

underground mining operations at the adjacent SUFCO Mine into these areas, extend the life of the mine, and recover minable coal reserves that would be otherwise bypassed.

The proposed modification to Federal Coal Lease U-63214 would add 150 acres to the existing lease as follows:

T. 21 S., R. 5 E, SLM,
Section 10: SE1/4NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, E1/
2E1/2SW1/4SW1/4,
E1/2E1/2NW1/4SW1/4, E1/2E1/2SW1/
4NW1/4.

That portion of Box Canyon proposed for underground mining is located as follows:

T. 21 S., R. 5 E, SLM,
Section 15: W1/2.

All other information published in the January 29, 1998 **Federal Register** Notice remains relevant.

AGENCY DECISIONS: In accordance with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the Utah State Director of the Bureau of Land Management must decide whether or not to (1) offer the Pines Tract (UTU-76195) for competitive leasing, (2) modify Federal Coal Lease U-63214, and (3) approve underground longwall mining beneath Box Canyon in accordance with an existing lease stipulation that prohibits subsidence of perennial streams, unless specifically approved.

In accordance with the Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1975, which amended the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, the Forest Supervisor, Manti-La Sal National Forest, must decide whether or not to consent to above actions/decisions by the Bureau of Land Management and identify measures needed to protect non-mineral resources.

DATES: Written comments concerning the scope of the analysis described in this Notice should be received within 30 days of the date of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Manti-La Sal National Forest, 599 West Price River Drive, Price, Utah 84501.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions concerning the proposed action and EIS should be addressed to Liane Mattson or Carter Reed, Manti-La Sal National Forest, telephone number (435) 637-2817.

Dated: April 2, 1998.

Janette S. Kaiser,
Forest Supervisor, Manti-La Sal National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Intergovernmental Advisory Committee Subcommittee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Intergovernmental Advisory Committee will meet on May 7, 1998, at the Double Tree Hotel, Columbia River, Portland, Oregon. The purpose of the meeting is to continue discussions on the implementation of the Northwest Forest Plan. The meeting will begin at 9:15 a.m. and continue until 3:00 p.m. Agenda items to be discussed include, but are not limited to: progress report on the report writing phase of the review of Northwest Forest Plan and implementation monitoring. The IAC meeting will be open to the public and is fully accessible for people with disabilities. Interpreters are available upon request in advance. Written comments may be submitted for the record at the meeting. Time will also be scheduled for oral public comments. Interested persons are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding this meeting may be directed to Don Knowles, Executive Director, Regional Ecosystem Office, 333 SW 1st Avenue, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208 (Phone: 503-808-2180).

Dated: April 7, 1998.

Donald R. Knowles,
Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Notice of Government Owned Inventions Available for Licensing

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of government owned inventions available for licensing.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are owned in whole or in part by the U.S. Government, as represented by the Department of Commerce. The Department of Commerce's ownership interest in the inventions is available for licensing in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 and 37 CFR Part 404 to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of Federally funded research and development.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Technical and licensing information on these inventions may be obtained by writing to: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Industrial Partnerships Program, Building 820, Room 213, Gaithersburg, MD 20899; Fax 301-869-2751. Any request for information should include the NIST Docket No. and Title for the relevant invention as indicated below.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NIST may enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement ("CRADA") with the licensee to perform further research on the inventions for purposes of commercialization. The inventions available for licensing are:

NIST Docket Number: 95-046.

Title: Portable Fourier Transform Microwave Spectrometer with Cryogenic Receiver for Trace Gas Analysis.

Abstract: This compact, portable, pulsed-molecular-beam Fabry-Perot cavity Fourier transform microwave spectrometer, which incorporates a cryogenically cooled, low-noise amplifier in the receiving system, provides real-time trace-gas analysis in the parts-per-billion by volume (ppbv) range. Design improvements dramatically increase the instrument's sensitivity and simplify its electronics while the user-friendly software allows mouse-driven control with a standard personal computer.

NIST Docket Number: 96-004.

Title: A Josephson Junction Digital To Analog Converter For Accurate AC Waveform Synthesis.

Abstract: This invention is jointly owned by the U.S. Government, as represented by the Secretary of Commerce, and Westinghouse Electric Company. The invention describes a new generation Josephson array that replaces the traditional superconductor-insulator-superconductor (SIS) junctions with superconductor-normal metal-superconductor (SNS) junctions. These new arrays generate inherently stable voltages and respond to broadband inputs that can be programmed to generate metrologically accurate ac waveforms. The development of the invention should increase the clock frequency and metrologically practical voltages of a few volts.

NIST Docket Number: 96-014.

Title: Chromatographic Separation Apparatus.

Abstract: This invention is jointly owned by the U.S. Government, as represented by the Secretary of Commerce, and the University of Kentucky Research Foundation. An

apparatus for the monitoring of a column chromatography separation process includes a segmented column with a seal positioned at the joint defined by the segments of the column. A connector is provided for connecting the segments of the column together. The apparatus further includes a sensor for monitoring an analyte in an eluant within a separation zone of the column. The sensor includes a mesh grid made of optical fibers of metal wires which is placed so as to extend through the separation zone of the column. The metal wires of optical fibers extend through the seal of the joint in the segmented column and connect to signal processing and data analysis equipment for purposes of monitoring the movements and concentration of an analyte in an eluant at various locations within the column. Certain segments of the optical fibers or metal wires which make up the mesh grid are coded so as to be desensitized and other segments are uncoded for sensing the analyte. This provides an effective apparatus to monitor in detail the cross-section of a column chromatography process in-situ.

NIST Docket Number: 96-020.

Title: Spatial Ram For High Precision Data Acquisition Systems.

Abstract: For data acquisition in any high-precision instrument, such as a scanning tunneling microscope (STM), the Spatial RAM uses the concept of spatial, not temporal, clocking to match sensor readings along the scanning path with values preloaded into a simple RAM circuit. A data latching pulse sent to the data acquisition system at each match minimizes data latency. The device improves accuracy and cost.

NIST Docket Number: 97-030.

Title: Lead-Based Solders For High Temperature Applications.

Abstract: This invention is jointly owned by the U.S. Government, as represented by the Secretary of Commerce, and Indium Corporation of America. A high lead solder exhibiting improved wettability to metal substrates, an advantageously controlled melting range, and excellent thermal fatigue properties. It comprises about 98-100% lead and a minor amount, typically about 0.0005-0.1 wt%, based on the weight of the solder composition, of an alkali metal selected from the group consisting of Na, K, and Li. Additional embodiments additionally comprised an amount of a grain-size controlling additive, e.g., 0.0001-0.5 wt% (based on the total weight of all the components in the solder composition) selected from the group consisting of Ce, Ba, La, Pr, Nd, Sm, Eu, Gd, Th, Dy, Ho, Er, Tm, Yb, Y, Lu, Sc, Mg, Na, Se, Te, oxides thereof and mixtures thereof, in

amount effective to control the Pb grain size; and 0-1 wt% of an element selected from the group consisting of Sn, In, Bi, Sb, Ag, Au, and Ga, and mixtures thereof.

Dated: April 10, 1998.

Robert E. Hebner,

Acting Deputy Director.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Flame Retardant Chemicals That May Be Suitable for Use in Upholstered Furniture; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice of extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Commission is extending its comment period to receive information concerning toxicity issues related to flame retardant treatment of upholstered furniture. On March 17, 1998, the Commission announced that it will conduct a public hearing on May 5 and, if necessary, May 6, 1998 on this issue. In response to a request, the Commission is extending the comment period to allow submission of written comments 45 days after the hearing. The date of the hearing and the date for submissions of prepared texts by persons who plan to testify at the hearing remain unchanged (see March 17, 1998 **Federal Register** notice for details concerning testifying at the hearing).

DATES: Written comments that are in place of, or in addition to oral presentations, must be received by the Office of the Secretary no later than June 19, 1998. Written comments must include the author's affiliation with, or employment or sponsorship by, any professional organization, government agency, or business firm. All data analyses and studies should include substantiation and citations.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be captioned "Flame Retardant Chemicals" and mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207, or delivered to that office, room 502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Comments may also be filed by telefacsimile to (301) 504-0127 or by e-mail to cpsc-os@cpsc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the purpose or subject matter of this hearing call or

write Michael A. Babich, Ph.D., Directorate for Epidemiology and Health Sciences, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207; telephone (301) 504-0994, extension 1383; fax (301) 504-0079. For information about the schedule for submission of written comments call or write Rockelle Hammond, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207; telephone (301) 504-0800, extension 1232; fax (301) 504-0127.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 17, 1998, the Commission published a notice announcing a public hearing to consider various toxicity issues related to flame retardant chemicals that may be suitable for use in upholstered furniture. 63 FR 1301. That notice announced that the hearing would begin at 10 a.m. on May 5, 1998, and if necessary, conclude on May 6, 1998. The notice provided a detailed list of the issues about which the Commission would like to receive information. The notice requested that people wishing to make oral presentations at the hearing submit copies of their remarks no later than April 21, 1998. The notice also provided that persons may submit written comments in place of or in addition to oral presentations, and that these written comments must be received by May 5, 1998.

After publication of this notice, Chairman Ann Brown received a letter from the National Cotton Council requesting that the Commission postpone the hearing and reschedule it at least 60-90 days later and extend the comment period to reflect a new hearing date.

In response to this request, the Commission declined to reschedule the hearing date, but has decided to allow written comments 45 days after the hearing. Thus, written comments in place of, or in addition to oral presentations, must be received by the Commission no later than June 19, 1998.

Dated: April 9, 1998.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.