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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Forestry Research Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The meeting room is changed for the Forestry Research Advisory Council. The meeting will take place in Berkeley, California, November 15-16, 2007. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss emerging issues in forestry research.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held November 15-16, 2007. On November 15 the meeting will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on November 16 from 8-noon.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Women's Faculty Club on the University of California Campus in Berkeley, California. Individuals who wish to speak at the meeting or to propose agenda items must send their names and proposals to Daina Apple, Designated Federal Officer, Forestry Research Advisory Council, USDA Forest Service Research and Development, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-1120. Individuals also may fax their names and proposed agenda items to (202) 205-1530.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Daina Apple, Forest Service Office of the Deputy Chief for Research and Development, (202) 205-1665.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public. Council discussion is limited to Forest Service, Cooperative State Research Education, and Extension Service staff and Council members. Persons wishing to bring forestry research matters to the attention of the Council may file written statements with the Council staff before or after the meeting.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Industry and Security

[Docket No. 071002551-7552-01]

#### National Defense Stockpile Market Impact Committee Request for Public Comments on the Potential Market Impact of Proposed Stockpile Disposals for Fiscal Year 2009

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Industry and Security, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of inquiry.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is to advise the public that the National Defense Stockpile Market Impact Committee, co-chaired by the Departments of Commerce and State, is seeking public comments on the potential market impact of the proposed disposal levels of excess materials for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Annual Materials Plan.

**DATES:** To be considered, written comments must be received by November 23, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments concerning this notice to Michael Vaccaro, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security, Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 3876, Washington, DC 20230, fax: (202) 482-5650 (Attn: Michael Vaccaro), e-mail: [MIC@bis.doc.gov](mailto:MIC@bis.doc.gov); or Peter Haymond, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Office of International Energy and Commodity Policy, Washington, DC 20520, fax: (202) 647-8758 (Attn: Peter Haymond), or e-mail: [haymondp@state.gov](mailto:haymondp@state.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Newsom, Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security, Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, Telephone: (202) 482-7417.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Under the authority of the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. 98, *et seq.*), the Department of Defense (DOD), as National Defense Stockpile Manager, maintains a stockpile of strategic and critical materials to supply the military, industrial, and essential civilian needs of the United States for national defense. Section 3314 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 1993 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) (50 U.S.C. 98h-1) formally established a Market Impact Committee (the Committee) to "advise the National Defense Stockpile Manager on the projected domestic and

foreign economic effects of all acquisitions and disposals of materials from the stockpile \* \* \*." The Committee must also balance market impact concerns with the statutory requirement to protect the Government against avoidable loss.

The Committee is comprised of representatives from the Departments of Commerce, State, Agriculture, Defense, Energy, Interior, the Treasury, and Homeland Security, and is co-chaired by the Departments of Commerce and State. The FY 1993 NDAA directs the Committee to consult with industry representatives that produce, process, or consume the materials contained in the stockpile.

In Attachment 1, the Defense National Stockpile Center (DNSC) lists the proposed quantities that are enumerated in the stockpile inventory for the FY 2009 Annual Materials Plan. The Committee is seeking public comments on the potential market impact of the sale of these materials. Public comments are an important element of the Committee's market impact review process.

The quantities listed in Attachment 1 are not disposal or sales target quantities, but rather a statement of the proposed maximum disposal quantity of each listed material that may be sold in a particular fiscal year by the DNSC. The quantity of each material that will actually be offered for sale will depend on the market for the material at the time of the offering as well as on the quantity of each material approved for disposal by Congress.

#### Submission of Comments

The Committee requests that interested parties provide written comments, supporting data and documentation, and any other relevant information on the potential market impact of the sale of these commodities. All comments must be submitted to the address indicated in this notice. All comments submitted through e-mail must include the phrase "Market Impact Committee Notice of Inquiry" in the subject line.

The Committee encourages interested persons who wish to comment to do so at the earliest possible time. The period for submission of comments will close on November 23, 2007. The Committee will consider all comments received before the close of the comment period. Comments received after the end of the comment period will be considered, if possible, but their consideration cannot be assured.

All comments submitted in response to this notice will be made a matter of public record and will be available for

public inspection and copying. Anyone submitting business confidential information should clearly identify the business confidential portion of the submission and also provide a non-confidential submission that can be placed in the public record. The Committee will seek to protect such information to the extent permitted by law.

The Office of Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, displays public comments on the BIS Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Web site at <http://www.bis.doc.gov/foia>. This office does not maintain a separate public inspection facility. If you have technical difficulties accessing this Web site, please call BIS's Office of

Administration at (202) 482-1900 for assistance.

Dated: October 5, 2007.

**Christopher A. Padilla,**  
Assistant Secretary for Export Administration.

**Attachment 1**

PROPOSED FY 2009 ANNUAL MATERIALS PLAN

Material	Unit	Quantity	Footnote
Aluminum Oxide, Abrasive .....	ST .....	5,500	(1)
Bauxite, Metallurgical Jamaican .....	LDT .....	2,000,000	(1)
Beryl Ore .....	ST .....	1,000	(1)
Beryllium Metal .....	ST .....	40	
Beryllium Copper Master Alloy .....	ST .....	300	(1)
Chromium, Ferro .....	ST .....	150,000	
Chromium, Metal .....	ST .....	1,000	
Cobalt .....	LB Co ..	3,000,000	(1)
Columbium Metal Ingots .....	LB Cb ..	20,000	(1)
Diamond Stones .....	ct .....	520,000	(1)
Germanium .....	Kg .....	8,000	
Manganese, Battery Grade, Natural .....	SDT .....	20,000	(1)
Manganese, Battery Grade, Synthetic .....	SDT .....	3,000	(1)
Manganese, Chemical Grade .....	SDT .....	25,000	(1)
Manganese, Ferro .....	ST .....	100,000	
Manganese, Metallurgical Grade .....	SDT .....	250,000	
Mica, All .....	LB .....	17,000	(1)
Platinum .....	Tr Oz ...	9,000	(1)
Platinum-Iridium .....	Tr Oz ...	3,000	(1)
Talc .....	ST .....	1,000	
Tantalum Carbide Powder .....	LB Ta ..	8,000	(1)
Tin .....	MT .....	6,000	(1)
Tungsten Metal Powder .....	LB W ...	300,000	(1)
Tungsten Ores & Concentrates .....	LB W ...	8,000,000	
VTE, Quebracho .....	LT .....	6,000	
VTE, Wattle .....	LT .....	200	(1)
Zinc .....	ST .....	30,000	(1)

<sup>1</sup> Actual quantity will be limited to remaining inventory.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

**Notice of Charter Renewal**

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration has renewed the charter for the U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board (Board) for a 2-year period, through September 21, 2009. The Board is a federal advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board was first established on September 21, 2005, by the Secretary of Commerce, pursuant to his duties as authorized by law, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and with the

concurrence of the General Services Administration.

Pursuant to Department of Commerce authority under 15 U.S.C. 1512, the Board shall advise the Secretary of Commerce on matters relating to the U.S. travel and tourism industries. The Board shall act as a liaison among the stakeholders represented by the membership and shall provide a forum for those stakeholders on current and emerging issues in the travel and tourism industry, ensuring regular contact between the government and the travel and tourism sector. The Board shall advise the Secretary on government policies and programs that affect the U.S. travel and tourism industry, offer counsel on current and emerging issues, and provide a forum for discussing and proposing solutions to industry-related problems.

The U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board consists of up to fifteen members appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. Members represent

companies and organizations in the travel and tourism industry from a broad range of products and services, company sizes and geographic locations. The Board plans to maintain this broad balance in order to incorporate the views of the wide range of travel and tourism oriented industries. Prior membership included representatives of the hotel, airline, restaurant, retail, amusement park, and guided tour industries, as well as representatives of city and state tourism and convention bureaus.

The Board will function solely as an advisory body, and in compliance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, its implementing regulations, and applicable Department of Commerce policies.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kate Worthington, Deputy Director, Office of Advisory Committees, (202) 482-4260.