DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Notice of Proposed Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing its intention to request approval for the collection of information for three OSM grant forms—OSM-47 (Budget Information Report), OSM-49 (Budget Information and Financial Reporting) and OSM-51 (Performance and Program Narrative).

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by October 1, 1999, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to John A. Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave, NW, Room 210-SIB, Washington, DC 20240. Comments may also be submitted electronically to jtreleas@osmre.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John A. Trelease, at (202) 208-2783.
Commission reports to help meet obtaining feedback from readers of a currently approved collection (OMB Management and Budget for extension International Trade Commission intends

Reduction Act of 1995, the U.S. SUMMARY:

EFFECTIVE DATE:

Proposed Agency Information

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

COMMISSION

Proposed Agency Information Collection; Comment Request


ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection and request for comment.


SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the U.S. International Trade Commission intends to seek approval from the Office of Management and Budget for extension of a currently approved collection (OMB No.: 3117—0188) for the purpose of obtaining feedback from readers of Commission reports to help meet regular program assessment requirements. Under Public Law 103–62, the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, the U.S. International Trade Commission is seeking a long-term, continuing means for conducting program evaluations by using the proposed one-page collection, ITC Reader Satisfaction Survey, to help determine the extent to which USITC reports effectively meet the needs of customers. Comments concerning the proposed information collection are requested in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.8(d).

DATES: To be assured of consideration, written comments must be received at the Commission within 60 days of publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Signed comments should be submitted to Donna Koehnke, Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The proposed information collection, for which the Commission intends to request approval from OMB for extension, is published with this notice. Copies of the draft Supporting Statement to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget will be posted on the Commission’s World Wide Web site at http://www.usitc.gov or may be obtained from Larry Brookhart, Office of Industries, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436 (telephone no. 202–205–3418). Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting our TTD terminal, (telephone no. 202–205–1810).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

Comments are solicited as to: (1) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) minimization of the burden of the proposed information collection on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Summary of the Proposed Information Collection

Public Law 103–62, the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, enacted on August 3, 1993, sets forth objectives for Federal agencies to, among other things, initiate measures to improve information on program performance, and specifically, to focus on evaluating results, quality, and customer satisfaction. The one-page survey asks for voluntary input from respondents by circling responses that indicate an assessment of reader satisfaction regarding the value and quality of Commission reports. The “tear-out” survey is being placed inside the cover of certain reports issued by the Commission (excluding Title VII reports for which a separate survey is being designed), including all public studies requested by the Congress and the United States Trade Representative, or reports conducted by the USITC on its own motion, pursuant to section 332 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)), and other public reports that meet agency program requirements for a research program set forth in its Strategic Plan (available on the agency’s World Wide Web site at http://www.usitc.gov). Following are highlights of the proposed information collection: (1) Number of forms to be submitted: One single-page form (2) Title of form: USITC Reader Satisfaction Survey (3) Type of request: Proposed extension of a currently approved collection (4) Frequency of use: Annual or on occasion information gathering (5) Description of Respondents: Interested parties receiving most all public reports issued by the USITC, with the exception of Title VII reports (6) Estimated number of respondents: 2,500 annually (7) Estimated total number of hours to complete the forms: 625 hours annually (8) Response burden: Less than 15 minutes for each individual respondent (9) Information requested on a voluntary basis is not proprietary in nature, but rather for program evaluation purposes and is not intended to be published. Commission treatment of questionnaire responses will be followed; responses will be aggregated and will not be presented in a manner that will reveal the individual parties that supplied the information. Although the survey will be made available on the Commission’s web site, responses must be in paper form. Issued: July 27, 1999.