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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2026–0100]

General Conference Committee of the National Poultry Improvement Plan and 47th Biennial Conference

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: We are giving notice, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), of a meeting of the General Conference Committee (GCC or the Committee) of the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) and the NPIP's 47th Biennial Conference.

DATES: The General Conference Committee meeting will be held on August 11, 2026, from 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. MST. The General Session of the Biennial Conference will begin on August 12, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. and end no later than August 14, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. MST.

ADDRESSES: The meeting and conference will be held at the Hilton Salt Lake City Center Hotel, 255 South West Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Savannah Busby, Acting Senior Coordinator, National Poultry Improvement Plan, VS, APHIS, USDA, 1506 Klondike Road, Suite 301, Conyers, GA 30094; (770) 922–3496, savannah.busby@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The General Conference Committee (the Committee) of the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP), representing cooperating State agencies and poultry industry members, serves an essential function by acting as liaison between the poultry industry and the Department in matters pertaining to poultry health.

Topics for discussion at the upcoming meeting include:

1. New diagnostic tests seeking NPIP approval.
2. Salmonella update.
3. Avian Influenza update.
4. Mycoplasma update.

The meeting will be open to the public; however, public participation in discussions during the sessions will only be allowed if time permits. Written statements may be filed at the meeting or filed with the Committee before or after the meeting by sending them to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Please refer to Docket No. APHIS–2026–0100 when submitting your statements.

Reasonable Accommodations

If needed, please request reasonable accommodations no later than July 29, 2026, by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Requests made after that date may be considered, but it may not be possible to fulfill them.

This notice of meeting is given pursuant to section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. 10).

Equal opportunity practices, in accordance with USDA policies, will be followed in all membership appointments to the Committee.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the State or local Agency that administers the program or contact USDA through the Telecommunications Relay Service at 711 (voice and TTY). Additionally, program information may be made

available in languages other than English.

Dated: July 2, 2026.

Cikena Reid,

USDA Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Data Security Requirements for Accessing Confidential Data

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau and U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment on the proposed extension of the Data Security Requirements for Accessing Confidential Data collection, prior to the submission of the information collection request (ICR) to OMB for approval.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before September 8, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by email to adrm.pra@census.gov. Please reference Data Security Requirements for Accessing Confidential Data in the subject line of your comments. You may also submit comments, identified by Docket Number USBC–2026–0199, to the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments received are part of the public record. No comments will be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov> for public viewing until after the comment period has closed. Comments will generally be

posted without change. All Personally Identifiable Information (for example, name and address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information. You may submit attachments to electronic comments in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF file formats.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Tiffany S Tayman, Supervisory Program Analyst, 301-763-1675, and Tiffany.S.Tayman@census.gov at Census Bureau, or Thomas Anderson, Research Data Center Administrator, (301) 278-9117, and thomas.anderson@bea.gov at Bureau of Economic Analysis.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Title III of the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018 (hereafter referred to as the Evidence Act) mandated that OMB establish a Standard Application Process (SAP) for requesting access to certain confidential data assets. Specifically, the Evidence Act requires OMB to establish a common application process through which agencies, the Congressional Budget Office, State, local, and Tribal governments, researchers, and other individuals, as appropriate, may apply for access to certain confidential data assets collected, accessed, or acquired by a statistical agency or unit. This process maintains stringent controls to protect confidentiality and privacy, as required by the law governing the data-owning agency.

Data collected, accessed, or acquired by statistical agencies and units is vital for developing evidence of conditions, characteristics, and behaviors of the public and on the operations and outcomes of public programs and policies. This evidence can benefit the stakeholders in the programs, the broader public, as well as policymakers and program managers at the local, State, Tribal, and National levels. The many potential benefits of access to data for evidence building notwithstanding, the U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) are required by the law governing their activities to maintain controls to protect the confidentiality and privacy of the data they collect.

The SAP Portal is a web-based application for the public to request access to confidential data assets from

federal statistical agencies and units. The objective of the SAP Portal is to increase public access to confidential data for the purposes of evidence building and reduce the burden of applying for such access. Once an individual's application in the SAP Portal has received a positive determination by the data-owning agency, the data-owning agency(ies) or unit(s) will begin the process of collecting information to fulfill their data security requirements.

The paragraphs below outline the process for BEA and Census to collect information fulfilling their data security requirements, consistent with their statutory requirements.

Collection of Information for Data Security Requirements

In the instance of a positive determination for an application requesting access to a U.S. Census Bureau and/or a U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis confidential data asset through the SAP process, the U.S. Census Bureau and/or the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis will contact the applicant(s) to initiate the process of collecting information to fulfill their security requirements. These requirements include additional information necessary for the statistical agency or unit to place the applicant(s) in a trusted category that may include the applicant's successful completion of a background investigation, confidentiality training, nondisclosure, and data use agreements.

The U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis's data security requirements include the completion of trainings on topics such as data stewardship, controlled unclassified information (CUI), records management, safety, and IT Security. Requirements also include the completion of forms:

- Form BC-1759, Special Sworn Status—U.S. Census Bureau
- OF-306 Declaration for Federal Employment
- Fair Credit Release—U.S. Census Bureau
- Selective Service Form—U.S. Census Bureau
- BC-4002 Foreign National Residence History—U.S. Census Bureau
- BC-4003 Initial Information Sheet—U.S. Census Bureau
- BC-4004 Researcher Semi-Annual Contact Information and Travel History Update—U.S. Census Bureau
- Sworn Statement (Affirmation) of Nondisclosure for Consultant to BEA—U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

- Annual Census Bureau Data Handling University Training, including:
 - Data Stewardship & Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI)
 - Title 13 Awareness Course
 - Title 26 Awareness Training
 - Cybersecurity Awareness & Protection Course
- Annual Census Bureau Records Management Training
- Annual Bureau of Economic Analysis Title 26 Awareness Training
- Annual Bureau of Economic Analysis Data Stewardship and IT Security Training
- Annual Bureau of Economic Analysis Records Management 101 Training
- Annual Bureau of Economic Analysis Active Shooter Training
- Annual Bureau of Economic Analysis Employees Safety Training

II. Method of Collection

Electronically (internet).

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607-1026.

Form Number(s): Various.

Type of Review: Regular submission, Request for an Extension, without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection.

Affected Public: Individuals who are seeking a security clearance with either the U.S. Census Bureau or the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 900.

Estimated Time per Response: On average, 57 minutes for the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and 433 minutes for the U.S. Census Bureau. This estimate includes completion of paperwork and training requirements. The amount of time to complete the agreements and other paperwork that comprise the U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis's security requirements will vary based on the confidential data assets requested and the access modality. This estimate does not include the time needed to complete and submit an application within the SAP Portal. All efforts related to SAP Portal applications occur prior to and separate from the U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis's effort to collect information related to data security requirements.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: Overall, per year, the U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis estimate they will collect data security information for a total of 300 application submissions that received a positive determination within the SAP Portal. The U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Bureau of

Economic Analysis estimate that the total burden for the collection of information for data security requirements and completion of training over the course of the three-year OMB clearance will be about 7,350 hours and, as a result, an average annual burden of 2,450 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0. There is no cost to the respondent other than time to answer the information request.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Data collection for this project is authorized under 13 U.S.C. 9 and 23(c) for the Census Bureau and 22 U.S.C. 3104 and 15 CFR part 80 for BEA.

IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include, or summarize, each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental PRA Compliance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

[Docket No. 260701-0158]

XRIN 0694-XC165

Notice of Request for Public Comments on Section 232 National Security Investigation of Anthracite Coal

AGENCY: Bureau of Industry and Security, Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments.

SUMMARY: On June 29, 2026, the Secretary of Commerce initiated an investigation to determine the effects on the national security of imports of anthracite coal. This investigation has been initiated under section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended (Section 232). Interested parties are invited to submit written comments, data, analyses, or other information pertinent to the investigation to the Department of Commerce's (Department) Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security. This notice identifies issues on which the Department is especially interested in obtaining the public's views.

DATES: Comments may be submitted at any time but must be received by July 21, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this notice may be submitted to the Federal rulemaking portal at: www.regulations.gov. The www.regulations.gov ID for this notice is BIS-2026-0298. Please refer to XRIN 0694-XC165 in all comments.

All filers using the portal should use the name of the person or entity submitting the comments as the name of their files, in accordance with the instructions below. Anyone submitting business confidential information should clearly identify the business confidential portion at the time of submission, file a statement justifying nondisclosure and referring to the specific legal authority claimed, and provide a non-confidential version of the submission.

For comments submitted electronically containing business confidential information, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters "BC." Any page containing business confidential information must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL"

on the top of that page. The required corresponding non-confidential version of those comments must be clearly marked "PUBLIC." The file name of the non-confidential version should begin with the character "P." Any submissions with file names that do not begin with either a "BC" or a "P" will be assumed to be public and will be made publicly available at: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Commenters submitting business confidential information are encouraged to scan a hard copy of the non-confidential version to create an image of the file, rather than submitting a digital copy with redactions applied, to avoid inadvertent redaction errors which could enable the public to read business confidential information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen Astle, Director, Defense Industrial Base Division, Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security, Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4506, anthracite232@bis.doc.gov. For more information about the Section 232 program, including the regulations and the text of previous investigations, see www.bis.doc.gov/232.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On June 29, 2026, the Secretary of Commerce initiated an investigation under Section 232 (19 U.S.C. 1862) to determine the effects on national security of imports of anthracite coal. For the purposes of this investigation, anthracite coal encompasses products classified under HTSUS code 2701.11.0000 (Anthracite Coal) and 2701.12.0010 (Metallurgical Bituminous Coal). The scope of this investigation is primarily focused on anthracite coal and metallurgical bituminous coal products that are considered critical materials for domestic steel production and industrial processes, including their role as derivative articles of steel for potential coverage under Section 232 tariffs.

For the purpose of this investigation, "anthracite coal" refers to the highest rank of coal, characterized by its high carbon content (86–97 percent), low volatile matter, and superior heating value. Steelmakers use anthracite coal for electric arc furnace (EAF) steelmaking due to its purity and role as a foaming agent and charge ingredient, supporting mission-critical operations across industrial, defense, and infrastructure sectors.

Request for Public Comments

This investigation is being undertaken in accordance with part 705 of the