

Summary of Collection: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is charged with preventing the introduction into, and dissemination and establishment of plant pests in the United States. The statutory requirements for the information collection activity are found in the Plant Pest Act (PPA). The regulations in 7 CFR part 340 implement the provisions of the PPA by providing the information necessary to establish conditions for proposed introductions of certain genetically engineered organisms and products which present a risk of plant pest introduction. APHIS will collect information using several APHIS forms.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect the information through a notification procedure or a permit requirement to ensure that certain genetically engineered organisms, when imported, moved interstate, or released into the environment, will not present a risk of plant pest introduction. The information collected through the petition process is used to determine whether a genetically engineered organism will pose a risk to agriculture or the environment if grown in the absence of regulations by APHIS. The information is also provided to State departments of agriculture for review, and made available to the public and private sectors on the Internet to ensure that all sectors are kept informed concerning any potential risks posed through the use of genetic engineering technology.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 97.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 2,676.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Export Certification, Accreditation of Non-Government Facilities.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0130.

Summary of Collection: The Department of Agriculture is responsible for preventing plant diseases or insect pests from entering the United States, as well as the spread of pests not widely distributed in the United States, and eradicating those imported when eradication is feasible. The Plant Quarantine Act and the Federal Pest Act authorize the Department to carry out this mission. The regulations in 7 CFR part 353 allow non-government facilities (such as commercial laboratories and private inspection services) to be accredited by

the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to perform specific laboratory testing or phytosanitary inspections that could serve as the basis for issuing Federal phytosanitary certificates, phytosanitary certificates for reexport, or export certificates for processed plant products. APHIS provides export certification services to assure other countries that the plants and plant products they are receiving from the United States are free of plant diseases and insect pests.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information for applications submitted by operator/owner of a non-government facility seeking accreditation to conduct laboratory testing or phytosanitary inspection. The application should contain the legal name and full address of the facility, the name, address, telephone and fax numbers of the facility's operator, a description of the facility, and a description of the specific laboratory testing or phytosanitary inspection services for which the facility is seeking accreditation. If the activities are not conducted properly, APHIS export certification program would be compromised, causing a disruption in plant and plant product exports that could prove financially damaging to U.S. exporters.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for profit.

Number of Respondents: 15.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 315.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Yreka, California, February 21, 2005. The meeting will include routine business, the review and recommendation for implementation of submitted project proposals, and presentations of large project concept papers.

DATES: The meeting will be held February 21, 2005, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Yreka High School Library, Preece Way, Yreka, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Don Hall, RAC Coordinator, Klamath National Forest, (530) 841-4468 or electronically at donaldhall@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Public comment opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: January 31, 2005.

Margaret J. Boland,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Settlement Pursuant to CERCLA; Butte Highlands Mill Site, Silver Bow County, MT

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of settlement.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 122(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9622(i), notice is hereby given of an administrative settlement for recovery of past response costs with the Butte Highlands Mining Company (the Settling Party) concerning the Butte Highlands Mill Site, Silver Bow County, Montana ("the Site"). Under the settlement, the Settling Party has agreed to pay the Forest Service \$100,000 to reimburse it for a portion of the response costs incurred at the Site. Pursuant to section 122(h)(1) of CERCLA, 42, U.S.C. 9622(h)(1), the USDA Forest Service Northern Region has agreed to forego the collection of substantial remaining past response costs at the Site from the Settling Party because of the company's inability to pay any additional amount. The settlement includes a covenant not to sue the Settling Party pursuant to Sections 106 and 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607(a), with regard to the Site.

For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the United States will receive written comments relating to the settlement. The United States will consider all comments received and may modify or withdraw its consent to the settlement if comments received disclose facts or consideration which indicate that the

settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The United States' response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at the Butte Ranger District, 1820 Meadowlark Lane, Butte, Montana, 59701 and at the offices of the USDA Forest Service Northern Region, Federal Building, Missoula, Montana, 59807.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 9, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the proposed settlement are available for public inspection at the Butte Ranger District, 1820 Meadowlark Lane, Butte, Montana, 59701 and at the office of the USDA Forest Service Northern Region, Federal Building, Missoula, Montana, 59807. For technical information or a copy of the proposed settlement, contact Bob Wintergerst at the Northern Regional Office at 406-329-3036. For legal information or a copy of the proposed settlement, contact Michael R. Hope with USDA's Office of the General Counsel, (303) 275-5545. Comments should reference the Butte Highlands Mill Site, Silver Bow County, Montana, and should be addressed to Michael R. Hope, USDA Office of the General Counsel, PO Box 25005, Denver, CO 80225-0005.

Dated: February 1, 2005.

Kathleen McAllister,
Deputy Regional Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics Meeting

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. c10, the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) announces a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carol House, Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics, U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 4117 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-2000. Telephone: (202) 720-4333, Fax: (202) 720-9013, or e-mail: chouse@nass.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics, which consists of 25 members appointed from 7 categories covering a broad range of agricultural disciplines and interests, has scheduled a meeting on February 22-23, 2005. During this time the Advisory Committee will discuss topics including Census of Agriculture, NASS Special Activities, Publications, Accomplishments for 2004, Subcommittee reports, and Agriculture Finance.

Dates and Locations: The Committee meeting will be held 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, and 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 23, with an opportunity for public questions and comments at 3:30 p.m. on February 23, the Marriott Crystal City at Reagan National Airport, 1999 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

Type of Meeting: Open to the public.

Comments: The public may file written comments to the USDA Advisory Committee contact person before or within a reasonable time after the meeting. All statements will become a part of the official records of the USDA Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics and will be kept on file for public review in the office of the Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250.

Dated January 25, 2005, at Washington, DC.

R. Ronald Bosecker,
Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Action Affecting Export Privileges; Pakland PME Corporation and Humayun Khan; Order Temporarily Denying Export Privileges

In the Matter of: Pakland PME Corporation, Unit 7 & 8, 2nd Floor, Mohammadi Plaza, Jinnah Avenue, Blue Area, F-6/4, Islamabad-44000, Pakistan, and, Humayun Khan, Unit 7 & 8, 2nd Floor, Mohammadi Plaza, Jinnah Avenue, Blue Area, F-6/4, Islamabad-44000, Pakistan, Respondents.

Pursuant to Section 766.24 of the Export Administration Regulations ("EAR"),¹ the Bureau of Industry and

Security ("BIS"), U.S. Department of Commerce, through its Office Export Enforcement ("OEE"), has requested that I issue an Order temporarily denying the export privileges under the EAR of Pakland PME Corporation ("Pakland"), Unit 7 & 8, 2nd Floor, Mohammadi Plaza, Jinnah Avenue, Blue Area, F-6/4, Islamabad-44000, Pakistan, and Humayun Khan ("Khan"), Unit 7 & 8, 2nd Floor, Mohammadi Plaza, Jinnah Avenue, Blue Area, F-6/4, Islamabad-44000, Pakistan (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Respondents").

In its request, BIS has presented evidence that shows that Pakland and Khan, the owner and operator of Pakland, conspired with others, known and unknown, to cause items subject to the EAR to be illegally exported to Pakistan, that they caused and attempted to cause exports of items controlled for nuclear non-proliferation reasons to Pakistan with knowledge that violations of the EAR would occur, and that they took actions intended to evade the EAR.

Specifically, the evidence shows that, from July 2003 through January 2004, Respondents conspired to have triggered spark gaps² and oscilloscopes³ items included on the Commerce Control List and controlled for nuclear non-proliferation reasons, exported from the United States to Pakistan without the required BIS export licenses. The evidence also shows that Respondents developed and implemented a scheme to avoid the requirements of the EAR by causing these items exported through South Africa to Pakistan. More specifically, pursuant to direction from Respondents, on or about August 1, 2003, a purchase order for 200 triggered spark gaps was submitted to a U.S.

Act was in lapse. During that period, the President, through Executive Order 12924, which had been extended by successive Presidential Notices, the last of which was August 3, 2000 ((3 CFR, 2000 Comp. 397 (2001)), continued the EAR in effect under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701-1707 (2000)) ("IEEPA"). On November 13, 2000, the Act was reauthorized and it remained in effect through August 20, 2001. Since August 21, 2001, the Act has been in lapse and the President, through Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001 (3 CFR, 2001 Comp 783 (2002)), as extended by the Notice of August 6, 2004, (69 *Federal Register* 48763 (August 10, 2004)), continued the Regulations in effect under the IEEPA.

² Triggered spark gaps are electronic switches that deliver a very high voltage with a very short delay once switched. Triggered spark gaps are used in medical lithotripters to disintegrate gallstones and kidney stones and are also used as triggers for nuclear weapons.

³ Oscilloscopes are used for testing and assembly of electronic equipment, and can be used in the development of nuclear weapons. The oscilloscopes in question are controlled under ECCN 3A292 and require a license for export to Pakistan for nuclear non-proliferation reasons.

¹ The EAR, which are currently codified at 15 CFR Parts 730-774 (2004), are issued under the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. app. 2401-2420-) (2000) (the "Act"). From August 21, 1994 through November 12, 2000, the