

The newspapers to be used are as follows:

Northern Regional Office

Regional Forester decisions in Montana:

The Missoulian, Great Falls Tribune, and The Billings Gazette.

Regional Forester decisions in Northern Idaho and Eastern Washington: The Spokesman Review.

Regional Forester decisions in North Dakota: Bismarck Tribune.

Regional Forester decisions in South Dakota: Rapid City Journal.

Beaverhead/Deerlodge—Montana Standard

Bitterroot—Ravalli Republic

Clearwater—Lewiston Morning Tribune

Custer—Billings Gazette (Montana), Bismarck Tribune (North Dakota), Rapid City Journal (South Dakota)

Flathead—Daily Interlake

Gallatin—Bozeman Chronicle

Helena—Independent Record

Idaho Panhandle—Spokesman Review

Kootenai—Daily Interlake

Lewis & Clark—Great Falls Tribune

Lolo—Missoulian

Nez Perce—Lewiston Morning Tribune

Supplemental notices may be placed in any newspaper, but timeframes/ deadlines will be calculated based upon notices in newspapers of record listed above.

Dated: May 7, 1997.

Kathleen A. McCallister,

Deputy Regional Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Intent To Request Approval of an Information Collection

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) intention to request approval for a new information collection, the Census Evaluation Survey.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 18, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Rich Allen, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural

Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4117 South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250-2000, (202) 720-4333.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Census Evaluation Survey.

Type of Request: To obtain approval to conduct an information collection.

Abstract: The Census Evaluation Survey estimates errors in the 1997 Census of Agriculture mail list and in farm classification that can lead to an undercount or overcount of farms. Results from the survey will provide the measures necessary to evaluate total coverage and identify procedures contributing to incomplete or erroneous data. The NASS June Agricultural Survey (0535-0089), will be used as the area sample to provide an independent check on census counts.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 24 minutes per response.

Respondents: Farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 7,200 hours.

Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from Larry Gambrell, the Agency OMB Clearance Officer, at (202) 720-5778.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, such as through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Larry Gambrell, Agency OMB Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 4162 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-2000.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval.

All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, D.C., April 29, 1997.

Donald M. Bay,

Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Bear Creek Watershed, Tennessee and Kentucky

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service.

ACTION: Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (7 CFR Part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Bear Creek watershed, Scott County, Tennessee; McCreary County, Kentucky.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James W. Ford, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 675 U.S. Courthouse, 801 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee 37203, telephone (615) 736-5471.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, James W. Ford, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for this project.

Bear Creek Watershed, Tennessee and Kentucky; Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact

The project concerns a plan for watershed protection and water quality improvement. The planned works of improvement include treatment of acid mine drainage and sedimentation from abandoned mine lands and treatment of eroding forestland. Federal financial assistance will be provided to accelerate financial and technical assistance for water quality improvement.

The Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various

federal, state, and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting James W. Ford.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.904—Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention—and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with state and local officials)

Dated: May 2, 1997.

James W. Ford,

State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Action Affecting Export Privileges; Thane-Coat, Inc., Jerry Vernon Ford, Preston John Engebretson, Export Materials, Inc. and Thane-Coat International, Ltd

In the matters of: Thane-Coat, Inc., 12725 Royal Drive, Stafford, Texas 77477; Jerry Vernon Ford, President, Thane-Coat, Inc., 12725 Royal Drive, Stafford, Texas 77477, and with an address at 7707 Augustine Drive, Houston, Texas 77036; Preston John Engebretson, Vice-President, Thane-Coat, Inc., 12725 Royal Drive, Stafford, Texas 77477, and with an address at 8903 Bonhomme Road, Houston, Texas 77074; Export Materials, Inc., 3727 Greenbriar Drive, No. 108, Stafford, Texas 77477, and Thane-Coat International, Ltd., Suite C, Regent Centre, Explorers Way, P.O. Box F-40775, Freeport, The Bahamas, Respondents.

Order Temporarily Denying Export Privileges

The Office of Export Enforcement, Bureau of Export Administration, United States Department of Commerce (hereinafter "BXA"), pursuant to the provisions of Section 766.24 of the Export Administration Regulations (61 Federal Regulation 12734-13041, March 25, 1996, to be codified at 15 CFR Parts 730-774) (hereinafter the "Regulations"), issued pursuant to the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C.A. app. §§ 2401-2420 (1991 & Supp. 1997) (hereinafter the "Act")),¹ has asked the Acting

Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement to issue an order temporarily denying all United States export privileges to Thane-Coat, Inc.; Jerry Vernon Ford, president, Thane-Coat, Inc.; Preston John Engebretson, vice-president, Thane-Coat, Inc.; Export Materials, Inc.; and Thane-Coat International, Ltd. (hereinafter collectively referred to as "respondents").

In its request, BXA states that, as a result of an ongoing investigation, it has reason to believe that, during the period from approximately June 1994 through approximately July 1996, Thane-Coat, Inc., through Ford and Engebretson, and using its affiliated companies, Thane-Coat International, Ltd. and Export Materials, Inc., made approximately 100 shipments of U.S.-origin pipe coating materials, machines, and part to the Dong Ah Consortium in Benghazi, Libya. These items were for use in coating the internal surface of prestressed concrete cylinder pipe for the Government of Libya's Great Man-Made River Project. BXA's investigation gives it reason to believe that the respondents employed a scheme to export U.S.-origin products from the United States, through the United Kingdom or Italy, to Libya, a country subject to a comprehensive economic sanctions program, without the authorizations required under U.S. law and regulations, including the Regulations.

In light of these events, BXA believes that the violations respondents are suspected of having committed were significant, deliberate and covert and are likely to occur again unless a temporary denial order naming respondents is issued. In addition, BXA believes that a temporary denial order is necessary to give notice to companies in the United States and abroad that they should cease dealing with respondents in export-related transactions involving U.S.-origin goods.

Based on the showing made by BXA, I find that an order temporarily denying the export privileges of each respondent is necessary in the public interest to prevent an imminent violation of the Act and the Regulations and to give notice to companies in the United States and abroad to cease dealing with respondents in items subject to the Act and the Regulations, in order to reduce the substantial likelihood that

extended by Presidential Notices of August 15, 1995 (3 CFR, 1995 Comp. 501 (1996)) and August 14, 1996 (61 Federal Regulations 42527, August 15, 1996), continued the Regulations in effect under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (currently codified at 50 U.S.C.A. §§ 1701-1706 (1991 & Supp. 1997)).

respondents will continue to engage in activities that are in violation of the Act and the Regulations. This order is issued on an *ex parte* basis without a hearing, based on BXA's showing that expedited action is required.

Accordingly, it is therefore ordered: First, that Thane-Coat, Inc. 12725 Royal Drive, Stafford, Texas 77477, and all of its successors or assigns, and officers, representatives, agents, and employees when acting on its behalf; Jerry Vernon Ford, president, Thane-Coat, Inc., 12725 Royal Drive, Stafford, Texas 77477, and with an address at 7707 Augustine Drive, Houston, Texas 77036; Preston John Engebretson, vice-president, Thane-Coat, Inc. 12725 Royal Drive, Stafford, Texas 77477, and with an address at 8903 Bonhomme Road, Houston, Texas 77074; Export Materials, Inc., 3727 Greenbriar Drive, No. 108, Stafford, Texas 77477, and all of its successors or assigns, and officers, representatives, agents, and employees when acting on its behalf; and Thane-Coat International, Ltd., Suite C, Regent Centre, Explorers Way, P.O. Box F-40775, Freeport, The Bahamas, and all of its successors or assigns, and officers, representatives, agents, and employees when acting on its behalf, may not, directly or indirectly, participate in any way in any transaction involving any commodity, software or technology (hereinafter collectively referred to as "item") exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the Regulations, or in any other activity subject to the Regulations, including, but not limited to:

A. Applying for, obtaining, or using any license, License Exception, or export control document;

B. Carrying on negotiations concerning, or ordering, buying, receiving, using, selling, delivering, storing, disposing of, forwarding, transporting, financing, or otherwise servicing in any way, any transaction involving any item exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the Regulations, or in any other activity subject to the Regulations; or

C. Benefiting in any way from any transaction involving any item exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the Regulations, or in any other activity subject to the Regulations.

Second, that no person may, directly or indirectly, do any of the following:

A. Export or reexport to or on behalf of any of the denied persons any item subject to the Regulations;

B. Take any action that facilitates the acquisition or attempted acquisition by any of the denied persons of the

¹ The Act expired on August 20, 1997. Executive Order 12924 (3 CFR 1994 Comp. 917 (1995)),