

of *Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 90-day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. (Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.)

After the comment period ends on the draft environmental impact statement, the comments will be analyzed, considered, and responded to by the three federal agencies in preparing the final environmental impact statement. The federal agencies have decided to await the decisions of the Virginia State Corporation Commission and the West Virginia Public Service Commission on the APCo proposal before publishing the final environmental impact statement. It is not known when the two Commission's will issue their decisions. When these decisions are made the federal agencies will announce the publication date of the final environmental impact statement.

The responsible officials will consider the comments, responses, environmental consequences discussed in the final environmental impact statement, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies in making a decision regarding the proposal to cross federal lands with a 765,000-volt transmission line. The responsible officials will document their decisions and reasons for their decisions in a Record of Decision.

The responsible official for the Forest Service is William E. Damon, Jr., Forest Supervisor, George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, 5162 Valleypointe Parkway, Roanoke, Virginia, 24019. The responsible official for the National Park Service is Pamela Underhill, Park Manager, Appalachian

National Scenic Trail, National Park Service, Harpers Ferry Center, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia 25425. The responsible official for the US Army Corps of Engineers in West Virginia is Colonel Richard Jemiola, US Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, 508 8th Street, Huntington, West Virginia 25701-2070. The responsible official for the US Army Corps of Engineers in Virginia is Colonel Andrew M. Perkins, Jr., US Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District, 803 Front Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23510.

Dated: May 28, 1996.

William E. Damon, Jr.,  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of the Census

#### 1997 Economic Census Covering Manufacturing

**ACTION:** Proposed Agency Information Collection Activity; 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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before August 5, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Forms 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 Michael Zampogna for Food, Textiles, Apparel, Wood and Chemical Products, Bureau of the Census, Room 2212, Building 4, Washington, DC 20233 on (301) 457-4810 and to Kenneth Hansen for Electrical, Transportation, Metals and Industrial Machinery, Bureau of the Census, Room 2207, Building 4, Washington, DC 20233 on (301) 457-4755.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Abstract

The Census Bureau is the preeminent collector and provider of timely, relevant and quality data about the people and economy of the United States. Economic data are the Census Bureau's primary program commitment during nondecennial census years. The economic census, conducted under authority of Title 13 U.S.C., is the primary source of facts about the structure and functioning of the Nation's economy and features unique industry and geographic detail. Economic census statistics serve as part of the framework for the national accounts and provide essential information for government, business and the general public. The 1997 Economic Census will cover virtually every sector of the U.S. economy including more than 400,000 manufacturing establishments.

The information collected from companies in the manufacturing sector of the economic census will produce basic statistics by industry for number of establishments, payroll, employment, value of shipments, value added, capital expenditures, depreciation, materials consumed, selected purchased services, electric energy used and inventories held. Primary strategies for reducing burden in Census Bureau economic data collections are to increase electronic reporting through broader use of computerized self-administered census questionnaires, electronic data interchange, and other electronic data collection methods.

### II. Method of Collection

Establishments included in this collection will be selected from a frame given by the Census Bureau's Standard Statistical Establishment List. To be eligible for selection, an establishment will be required to satisfy the following conditions: (i) It must be classified in the manufacturing sector; (ii) it must be an active operating establishment of a multi-establishment company, or it must be an operating single-establishment company with payroll; and (iii) it must be located in one of the 50 states or the District of Columbia. Most establishments will be included in the mail portion of the collection. Forms tailored for the particular kind of business will be mailed to the establishment to be filled out and returned. Establishments not meeting certain cutoffs for payroll will be included in the non-mail portion of the collection. We will use administrative data in lieu of collecting data directly from these establishments.

Mail selection procedures will distinguish several groups of establishments. Establishment selection to a particular group is based on a number of factors. The more important considerations are the size of the company and whether it is included in the intercensal annual survey of manufactures (ASM) sample panel. The ASM panel is representative of both large and small establishments from the mail component of the manufacturing census. The ASM sample panel includes approximately 60,000 establishments. The various groups of establishments that will constitute the 1997 Census of Manufactures are outlined below.

**A. Establishments of Multi-Establishment Companies Engaged in Manufacturing Activity**

Selection procedures will assign eligible establishments of multi-establishment companies to the mail component of the potential respondent universe.

We estimate that the census mail canvass for 1997 will include the following:

- 1. ASM sample establishments: 35,000
- 2. Non-ASM: 50,000

**B. Single-Establishment Companies Engaged in Manufacturing Activity with Payroll**

As an initial step in the selection process, we will conduct a study of the potential respondent universe for manufacturing. The study of potential respondents will produce a set of industry-specific payroll cutoffs that we will use to distinguish large versus small single-establishment companies within each industry. This payroll size distinction will affect selection as follows:

**1. Large Single-Establishment Companies**

Single-establishment companies having annualized payroll (from Federal administrative records) that equals or exceeds the cutoff for their industry will be assigned to the mail component of the potential respondent universe.

We estimate that the census mail canvass for 1997 will include the following:

- a. ASM sample establishments: 25,000
- b. Non-ASM: 96,000

**2. Small Single-Establishment Companies**

In selected industries, small single-establishment companies that satisfy a particular criteria (administrative record payroll cutoff) will receive a manufacturing short form, which will collect a reduced amount of basic

statistics and other essential information that is not available from administrative records.

We estimate that the census mail canvass for 1997 will include approximately 54,000 companies in this category. This category does not contain ASM establishments.

3. All remaining single-establishment companies with payroll will be represented in the census by data estimated from Federal administrative records. Generally, we do not include these small employers in the census mail canvass.

We estimate that this category for 1997 will include approximately 140,000 manufacturing companies.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* Not Available.

*Form Number:* The forms used to collect information from businesses in these sectors of the economic census are tailored to specific business practices and are too numerous to list separately in this notice. You can obtain information on the proposed content of the forms by calling Michael Zampogna on (301) 457-4810 or Kenneth Hansen on (301) 457-4755.

*Type of Review:* Regular Review.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or Other for Profit, Non-profit Institutions, Small Businesses or Organizations, and State or Local Governments

*Estimated Number of Respondents:*

ASM .....	60,000
Non-ASM (Long Form) .....	146,000
Non-ASM (Short Form) .....	54,000
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>260,000</b>

*Estimated Time Per Response:*

ASM .....	5.6 hrs
Non-ASM (Long Form) .....	3.4 hrs
Non-ASM (Short Form) .....	2.2 hrs

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:*

ASM .....	336,000
Non-ASM (Long Form) .....	496,400
Non-ASM (Short Form) .....	118,800
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>951,200</b>

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* The cost to the government for this work is included in the total cost of the 1997 Economic Census, estimated to be \$218 million.

**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 also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 30, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

*Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.*

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**1997 Economic Census Covering Mining Sector**

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