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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:
Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 11:00 a.m., Friday, May 23, 1997.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C., 9th Fl. Conference Room.

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AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:
Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 11:00 a.m., Friday, May 30, 1997.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C., 9th Fl. Conference Room.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0113]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request Entitled Acquisition of Helium

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0113).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Acquisition of Helium.

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* June 20, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, should be submitted to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat, 1800 F Streets, NW., Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0113 in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Klein, Office of Federal Acquisition Policy, GSA (202) 501-3755.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The Helium Act (Pub. L. 86-777) (50 U.S.C. 167a, *et seq.*) and the Department of the Interior's implementing regulations (30 CFR Parts 601 and 602) require Federal agencies to procure all major helium requirements from the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

It has been the Department of the Interior's policy, consistent with Congressional intent that Government helium be used in Government contracts, and that all Government contracts involving the use of significant amounts of helium require that Government helium be used in performing the contract. The

appropriate vehicle for the establishment of requirements pertaining to Government procurement is the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR).

Current FAR coverage on the subject references 30 CFR Parts 601 and 602. These are Department of the Interior regulations dealing with helium sales and helium distribution. However, the FAR contains no substantive guidance on procurement of helium and does not require submission of information that will permit the Bureau of Mines to ascertain whether Federal agencies are using Government helium and are requiring in their contracts that Government helium be used in contracted-for work.

The new FAR coverage provides an appropriate level of guidance on the subject, including a requirement that offerors responding to contract solicitations provide information as to their forecast of helium required for performance of the contract.

Such information will facilitate enforcement of the requirements of the Helium Act and the contractual provisions requiring the use of Government helium by agency contractors, in that it will permit corrective action to be taken if the Bureau of Land Management, after comparing helium sales data against helium requirement forecasts, discovers apparent serious discrepancies.

The information is used in administration of certain Federal contracts to ensure contractor compliance with contract clauses. Without the information, the required use of Government helium cannot be monitored and enforced effectively.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .5 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: *Respondents:* 50; *responses per respondent:* 1; *total annual responses:* 50; *preparation hours per response:* 5; and *total response burden hours:* 25.

C. Annual Recordkeeping Burden

The annual recordkeeping burden is estimated as follows: *Recordkeepers:* 50; *hours per recordkeeper:* .5; and *total recordkeeping burden hours:* 25.