

concerning the matters to be discussed. Persons who wish to file a written statement or testify at the meeting or who want further information concerning the meeting may contact the Commission at (202) 619-7097. Minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection 4 weeks after the meeting at the Office of Stewardship and Partnerships, National Capital Support Office, 1100 Ohio Drive, SW., Room 220, Washington, DC 20242.

Dated: June 18, 1997.

Einan S. Olsen,

Acting Regional Director, National Capital Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 4, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this information collection should be submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior, (1006-0015), Washington, D.C. 20503, Telephone (202) 395-7340. A copy of your comments should also be directed to the Bureau of Reclamation, D-7924, P.O. Box 25007, Denver, Colorado 80225-0007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Reclamation's Information Collection Officer, Susan Rush, at (303) 236-0305 extension 462 or by Internet at infocoll@usbr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Diversions, return flow, and consumptive use of Colorado River water in the lower Colorado River basin.

Abstract: The Bureau of Reclamation is required to maintain detailed and

accurate records of diversions, return flow, and consumptive use of Colorado River water in the lower Colorado River basin. This information is being collected to provide the Secretary of the Interior with the data necessary to effectively manage the lower Colorado River and to comply with the decree by the Supreme Court of the United States in *Arizona v. California et al.*, dated March 9, 1964. The data will also be used to safeguard existing and future entitlements by allowing the Secretary of the Interior to monitor water use and take action to ensure that water users make reasonable beneficial use of all water consumptively used and that they do not exceed entitlements. Response to this request is required for a water user to obtain a benefit in accordance with the Boulder Canyon Project Act and to comply with the water user's contract for delivery of water service.

Bureau Form Numbers: LC-72, LC-72A, and LC-72B.

OMB Approval Number: 1006-0015.

Frequency: Annually, or otherwise as determined by the Secretary of the Interior.

Description of Respondents: The Lower Basin States (Arizona, California, and Nevada), local and tribal entities, water districts, and individuals that use Colorado River water.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 6 hours per respondent.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 37.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 225 hours.

Reclamation will display a valid OMB control number on the forms. Persons who are required to respond to the information collection need not respond unless the OMB control number is current.

OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove this information collection, but may respond after 30 days; therefore, public comment should be submitted to OMB within 30 days in order to assure maximum consideration. The public is being requested to comment on:

- Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of Reclamation, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- The accuracy of Reclamation's estimate of the burden of the collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who

are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Reclamation's intention to seek renewal of this information collection and a request for public comment was published in **Federal Register** notice 62 FR 16605, Apr. 7, 1997. No comments were received in response to this notice.

Dated: June 19, 1997.

Jack C. Pong,

Director, Management Services Office, Lower Colorado Region.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Proposed Addendum to Investigation No. 1205-3; Certain Phenols—Metacresol, Orthocresol, Paracresol, and Metaparacresol

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comment with respect to a request from the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to provide advice concerning a proposed addendum to Commission Investigation No. 1205-3 affecting the tariff treatment of certain phenols—metacresol, orthocresol, paracresol, and metaparacresol having a purity of less than 75 percent (under 75 percent cresols) provided for in subheading 2707.60.20 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS).

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 30, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eugene A. Rosengarden, Director, Office of Tariff Affairs & Trade Agreements (O/TA&TA) (202/205-2592) or Fred Schottman, Nomenclature Analyst, O/TA&TA, (202/205-2077), U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20436. The O/TA&TA fax number is: 202/205-2616. Messrs. Rosengarden and Schottman may also be reached via Internet e-mail at erosengarden@usitc.gov and fschottman@usitc.gov, respectively.

Background

Section 1205 of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 directs the U.S. International Trade Commission (Commission) to conduct studies and make recommendations on modifications to the HTS. In August 1993, the Commission issued a report *Proposed Modifications to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the*

United States, Inv. No. 1205-3, Publication No. 2673. In the report, the Commission proposed reclassifying certain phenols—metacresol, orthocresol, paracresol, and metaparcresol, all having a purity of 75 percent or more (75 percent cresols)—from subheading 2707.99 to subheading 2707.60. The change was proposed to achieve international uniformity in customs classification for these products under the Harmonized System. The existing rate of duty was carried over to the new classification.

Following implementation of the modification in December 1995, it was

recognized that there was a collateral movement of under 75 percent cresols between subheadings of the HTS that resulted in a significant increase in the rate of duty applicable to this product. Under Section 1205, modifications to the HTS must have substantial duty-rate neutrality and not alter existing competitive conditions. As a consequence, the Commission has received a request from the USTR requesting "advice in respect of making a technical rectification to the [HTS] to address treatment of [under 75 percent cresols]." The USTR has requested the Commission's advice by July 28, 1997.

In order to restore the rate of duty previously applied to under 75 percent cresols, the Commission proposes to amend the advice in Inv. No. 1205-3 to include creation of a new subheading for this product, HTS 2707.60.15, carrying the pre-implementation rate of duty (Free in column 1 and column 2), as follows:

The HTS is modified by striking subheadings 2707.60.10 and 2707.60.20 and inserting the following in lieu thereof:
[2707 Oils and other products of the distillation . . .]
[2707.60 Phenols:]
Metacresol, orthocresol, paracresol and metaparcresol:

2707.60.10	..... Having a purity of 75 percent or more by weight	1¢/kg + 3.3%	Free (A, CA, E, IL, J, MX)	15.4¢/kg +42.5%
2707.60.15	..... Other	Free		Free
2707.60.30	..... Other	2.9¢/kg + 12.5%	Free (A, CA, E, IL, J, MX)	7.7¢/kg +29.5%

Request for Comment

Accordingly, the Commission is seeking comments concerning this proposed technical rectification to the HTS.

Deadline

Comments must be received no later than the close of business July 11, 1997, in order to be considered by the Commission.

Written Submissions

All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E St. SW., Washington, DC. 20436. Commercial or financial information that a party desires the Commission to treat as confidential must be submitted on separate sheets of paper, each clearly marked "Confidential Business Information" at the top. All submissions requesting confidential treatment must conform with the requirements of § 201.6 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (19 CFR 201.6). All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available for inspection by interested persons.

TDD Access: Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting our TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

World Wide Web Access: This notice, and any subsequent notices published pursuant to section 1210 of the 1988 Act, may be obtained from the ITC Internet web server: <http://www.usitc.gov>.

Issued: June 30, 1997.

By order of the Commission.

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

In accordance with Departmental policy, 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that a proposed Consent Decree in *United States and State of Vermont v. Town of Bennington, et al.*, Civil Action Nos. 2:97CV197 and 2:97CV208 was lodged on June 30, 1997, with the United States District Court for the District of Vermont. The complaint in this action seeks (1) to recover, pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601 et seq., response costs incurred and to be incurred by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") at the Bennington Landfill Superfund Site located in the Town of Bennington, Vermont ("Site"); and (2) injunctive relief under Section 106 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9606. The defendants are Add, Inc., Bennington College, Bijur Lubricating Co., Central Vermont Public Service Corporation, Chemfab Corporation, CLR Corporation, Courtaulds Structural Composites, Inc., Eveready Battery Company, Inc., G-C-D-C, Inc. (f/k/a Bennington Iron Works, Inc.), H.M. Tuttle Co., Inc., Johnson Controls, Inc., MASCO/Schmelzer Corporation, Southwestern Vermont

Medical Center, Textron, Inc., Town of Bennington, Vermont, Triangle Wire and Cable, Inc., U.S. Tsubaki, Inc., Vermont Agency of Transportation and Vermont Bag and Film, Inc.

The proposed Consent Decree embodies an agreement with 5 potentially responsible parties ("PRPs") at the Site pursuant to Sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606 and 9607: (1) to perform a non-time critical removal action ("NTCRA") at the Site comprising the design, construction and monitoring of a multi-barrier cap; and (2) to implement a natural resource damages ("NRD") restoration project. The proposed Consent Decree also embodies an agreement with 14 PRPs at the Site pursuant to Section 122(g) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9622(g), to pay \$1,776,600, in aggregate, in settlement of claims for past and future response costs at the Site and claims for natural resource damages. The monies paid by these 14 settlers will be used to partially fund the NTCRA and the NRD restoration project being performed by the 5 performing parties.

The Consent Decree provides the settling defendants with a release for civil liability for EPA's and the State of Vermont's ("State's") past and future CERCLA response costs and natural resource damages at the Site for resources under the trusteeship of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce, through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and under the trusteeship of the State.

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.