

sites. However, the majority of the land within the Northeast Phase Expansion area has been identified as important farmland, so the overall impact to this resource will be minimal.

For a detailed analysis of the data supporting the above conclusions, see the Draft EIS.

Dated: February 12, 1998.

John P. Romano,

Deputy Administrator, Water and Environmental Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Export of Parcels Through the Postal Service; 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 April 24, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Ms. Dawn Battle, Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, room 6877, Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Persons exporting through the U.S. Postal Service must place on the parcel the authorization for the export—either the validated export license number or the General License symbol, as appropriate. If a General License is utilized, the exporter must also show on the parcel the phrase "Export License Not Required".

II. Method of Collection

Submitted on parcel.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0694-0095.

Form Number: Not applicable.

Type of Review: Regular submission for extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit, and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8,000,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 5 seconds per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 11,110.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0 (no capital expenditures are required).

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 through 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 will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 17, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Five-Year Record Retention Period; 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)).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Exporters are required to maintain records of export transactions. The recordkeeping requirement corresponds with the five-year statute of limitations for criminal actions brought under the Export Administration Act of 1979 and predecessor acts, and the five-year statute for administrative compliance proceedings. Without this authority, potential violators could discard records demonstrating violations of the EAR prior to the expiration of the five-year statute of limitations.

II. Method of Collection

Recordkeeping.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0694-0096.

Form Number: Not applicable.

Type of Review: Regular submission for extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit, and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 154,816.

Estimated Time Per Response: 10 seconds per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 259.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0—no capital expenditures are required.

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 through the use of automated collection techniques