

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of grant funds under the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 (the Act), Public Law 105-312, and provides information on the grant application process.

APPLICATION DUE DATE: The NPS will accept grant applications postmarked or sent via overnight delivery on or before April 14, 2000. Applications should be sent to: Jonathan Doherty, Program Manager, National Park Service—Chesapeake Bay Program Office, 410 Severn Avenue, Suite 109, Annapolis, MD 21403.

MORE INFORMATION: Complete information about the demonstration project grant program and the application requirements can be found on the internet at <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/gateways.htm>. Questions should be directed to: Fred Herling, National Park Service, 200 Chestnut Street, 3rd floor, Philadelphia, PA 19106, phone number 215-597-1782.

ELIGIBILITY: For Fiscal Year 2000, \$400,000 is available for demonstration project grants to implement the Act. Grants may be provided to non-profit organizations, state and local government agencies for projects that support a collaborative, partnership network linking the many land- and water-based resources and special places around the Chesapeake Bay region. Grants will be awarded for projects that best demonstrate the initial components of the network. Applications will be required to focus on achieving one or more of the following: Enhancing place-based interpretation and education about the Bay and its related resources, facilitating increased access (physical and informational) to the Bay and its related resources, and fostering conservation and restoration of the Bay and its related resources. With the exception of proposals for new or enhanced water trails (which could be located anywhere within the Chesapeake Bay watershed), all other proposals must be for projects located within the main portion of the Bay or along the tidal portions of its tributaries.

MATCHING FUNDS: Applicants may request federal funding for up to 50% of the total project cost. Matching share value may include in-kind contributions of services or materials, cash or revenue sources. Other federal funds may not be used as a matching share. No more than 10% of all eligible project costs can be used for administrative purposes.

SCHEDULE: Official Announcement: February 28, 2000; Application Due Date: Postmarked or sent via overnight

delivery by April 14, 2000; Notification to Applicants: May 12, 2000; Additional Materials Due from Successful Applicants: June 2, 2000; Anticipated Date of Grant Award: June 15, 2000.

Dated: March 1, 2000.

Chrysandra L. Walter,

Deputy Regional Director, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the comment period for the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement to the 1996 Final Supplement to the Final Environmental Statement for the Animas-La Plata Project is extended an additional 30 days to April 17, 2000.

DATES: The end of the public comment period, as noted in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 2428) on January 14, 2000, was March 17, 2000. The public comment period is now extended to April 17, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Pat Schumacher, Manager, Four Corners Division, Western Colorado Area Office, 835 Each Second Avenue, Suite 300, Durango, Colorado 81301-5475; faxogram (970) 385-6539; E-mail ALPDSEISComments@uc.usbr.gov.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from public disclosure, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public disclosure in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pat Schumacher, Manager, Four Corners Division, (970) 385-6590.

Dated: March 3, 2000.

Eluid L. Martinez,

Commissioner of Reclamation.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Agency Form Submitted for OMB Review

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: The U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) has submitted the following information collection requirements to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requesting emergency processing for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The Commission has requested OMB approval of this submission by COB March 14, 2000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 28, 2000.

PURPOSE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION:

The forms are for use by the Commission in connection with investigation No. 332-409, The Impact on the U.S. Economy of Including the United Kingdom in a Free Trade Arrangement with the United States, Canada, and Mexico, instituted under the authority of section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)). This investigation was requested by the Committee on Finance of the U.S. Senate. The Commission expects to deliver the results of its investigation to the Committee by August 18, 2000.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL:

(1) Number of forms submitted: one.

(2) Title of form: The Impact on the U.S. Economy of Including the United Kingdom in a Free Trade Arrangement with the United States, Canada, and Mexico Telephone Survey for U.S. and Foreign Businesses.

(3) Type of request: new.

(4) Frequency of use: Telephone survey, single data gathering, scheduled for 2000.

(5) Description of respondents: Representative selection of U.S. and foreign firms and organizations that export products to the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, and Mexico.

(6) Estimated total number of respondents: 300.

(7) Estimated total number of hours to complete the forms: 150.

(8) Information obtained from the form that qualifies as confidential business information will be so treated by the Commission and not disclosed in

a manner that would reveal the individual operations of a firm.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENT:

Copies of the forms and supporting documents may be obtained from Sylvia McDonough, Office of Industries, USITC (202-205-3393). Comments about the proposals should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Room 10102 (Docket Library), Washington, DC 20503, ATTENTION: Docket Librarian. All comments should be specific, indicating which part of the survey is objectionable, describing the concern in detail, and including specific suggested revisions or language changes. Copies of any comments should be provided to Robert Rogowsky, Director, Office of Operations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, who is the Commission's designated Senior Official under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting our TDD terminal (telephone no. 202-205-1810). General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

Issued: February 29, 2000.

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 731-TA-406 & 408 (Review)]

Electrolytic Manganese Dioxide From Greece and Japan; Notice of Commission Determination To Conduct a Portion of the Hearing in Camera

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Closure of a portion of a Commission hearing.

SUMMARY: Upon request of domestic producers Kerr-McGee Chemical LLC and Chemetals, Inc., ("Petitioners") and domestic importer Eveready Battery Co., ("Eveready") the Commission has determined to conduct a portion of its hearing in the above-captioned investigations scheduled for March 2, 2000, in camera. See Commission rules 207.24(d), 201.13(m) and 201.36(b)(4) (19 CFR 207.24(d), 201.13(m) and 201.36(b)(4)). The remainder of the

hearing will be open to the public. The Commission has determined that the seven-day advance notice of the change to a meeting was not possible. See Commission rule 201.35(a), (c)(1) (19 C.F.R. 201.35(a), (c)(1)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Willis S. Martyn, Office of General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone 202-205-2784, e-mail wmartyn@usitc.gov. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter may be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission believes that Petitioners and Eveready have justified the need for a closed session. Petitioners and Eveready seek a closed session to allow for a discussion of their business operations. In this investigation, the aggregate data of the domestic industry and information on purchasers' operations are business proprietary information (BPI). Because discussion by Petitioner and Eveready of their own operations and of the domestic industry's data will necessitate disclosure of business proprietary information (BPI), it can only occur if a portion of the hearing is held in camera. In making this decision, the Commission nevertheless reaffirms its belief that whenever possible its business should be conducted in public.

The hearing will begin with a public presentation by the parties opposing revocation of the antidumping duty order (the Petitioners), with questions from the Commission. In addition, the hearing will include a 40-minute in camera session for a confidential presentation by Petitioners, a rebuttal presentation by foreign producers Tosoh Hellas, A.I.C., and Tosoh Corp. (collectively, "Tosoh"), a confidential presentation by Eveready, a rebuttal presentation by Petitioners, and for questions from the Commission relating to the BPI. Petitioners will receive a total of 20 minutes, with Eveready and Tosoh receiving the remainder. For any in camera session the room will be cleared of all persons except those who have been granted access to BPI under a Commission administrative protective order (APO) and are included on the Commission's APO service list in this investigation. See 19 C.F.R. 201.35(b)(1), (2). The time for the parties' presentations and rebuttals in the in camera session will be taken from their respective overall allotments for the hearing. All persons planning to attend the in camera portions of the hearing

should be prepared to present proper identification.

Authority: The General Counsel has certified, pursuant to Commission Rule 201.39 (19 C.F.R. 201.39) that, in her opinion, a portion of the Commission's hearing in Electrolytic Manganese Dioxide from Greece and Japan, Invs. Nos. 731-TA-406 & 408 (Review) may be closed to the public to prevent the disclosure of BPI.

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 731-TA-868-871 (Preliminary)]

Steel Wire Rope From China, India, Malaysia, and Thailand

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of antidumping investigations and scheduling of preliminary phase investigations.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the institution of investigations and commencement of preliminary phase antidumping investigations Nos. 731-TA-868-871 (Preliminary) under section 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673b(a)) (the Act) to determine whether there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury, or the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of imports from China, India, Malaysia, and Thailand of steel wire rope, other than of stranded wire and other than brass plated wire, not fitted with fittings or made up into articles, provided for in subheadings 7312.10.60 and 7312.10.90 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value. Unless the Department of Commerce extends the time for initiation pursuant to section 732(c)(1)(B) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673a(c)(1)(B)), the Commission must reach preliminary determinations in antidumping investigations in 45 days, or in this case by April 17, 2000. The Commission's views are due at the Department of Commerce within five business days thereafter, or by April 24, 2000.

For further information concerning the conduct of these investigations and rules of general application, consult the