

funds and terminates with evidence supporting the propriety of expenditures for construction or retirement projects.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.5 hours per response.

Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 758.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 9.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 11,233.

Copies of this information collection, and related form and instructions, can be obtained from Bob Turner, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, at (202) 720-0696.

Comments are invited on (a) whether the 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 burden including the validity of the methodology and assumption 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 respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Stop 1522, Room 4034 South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250-1522.

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.

Dated: November 19, 1999.

Christopher A. McLean,

Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Pohnpei Utilities Corporation, Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of an environmental assessment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is

issuing an environmental assessment with respect to the potential environmental impacts related to the construction and operation of a 6.5 megawatt (MW) diesel electric generating plant at Dekehtik on the Island of Pohnpei. Pohnpei is the largest state in the Federated States of Micronesia. RUS may provide financing assistance to the Pohnpei Utilities Corporation (PUC) for the project.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nurul Islam, Environmental Protection Specialist, Rural Utilities Service, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone: (202) 720-1414. His e-mail address is nislam@rus.usda.gov. Information is also available from Mr. Marcelino Actouka, General Manager, Pohnpei Utilities Corporation, P.O. Box C, Kolonia, Pohnpei FM96941 and Mr. Peter Howard, Executive Vice President, Oceanic Companies, Inc., 1287 Kalani Street, Suite 203, Honolulu, Hawaii 96817-4961, telephone (808) 874-0207.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Dekehtik Generating Station will consist of a 6.5 MW diesel generating unit that will be located within an enclosed building. The same building could also house three smaller diesel units (2.4 MW total capacity) that may be relocated from the existing Nampohnmal Generating Station. Low sulfur light diesel fuel will be delivered via pipeline from the port facility and stored in four storage tanks. An existing substation and transmission line will distribute electricity generated by the facility to the island. The location of the proposed project is a 123,00 square feet section of the soon to be closed municipal waste dump site at Dekehtik. This area would be cleared of trash and refuse and filled with crushed coral or rock. Located in the immediate area, all of which has been designated as an industrial development zone, are the airport and the commercial port that serve Pohnpei.

Oceanic Companies, Inc. prepared an environmental report for RUS, which describes the project and assesses its environmental impacts. RUS has conducted an independent evaluation of the environmental report and believes that it accurately assesses the impacts of the proposed project. This environmental report will serve as RUS' environmental assessment of the project. No significant impacts are expected as a result of the construction of the project.

The environmental assessment can be reviewed at the headquarters of Pohnpei Utilities Corporation, Oceanic

Companies, Inc., and the headquarters of RUS, at the addresses provided above.

Questions and comments should be sent to RUS at the address provided. RUS will accept questions and comments on the environmental assessment for at least 30 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental review procedures as prescribed by the 7 CFR Part 1794, Environmental Policies and Procedures.

Dated: November 23, 1999.

Lawrence R. Wolfe,

Acting Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Current Industrial Reports Surveys—WAVE I (Mandatory and Voluntary Submissions)

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before January 31, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5033, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to: Judy Dodds, Assistant Chief for Census and Related Programs, (301) 457-4587, Census Bureau, Manufacturing and Construction Division, Room 2101, Building #4, Washington, DC 20233.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau conducts a series of monthly, quarterly, and annual surveys as part of the Current Industrial Reports (CIR) program. The CIR surveys deal mainly with the quantity and value of shipments of particular products and occasionally with data on production and inventories; unfilled orders, receipts, stocks and consumption; and comparative data on domestic production, exports, and imports of the products they cover. These surveys provide continuing and timely national statistical data on manufacturing. The results of these surveys are used extensively by individual firms, trade

associations, and market analysts in planning or recommending marketing and legislative strategies.

The CIR program includes both mandatory and voluntary surveys. Typically the monthly and quarterly surveys are conducted on a voluntary basis. Those companies that choose not to respond to the voluntary surveys are required to submit a mandatory annual counterpart. The annual counterpart collects annual data from those firms not participating in the more frequent collection.

In 1998, the Census Bureau converted the Current Industrial Reports (CIR) survey form names to reflect the switch from the old U.S. Standard Industrial

Classification (SIC) system to the new North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). For example, the M37L under the old SIC system converted to M336L under the NAICS.

Due to the large number of surveys in the CIR program, for clearance purposes, we group the surveys into three waves. The mandatory and voluntary surveys in each wave are separately submitted. Thus, a total of six clearances cover all of the surveys in the CIR program. One wave is submitted for reclearance each year. This year the Census Bureau plans to submit mandatory and voluntary surveys of Wave I for clearance. The surveys in Wave I are:

Mandatory surveys	Voluntary surveys
M311H—Fats and Oils (Warehouse)	M336L—Truck Trailers*
M311M—Fats and Oils (Consumers)	MQ325B—Inorganic Fertilizer Materials and Related Products
M311N—Fats and Oils (Producers)	MQ327D—Clay Construction Products*
MA325F—Paints and Allied Products	MQ322E—Plumbing Fixtures*
MA327C—Refractories	
MA331A—Iron and Steel Castings	
MA331B—Steel Mill Products	
MA331E—Nonferrous Castings	
MA332K—Steel Shipping Drums and Pads	
MA333A—Farm Machinery and Lawn and Garden Equipment	
MA333M—Refrigeration, Air Conditioning & Warm Air Equipment	
MA332Q—Antifriction Bearings	
MA334R—Computers & Office & Accounting Machines	
MA335A—Switchgear, Switchboard Apparatus Relays, & Industrial Controls	
MA335F—Major Household Appliances	
MA335H—Motors and Generators	
MA335K—Wiring Devices and Supplies	
MA334B—Selected Instrument & Related Products	

*These voluntary surveys have mandatory annual counterparts.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will use mail out/mail back survey forms to collect data. We ask respondents to return monthly report forms within 10 days, quarterly report forms within 15 days, and annual report forms within 30 days of the initial mailing. Telephone calls and/or letters encouraging participation will be mailed to respondents that have not responded by the designated time.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0392—Mandatory Surveys. 0607-0393—Voluntary & Annual Counterparts Surveys.

Form Number: Set Chart Above.

Type of Review: Regular Review.

Affected Public: Businesses, Other for Profit, or Organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Mandatory Surveys—13,829. Voluntary & Annual Counterparts Surveys—2,991. Total—16,820.

Estimated Time Per Response: Mandatory Surveys—1.26 hrs. avg.

Voluntary & Annual Counterparts Surveys—2.22 hrs. avg.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: Mandatory Surveys—13,032 hours. Voluntary & Annual Counterparts Surveys—1,877 hours. Total—14,909 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The estimated cost to respondents for all the CIR reports in Wave I for fiscal year 2001 is \$197,395.

Respondent's Obligation: The CIR program includes both mandatory and voluntary surveys.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Sections 61, 182, 224, and 225.

IV. Request for 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 shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the

proposed collection of information; (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 respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 23, 1999.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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