/forms.htm>), is used by lessees for this information collection.

The information on Form MMS-4030 is used to establish a database of new payors/leases, lease-level (rent, advance and minimum royalty) obligations, other royalty/lease data, and to change existing royalty/lease data on AFS/CRD. The functions that we perform, including fund allocation and distribution, exception processing, AFS/PAAS error correction, audit and billing activities and database inquiries, are dependent upon the integrity of the AFS/CRD information. We estimate that the completion of Form MMS-4030 requires 20 minutes to complete and 30 minutes for the associated recordkeeping.

Dated: December 2, 1999.

Lucy Querques Denett,

Associate Director for Royalty Management.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-811 (Final)]

Drams of One Megabit and Above From Taiwan

Determination

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigation, the United States International Trade Commission determines, pursuant to section 735(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673d(b)) (the Act), that an industry in the United States is not materially injured or threatened with material injury, and the establishment of an industry in the United States is not materially retarded, by reason of imports from Taiwan of dynamic random access memory semiconductors (DRAMs) of one megabit and above, provided for in subheadings 8542.13.80 and 8473.30.10 through 8473.30.90 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that have been found by the Department of Commerce to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV).²

Background

The Commission instituted this investigation effective October 22, 1998, following receipt of a petition filed with the Commission and the Department of Commerce by Micron Technology, Boise, ID. The final phase of the

investigation was scheduled by the Commission following notification of a preliminary determination by the Department of Commerce that imports of DRAMs of one megabit and above from Taiwan were being sold at LTFV within the meaning of section 733(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673b(b)). Notice of the scheduling of the Commission's investigation and of a public hearing to be held in connection therewith was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the **Federal Register** of June 17, 1999 (64 FR 32521). The hearing was held in Washington, DC, on October 19, 1999, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determination in this investigation to the Secretary of Commerce on December 2, 1999. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3256 (December 1999), entitled Dynamic Random Access Memory Semiconductors of One Megabit and Above from Taiwan: Investigation No. 731-TA-811 (Final).

Issued: December 3, 1999.

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Extension of Time for Comments Relating to the Lodging of a Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act

Notice is hereby given of an extension of time under which the Department of Justice will receive comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. Bay Chemical Company, et al.*, Civil Action No. C99-5521RJB. The proposed Consent Decree was lodged with the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington on October 5, 1999 and previously noticed in the **Federal Register** on October 26, 1999. The earlier noticed comment period would have expired on November 25, 1999, but comments will now be considered if received by December 9, 1999.

The complaint in this action seeks to recover, pursuant to Section 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental

Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9607 response costs incurred and to be incurred by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") in the Hylebos Waterway Problem Areas in Operable Unit 1 ("OU1") of the Commencement Bay Nearshore/Tideflats Superfund Site (hereinafter "the Site") located in Tacoma, Washington. The defendants include owners and operators of properties within two problem areas of one of the nine operable units at the Site.

The proposed Consent Decree embodies an agreement with seventeen potentially responsible parties ("PRPs") pursuant to Section 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607, to pay approximately \$762,880 in past and future response costs associated with the Hylebos Waterway Problem Areas of OU1 of the Site. The above-described payments include a premium to be paid by each settling party to offset the risks that actual future response costs will exceed current estimates.

The Consent Decree provides the settling defendants with releases for civil liability for response costs under Sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA relating to the Hylebos Waterway Problem Areas of OU1 of the Site. The Consent Decree explicitly reserves the United States' claims for response costs associated with other operable units and problem areas of the Site, natural resource damages, and other potential United States' claims.

Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, D.C. 20044-7611, should refer to *United States v. Bay Chemical Company, et al.*, DOJ Ref. No. 90-11-2-06010, and should be received by December 9, 1999.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, 3600 Seafirst Plaza, 800 5th Avenue, Room 3601, Seattle, WA 98104, and the Region X Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, Region X Records Center, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101. A copy of the proposed consent decree may be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, U.S. Department of Justice, Environmental Enforcement Section, Post Office Box 7611, Washington, D.C. 20044. In requesting a copy, please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$175.00 (25 cents per

¹ The record is defined in sec. 207.2(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 207.2(f)).

² Chairman Bragg dissenting. Commissioners Crawford and Askey did not participate.