

petitioners' proposed action of designating the entire petition area as unsuitable for surface coal mining operations and four alternative actions ranging from denying the petition in whole in designating certain portions of the petition area as unsuitable for mining.

In preparing the final PED/EIS, we revised the draft PED/EIS in response to comments received during the public comment periods. These comments and OSM's responses to them are included in the final PED/EIS.

The PED/EIS was made available on March 3, 2000. See 65 FR 11575 and 65 FR 11604. We have received a request to extend the prescribed wait period by 30 days and by this notice we are extending the wait period through May 3, 2000. No decision will be made by the Secretary of the Interior prior to May 4, 2000. When the decision is made, we will make it available to the public.

Dated: March 15, 2000.

Mary Josie Blanchard,

Assistant Director, Program Support.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Ch. 35), the Commission intends to seek approval from the Office of Management and Budget to survey complainants who obtained exclusion orders that are currently in effect from the United States International Trade Commission following proceedings under 19 U.S.C. 1337. The survey will seek feedback on the effectiveness of the exclusion orders in stopping certain imports. Comments concerning the proposed information collection are requested in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.8(d).

DATES: To be assured of consideration, written comments must be received on or before May 23, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Signed comments should be submitted to Donna R. Koehnke, Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the proposed survey that the

Commission will submit to the Office of Management and Budget for approval are posted on the Commission's World Wide Web site at <http://www.usitc.gov> or may be obtained from Lynn I. Levine, Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, telephone, 202-205-2560.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

Comments are solicited as to (1) whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (3) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) minimization of the burden of the proposed information collection on those who are to respond.

Summary of the Proposed Information Collection

In its Strategic Plan (available on the agency's World Wide Web site at <http://www.usitc.gov>) the Commission set itself the goal of obtaining feedback on the effectiveness of its exclusion orders from complainants who obtained such orders under 19 U.S.C. 1337. The survey asks each firm responding to the survey to: (i) Evaluate whether the remedial exclusion order has prevented the importation of items covered by the order, (ii) if not, estimate what are the absolute value and effect in the United States market of such imports and (iii) indicate what experience it has had in policing the exclusion order, particularly with respect to any investigatory efforts and any interactions with the U.S. Customs Service.

Responses to the survey are voluntary. The Commission estimates that the survey will require less than 1 hour to complete.

By order of the Commission.

Dated: March 20, 2000.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA")

Notice is hereby given that a proposed Consent Decree ("Decree") in *United States v. Apex Engineering, et al.*, Civil Action No. 00 2100 GTV, was lodged on February 28, 2000, with the United States District Court for the District of Kansas.

The complaint filed in the above-referenced matter alleges that Defendants Apex Engineering, Inc.; Cargill, Inc.; Continental Tank Car Corporation; Coastal Refining and Marketing, Inc.; The Coleman Company, Inc.; Farmland Industries, Inc.; Safety-Kleen (Wichita), Inc.; Unified School District No. 259; Union Oil Company of California, d/b/a Unocal; and Van Waters & Rogers Inc., are jointly and severally liable for the United States' response costs at the 29th and Mead Superfund Site ("Site") in Wichita, Kansas, pursuant to Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a).

The Site is a 4,000-acre area comprised of various industrial, residential and commercial properties located in north central Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas. It has been used primarily for industrial purposes since the late 1880s. EPA discovered volatile organic compound contamination in groundwater beneath the Site in 1983.

Under the proposed Decree, the Defendants in this action, and three additional parties not named in the complaint—the City of Wichita, Kansas; Excel Corporation; and New Coleman Holdings, Inc.—collectively shall pay the United States \$245,038.22 plus interest toward the United States' approximately \$300,000.00 in unreimbursed response costs at the Site. In exchange, the United States gives all parties to the Decree a covenant not to sue and contribution protection for past response costs.

The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, comments relating to the proposed consent decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, 930 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Apex Engineering, et al.*, DOJ Ref. #90-11-3-06696.