

provided as well as implement action plans and measure improvements.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response.

Respondents: Field office personnel, most likely office clerks and borrowers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 23,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

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Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 3,680

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division at (202) 692-0043.

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 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, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-0742. 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: March 6, 2003.

Arthur A. Garcia,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the

provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Questionnaire for Building Permit Officials.

Form Number(s): SOC-QBPO.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0125.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 225 hours.

Number of Respondents: 900.

Avg Hours Per Response: 15 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau requests an extension of the current OMB clearance of the Questionnaire for Building Permit Officials (SOC-QBPO). The Census Bureau uses the SOC-QBPO to collect information from state and local building permit officials, such as (1) The types of permits they issue, (2) the length of time a permit is valid, (3) how they store the permits, and (4) the geographic coverage of the permit system. Census Bureau field representatives visit selected permit-issuing places and conduct the survey using Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) technology and a lap top computer. We need this information to carry out the sampling for the Survey of Housing Starts, Sales and Completions (OMB number 0607-0110), also known as the Survey of Construction (SOC). The SOC provides widely used measures of construction activity, including the economic indicators Housing Starts, Housing Completions, and New Housing Sales.

We plan no changes to the information collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., section 182.

OMB Desk Officer: Susan Schechter, (202) 395-5103.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202)482-0266, Department of Commerce, room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dhynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202-395-7245) or email (susan_schechter@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: March 7, 2003.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35)

Agency: Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS).

Title: Chemical Weapons Convention Declaration Forms.

Agency Form Number: Form 1-1, Form 1-2, Form 1-2A, Form 1-2B, etc.

OMB Approval Number: 0694-0091.

Type of Request: Renewal of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 20,538 hours.

Average Time Per Response: 10 minutes-31 hours per response.

Number of Respondents: 929 respondents.

Needs and Uses: Declarations: The CWC requires annual declarations and reports for activities involving Schedule 1, Schedule 2, Schedule 3 and Unscheduled Discrete Organic Chemicals (UDOCs) above specified threshold quantities. The frequency of this collection is the minimum required under the CWC. The associated Declaration and Report Handbooks and the forms are available from the following Internet URL: http://www.cwc.gov/Declarations/Handbooks_and_Forms/cwcIndex_html

Schedule 1: The CWC requires annual declarations for facilities that produced in excess of specified aggregate quantities of Schedule 1 chemicals in the previous calendar year.

Schedule 2: The CWC requires plant sites that had one or more plants that produced, processed or consumed Schedule 2 chemicals above the applicable threshold quantity during any of the three previous to determine whether there is an annual declaration requirement on past activities.

Schedule 3: The CWC requires annual declarations from plant sites that had one or more plants that produced in excess of specified quantities of one or more Schedule 3 chemicals in the previous calendar year.

UDOCs: Although the majority of declarations are required from plant