

U.S.C. app. 2 10(d), that the portion of this meeting dealing with pre-decisional changes to the Commerce Control List and U.S. export control policies shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. app. 2 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3). The remaining portions of the meeting will be open to the public.

For more information contact Yvette Springer on (202) 482-2813.

Yvette Springer,

Committee Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee (Committee). The Committee provides advice to the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) on spectrum management policy matters.

DATES: The meeting will be held on July 24, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Mountain Daylight Time (MDT).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Renaissance Boulder Flatiron Hotel, 500 Flatiron Boulevard, Broomfield, CO 80021. Public comments may be mailed to Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 4600, Washington, DC 20230 or emailed to dreed@ntia.doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David J. Reed, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 482-5955 or dreed@ntia.doc.gov; and/or visit NTIA's website at <https://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/csmac>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Committee provides advice to the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information on needed reforms to domestic spectrum policies and management in order to: License radio frequencies in a way that maximizes

public benefits; keep wireless networks as open to innovation as possible; and make wireless services available to all Americans. See Charter at https://www.ntia.doc.gov/files/ntia/publications/csmac_signed_charter_9-30-17.pdf

This Committee is subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2, and is consistent with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Act, 47 U.S.C. 904(b). The Committee functions solely as an advisory body in compliance with the FACA. For more information about the Committee visit: <https://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/csmac>.

Matters To Be Considered: The Committee provides advice to the Assistant Secretary to assist in developing and maintaining spectrum management policies that enable the United States to maintain or strengthen its global leadership role in the introduction of communications technology, services, and innovation; thus expanding the economy, adding jobs, and increasing international trade, while at the same time providing for the expansion of existing technologies and supporting the country's homeland security, national defense, and other critical needs of government missions. NTIA will post a detailed agenda on its website, <https://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/csmac>, prior to the meeting. To the extent that the meeting time and agenda permit, any member of the public may speak to or otherwise address the Committee regarding the agenda items. See *Open Meeting and Public Participation Policy*, available at <https://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/csmac>.

Time and Date: The meeting will be held on July 24, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. MDT. The meeting time and the agenda topics are subject to change. The meeting will be available via two-way audio link and may be webcast. Please refer to NTIA's website, <https://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/csmac>, for the most up-to-date meeting agenda and access information.

Place: The meeting will be held at Renaissance Boulder Flatiron Hotel, 500 Flatiron Boulevard, Broomfield, CO 80021. The meeting will be open to the public and members of the press on a first-come, first-served basis as space is limited. The public meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids, are asked to notify Mr. Reed at (202) 482-5955 or dreed@ntia.doc.gov at least

ten (10) business days before the meeting.

Status: Interested parties are invited to attend and to submit written comments to the Committee at any time before or after the meeting. Parties wishing to submit written comments for consideration by the Committee in advance of a meeting may send them via postal mail to Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 4600, Washington, DC 20230. It would be helpful if paper submissions also include a compact disc (CD) that contains the comments in Microsoft Word and/or PDF file formats. CDs should be labeled with the name and organizational affiliation of the filer. Alternatively, comments may be submitted via electronic mail to dreed@ntia.doc.gov and should also be in one or both of the file formats specified above. Comments must be received five (5) business days before the scheduled meeting date in order to provide sufficient time for review. Comments received after this date will be distributed to the Committee, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting.

Records: NTIA maintains records of all Committee proceedings. Committee records are available for public inspection at NTIA's Washington, DC office at the address above. Documents including the Committee's charter, member list, agendas, minutes, and reports are available on NTIA's website at <https://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/csmac>.

Dated: June 15, 2018.

Kathy Smith,

Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice To Extend Collection 3038-0092; Customer Clearing Documentation and Timing of Acceptance for Clearing

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the extension of a collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction

Act (“PRA”), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information and to allow 60 days for public comment. This notice solicits comments on the obligation to maintain records related to clearing documentation between the customer and the customer’s clearing member.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 20, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by OMB Control No. 3038–0092, by any of the following methods:

- *The Agency’s Website*, at <http://comments.cftc.gov/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the website.

- *Mail*: Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier*: Same as Mail above.

Please submit your comments using only one method.

All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to <http://www.cftc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher Hower, Special Counsel, Division of Clearing and Risk, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, (202) 418–6703; email: chower@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. “Collection of Information” is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3 and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, the CFTC is publishing notice for the extension of the collection of information listed below. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Title: Customer Clearing Documentation and Timing of Acceptance for Clearing (OMB Control No. 3038–0092). This is a request for extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Section 4d(c) of the CEA, as amended by the Dodd-Frank Act, directs the Commission to require futures commission merchants to implement conflict of interest procedures that address such issues the Commission determines to be appropriate. Similarly, section 4s(j)(5), as added by the Dodd-Frank Act, requires swap dealers and major swap participants to implement conflict of interest procedures that address such issues the Commission determines to be appropriate. Section 4s(j)(5) also requires swap dealers and major swap participants to ensure that any persons providing clearing activities or making determinations as to accepting clearing customers are separated by appropriate informational partitions from persons whose involvement in pricing, trading, or clearing activities might bias their judgment or contravene the core principle of open access. Section 4s(j)(6) of the CEA prohibits a swap dealer and major swap participant from adopting any process or taking any action that results in any unreasonable restraint on trade or imposes any material anticompetitive burden on trading or clearing, unless necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of the Act. Section 2(h)(1)(B)(ii) of the CEA requires that derivatives clearing organization rules provide for the non-discriminatory clearing of swaps executed bilaterally or through an unaffiliated designated contract market or swap execution facility.

Pursuant to these provisions, the Commission promulgated § 1.71(d)(1) relating to FCMs and § 23.605(d)(1) relating to swap dealers and major swap participants. These regulations would prohibit swap dealers and major swap participants from interfering or attempting to influence the decisions of affiliated FCMs with regard to the provision of clearing services and activities and would prohibit FCMs from permitting them to do so. Also, § 23.607 prohibits a swap dealer and major swap participant from adopting any process or taking any action that results in any unreasonable restraint on trade or imposes any material anticompetitive burden on trading or clearing, unless necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of the Act. Additionally, § 39.12(b)(3) requires that derivatives clearing organization rules provide for the non-discriminatory clearing of swaps

executed bilaterally or through an unaffiliated designated contract market or swap execution facility. Sections 1.71(f) and 23.605(f) provide that records be maintained pursuant to Commission Regulation 1.31.

As discussed further below, the additional information collection burden arising from the proposed regulations primarily is restricted to the costs associated with the affected registrants’ obligation to maintain records related to clearing documentation between the customer and the customer’s clearing member.

The information collection obligations imposed by the proposed regulations are necessary to implement certain provisions of the CEA, including ensuring that registrants exercise effective risk management and for the efficient operation of trading venues among SDs, MSPs, FCMs, and DCOs.

With respect to the collection of information, the CFTC invites comments on:

- Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have a practical use;

- The accuracy of the Commission’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- Ways to minimize the burden of collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology; *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to <http://www.cftc.gov>. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. If you wish the Commission to consider information that you believe is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, a petition for confidential treatment of the exempt information may be submitted according to the procedures established in § 145.9 of the Commission’s regulations.¹

The Commission reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, redact, refuse or remove any or all of your submission from <http://www.cftc.gov> that it may

¹ 17 CFR 145.9.

deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscene language. All submissions that have been redacted or removed that contain comments on the merits of the ICR will be retained in the public comment file and will be considered as required under the Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws, and may be accessible under the Freedom of Information Act.

Burden Statement: The Commission is revising its estimate of the burden for this collection, which include 101 Swap Dealers, Major Swap Participants, 65 Futures Commission Merchants and 16 Derivatives Clearing Organizations. The respondent burden for this collection is estimated to be as follows:

Estimated Number of Respondents: 182.

Estimated Average Burden Hours per Respondent: 18.1 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3296 hours.

Frequency of Collection: Daily, annually, or as needed.

There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*)

Dated: June 15, 2018.

Robert Sidman,

Deputy Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Availability of Government-Owned Inventions; Available for Licensing

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The invention listed below is assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Army and is being made generally availability of exclusive, partially exclusive or non-exclusive licenses by the Department of the Army.

U.S. Army Case Number ARL 17-33 entitled "Aluminum Based Nanogalvanic Alloys for Hydrogen Generation," and a provisional patent application filed at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on July 24, 2017 and assigned USPTO PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION No. 62/536,143.

In order to support a better understanding of the material, ARL has established the following website to host details on the technology and a

review the process that will culminate in the granting of a patent license(s) around September 2018;

www.arl.army.mil/

AlNanogalvanicPowder. On this website, you can register your interest to be contacted about further developments, post general questions, learn about Inventor webex's, and download background technical information, as well as, templates for all the require documents that will be used throughout the process.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

After registering on the website above, requests for additional data, powder samples, and other inquiries can be directed to Brian Metzger telephone: 406-994-7782, brian.metzger@montana.edu, TechLink, 2310 University Way Technology Blvd., Suite 2-2, Bozeman, MT 59715. TechLink is an authorized DoD partnership intermediary.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of the Technology—Aluminum Based Nanogalvanic Alloys for Hydrogen Generation.

It has long been known that aluminum (Al) reacts with water to produce hydrogen (H₂) gas and aluminum oxide via a hydrolysis reaction. Aluminum metal oxidizes when in contact with water, rapidly producing a passivating oxide layer which prevents the hydrolysis reaction (evolution of H₂). Further, hydrolysis to evolve H₂ can only occur if the native oxide layer is actively removed. This is usually achieved by adding hazardous corrosive compounds (caustic soda, hydrochloric acid, etc.) which dissolve in water, toxic and expensive metals (such as gallium, platinum, etc.), or by forcing the reaction by additional external energy (electric current and/or superheated steam).

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory (ARL) has invented a novel nanogalvanic structured aluminum based particulate material which is capable of generating hydrogen very rapidly by hydrolysis reaction with water and any liquid that contains water (e.g., naturally scavenged water, coffee, energy drink, urine, etc.) at room temperature without chemicals, catalysts or externally supplied power. These patent pending powders produce hydrogen at a rate that currently is one of the fastest reported for Al and water reactions without the need of hazardous and costly materials or additional processes. The reaction results in the production of hydrogen and heat with only inert residual materials. ARL has demonstrated that hydrolysis will occur

with virtually any water containing liquid.

Licensing Process—The U.S. Army Research Laboratory intends to move expeditiously to license this provisional patent. The process will consist of two stages; Phase 1: Solicit Interest & Phase 2: Request for Patent License Application.

Phase 1—Solicit Interest: Phase 1 will open on 18 JUN 2018. Companies may obtain technical information, samples, and speak with inventors for the purpose of technical due diligence.

Phase 2—Request for Patent License Application: Phase 2 will open on 25 JUL 2018. Phase 2 will allow all interested parties to conduct an evaluation of the powder, ask the inventors questions about the non-provisional patent application, and work with TechLink to develop a National/Worldwide Commercialization Plan which will form the basis for the Patent License Application.

On or around 1 SEP 2018, the U.S. Army Research Laboratory will evaluate the Patent License Applications that have been received to date for possible granting of Patent License Agreement(s). In its decisions concerning the granting of license(s), the U.S. Army Research Laboratory will give special consideration to small business firms, and consortia involving small business firms. While the Army intends to insure that its licensed inventions are broadly commercialized throughout the United States, a PCT application is planned to be filed for the patent noted above. The Army intends that licensees interested in a license in Europe, Canada, China, and Japan will assume foreign prosecution and pay the costs of such prosecution.

(Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR part 404)

Collaborative Research Opportunity—The U.S. Army Research Laboratory is also open to engaging in negotiations with licensee(s) to establish a parallel Collaborative Research and Development Agreement to mutually continue the development of the material.

Brenda S. Bowen,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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