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CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

In connection with its investigation into three iron dust flash fires at the Hoeganaes facility in Gallatin, TN., the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) announces that it will hold a public meeting on November 16, 2011, in Gallatin to collect additional information to aide in its ongoing investigation of the incidents. Two workers were killed in the first iron dust incident on January 31, 2011, and the second iron dust incident on March 29, 2011 injured another employee. The third incident, a hydrogen explosion and resulting iron dust flash fires, claimed three lives and injured two others on May 27, 2011. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. at the EPIC Event Center, 392 and 394 West Main St., Gallatin, TN 37066.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is not required, but to assure adequate seating, attendees are encouraged to pre-register by emailing their names and affiliations to publicmeeting@csb.gov by November 10, 2011.

At the meeting, CSB staff will discuss with the Board the results of their investigation to date into these incidents. In addition, a panel of outside experts and others will be invited to speak on a number of issues related to the investigation.

All staff presentations are preliminary and are intended solely to allow the Board to consider in a public forum various issues and factors involved in this case. No factual analyses, conclusions or findings presented by staff should be considered final.

After the conclusion of Hoeganaes case study discussion, the Board will conclude the public meeting by considering certain board business matters that have been calendared during board votes during FY 2011.

Such matters involve the resolution of proposed status changes to recommendations made in the Imperial Sugar investigation, other board affairs issues, and consideration and vote on the CSB Human Capital Plan.

Please notify CSB if a translator or interpreter is needed, at least 5 business days prior to the public meeting. For more information, please contact the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board at (202) 261-7600, or visit our Web site at: <http://www.csb.gov>.

Dated: November 3, 2011.

John Lau,

Acting Managing Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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

Agency: National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).

Title: Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Quarterly and Annual Performance Progress Reports.

OMB Control Number: 0660-0037.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Emergency submission (revision to a currently approved information collection).

Number of Respondents: 121.

Average Hours per Response: 5.94.

Burden Hours: 727.

Needs and Uses: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) appropriated funds for BTOP to support the deployment of broadband infrastructure, enhance and expand public computer centers, encourage sustainable adoption of broadband service, and develop and maintain a nationwide public map of broadband service capability and availability.

The Recovery Act mandates that funds distributed under its authority be subject to an unprecedented level of

transparency and accountability. This includes an increased level of monitoring and oversight to ensure that Recovery Act funds are used for their authorized purposes; steps are in place to prevent waste, fraud or abuse; and BTOP projects avoid unnecessary delay and cost-overruns and meet targets and goals. In addition to increased levels of monitoring and oversight, BTOP projects must adhere to mandatory timelines requiring them to demonstrate that each project will be substantially completed within two years of the grant's issuance date. To enable NTIA to properly achieve these objectives and verify that BTOP projects are meeting established targets and goals within the mandated timeframes, NTIA has developed and utilized Performance Progress Reports (PPRs) to capture quarterly and annual reports for each project type (Infrastructure, Public Computer Center, and Sustainable Broadband Adoption). Each PPR provides updates on fundamental project milestones and key performance indicators that allow NTIA to measure project progress and ensure proper monitoring and compliance with program rules.

NTIA reviewed PPRs, submitted on September 30, 2011, and assessed the individual responses provided by BTOP grant recipients and concluded that several key questions on the existing annual Infrastructure PPR need to be clarified if NTIA is to receive the appropriate level of detail necessary to ensure BTOP projects are meeting established targets and goals within mandated timeframes. NTIA is also requesting updated mapping information in order to better monitor the current status and impact of broadband deployment in each of the funded project areas. The annual Infrastructure PPR will be revised to capture more detailed information related to: Community Anchor Institutions; Points of Presence; and Network Maps.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: Nicholas Fraser, (202) 395-5887.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance

Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent by November 30, 2011 to Nicholas Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-7285, or via the Internet at Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: November 2, 2011.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit 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: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
Title: Fishermen's Contingency Fund.
OMB Control Number: 0648-0082.
Form Number(s): NOAA Forms 88-164 and 88-166.

Type of Request: Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

Number of Respondents: 100.

Average Hours per Response: application, 10 hours; 15-day report, 5 minutes.

Burden Hours: 1,008.

Needs and Uses: This request is for extension of a current information collection.

United States (U.S.) commercial fishermen may file claims for compensation for losses of or damages to fishing gear or vessels, plus 50 percent of resulting economic losses, attributable to oil and gas activities on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf. To obtain compensation, applicants must comply with requirements set forth in 50 CFR part 296. The requirements include a report within 15 days of the date the vessel first returns to port after the incident, to gain a presumption of eligible causation, and an application form.

The report form (NOAA Form 88-166) requests identifying information such as the claimant's name, address, phone number, and social security number. It also requests information pertaining to

the casualty, such as the location of the obstruction, the date and time of the casualty, identification of the vessel involved, and the date the vessel first returned to port after the casualty.

The application (NOAA Form 88-164) consists of a property loss section and a section for economic loss. The property loss section requests the same identifying information contained in the initial report. It also requests information such as the amount and type of damage claimed, description of the casualty and likely causes, efforts to recover gear, description of proofs of ownership, estimates of repair or replacement costs, and identification of witnesses. The economic loss section requests information pertaining to economic loss and consequential damages resulting from the casualty. This includes the length of trips and income from those trips prior to the casualty, number of gear units lost, date replacement gear was ordered and received or the date repairs were commenced and completed. This section also requests information regarding consequential damages such as extra fuel consumption or claim preparation fees. The application also includes inventory schedules which lists the amounts of gear involved in the casualty, its purchase date, purchase cost, and repair or replacement cost. The application also includes an affidavit by which the claimant attests to the truthfulness of the claim.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: November 2, 2011.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

[Docket Number 111013624-1626-01]

Annual Retail Trade Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Determination.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Commerce's Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) publishes this notice to announce that the Director of the Census Bureau has determined the need to conduct the 2011 Annual Retail Trade Survey (ARTS). ARTS covers employer firms with establishments located in the United States and classified in the Retail Trade and/or Accommodation and Food Services sectors as defined by the 2007 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Through this survey, the Census Bureau will collect data covering annual sales, annual e-commerce sales, year-end inventories held inside and outside the United States, total operating expenses, purchases, accounts receivables, and, for selected industries, merchandise line sales, and percent of e-commerce sales to customers located outside the United States. These data are collected to provide a sound statistical basis for the formation of policy by various government agencies. Results will be available for use for a variety of public and business needs such as economic and market analysis, company performance, and forecasting future demand.

ADDRESSES: The Census Bureau will provide report forms to businesses included in the survey. Additional copies are available upon written request to the Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233-0101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Aneta Erdie, Service Sector Statistics Division, at (301) 763-4841 or by email at aneta.erdie@census.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Sections 182, 224, and 225 of Title 13 of the United States Code authorize the Census Bureau to take surveys that are necessary to produce current data on the subjects covered by the major censuses. As part of this authorization, the Census Bureau conducts the ARTS to provide continuing and timely national statistical data on retail trade, and accommodation and food services activity for the period between economic censuses. ARTS is a continuation of similar retail trade surveys conducted each year since 1951