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III. Data

OMB Number: Not available.

Form Number: The 66 standard and 18 classification 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 the notice. You can obtain information on the proposed content of the forms by calling the Service Census Branch on (301) 457-2689 or via the Internet at scb@census.gov.

Type of Review: Regular review.

Affected Public: State or local governments, businesses or other for profit, non-profit institutions, and small businesses or organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents

Information: Standard Form—91,458, Classification Form—none
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services: Standard Form—241,800, Classification Form—123,466
Management of Companies and Enterprises: Standard Form—52,645, Classification Form—none
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services: Standard Form—145,202, Classification Form—123,220
Educational Services: Standard Form—12,193, Classification Form—13,938
Health Care and Social Assistance: Standard Form—345,717, Classification Form—91,202
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation: Standard Form—54,517, Classification Form—19,703
Other Services (Except Public Administration): Standard Form—263,085, Classification Form—118,141
Total: 1,696,287

Estimated Time Per Response

Information: Standard Form—1.2 hours, Classification Form—none

Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services: Standard Form—1.6 hours, Classification Form—.1 hours
Management of Companies and Enterprises: Standard Form—.8 hours, Classification Form—none
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services: Standard Form—1.2 hours, Classification Form—.1 hours
Educational Services: Standard Form—.9 hours, Classification Form—.1 hours
Health Care and Social Assistance: Standard Form—1.1 hours, Classification Form—.1 hours
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation: Standard Form—1.2 hours, Classification Form—.1 hours
Other Services (Except Public Administration): Standard Form—1.0 hours, Classification Form—.1 hours

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours

Information: Standard Form—109,750, Classification Form—none
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services: Standard Form—386,880, Classification Form—12,347
Management of Companies and Enterprises: Standard Form—42,166, Classification Form—none
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services: Standard Form—174,242, Classification Form—12,322
Educational Services: Standard Form—10,974, Classification Form—1,394
Health Care and Social Assistance: Standard Form—380,289, Classification Form—9,120
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation: Standard Form—65,420, Classification Form—1,970
Other Services (Except Public Administration): Standard Form—263,085, Classification Form—11,814
Total: 1,481,773

Estimated Total Annual Cost

Information: Standard Form—\$1,681,370, Classification Form—none
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services: Standard Form—\$5,927,002, Classification Form—\$189,156
Management of Companies and Enterprises: Standard Form—\$645,983, Classification Form—none
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services: Standard Form—\$2,669,387, Classification Form—\$188,773
Educational Services: Standard Form—\$168,122, Classification Form—\$21,356
Health Care and Social Assistance: Standard Form—\$5,826,027, Classification Form—\$139,718

Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation: Standard Form—\$1,002,234, Classification Form—\$30,180

Other Services (Except Public Administration): Standard Form—\$4,030,462, Classification Form—\$180,990

Total: \$22,700,760

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.
Legal Authority: Title 13, U.S.C., Sections 131 and 224.

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: February 2, 2001.

Madeleine Clayton,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

2002 Economic Census Covering the Utilities, Transportation and Warehousing, Finance and Insurance, and Real Estate and Rental and Leasing Sectors

ACTION: Proposed collection, 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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before April 9, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at mclayton@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Steven Roman, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 2665, Building 3, Washington DC 20233-0001 (301-457-2824 or via the Internet at sroman@census.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The economic census, conducted under authority of Title 13, United States Code (USC), is the primary source of facts about the structure and functioning of the Nation's economy. Economic statistics serve as part of the framework for the national accounts and provide essential information for government, business, and the general public. Economic data are the Census Bureau's primary program commitment during nondecennial census years. The 2002 Economic Census covering the Utilities, Transportation and Warehousing, Finance and Insurance, and Real Estate and Rental and Leasing sectors (as defined by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)) will measure the economic activity of more than 987,000 establishments. However, approximately fifteen percent of establishments will not be required to file separate reports because they will be included in consolidated company reports; for explanation see selection procedure for establishments of multi-establishment firms below. The information collected will produce basic statistics by kind of business on the number of establishments, revenue, payroll, and employment. It will also yield a variety of subject statistics, including revenue lines by kind of business, and other industry-specific measures. 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, on-line questionnaires, and other electronic data collection methods.

II. Method of Collection

A. Mail Selection Procedures

The Utilities, Transportation and Warehousing, Finance and Insurance, and Real Estate and Rental and Leasing sectors of the economic census will select establishments for their mail canvasses from the Census Bureau's Business Register. To be eligible for selection, an establishment will be required to satisfy the following conditions: (i) It must be classified in one of the Utilities, Transportation and Warehousing, Finance and Insurance, or Real Estate and Rental and Leasing sectors; (ii) it must be an active operating establishment of a multi-establishment firm (i.e., a firm that operates at more than one physical location), or it must be a single-establishment firm with payroll (i.e., a firm operating at only one physical location); and (iii) it must be located in one of the 50 states or the District of Columbia. Mail selection procedures will distinguish the following groups of establishments:

1. Establishments of Multi-Establishment Firms

Selection procedures will assign all eligible establishments of multi-establishment firms to the mail component of the potential respondent universe, except for those in selected industries in utilities, and finance and insurance. In these selected industries, where revenue and certain other operating data are not easily attributable to individual establishments, division- or firm-level organizations are asked to report kind of activity, payroll, and employment for several establishments, and other required data at a more aggregate level on a consolidated report form.

We estimate that the census mail canvass for 2002 will include approximately 215,400 establishment and consolidated reports for multi-establishment firms in these sectors.

2. Single-Establishment Firms With Payroll

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

(a) *Large Single-Establishment Firms.* Selection procedures will assign single-establishment firms having annualized payroll (from Federal administrative

records) that equals or exceeds the cutoff for their industry to the mail component of the potential respondent universe. We estimate that the 2002 Economic Census mail canvasses for Utilities, Transportation and Warehousing, Finance and Insurance, and Real Estate and Rental and Leasing sectors will include approximately 400,300 large single-establishment firms.

(b) *Small Single-Establishment Firms.* Selection procedures will assign a sample of single-establishment firms having annualized payroll below the cutoff for their industry to the mail component of the potential respondent universe. Sampling strata and corresponding probabilities of selection will be determined by a study of the potential respondent universe conducted shortly before mail selection operations begin. We estimate that the 2002 Economic Census mail canvasses for the Utilities, Transportation and Warehousing, Finance and Insurance, and Real Estate and Rental and Leasing sectors will include approximately 37,000 small single-establishment firms selected in this sample.

All remaining single-establishment firms with payroll will be represented in the census by data from Federal administrative records. Generally, we will not include these small employers in the census mail canvasses. However, administrative records sometimes have fundamental industry classification deficiencies that make them unsuitable for use in producing detailed industry statistics by geographic area. When we find such a deficiency, we will mail the firm a census classification form. We estimate that the 2002 Economic Census mail canvasses for Utilities, Transportation and Warehousing, Finance and Insurance, and Real Estate and Rental and Leasing sectors will include approximately 227,000 small single-establishment firms that receive these forms.

III. Data

OMB Number: Not available.

Form Number: The 30 standard and five classification 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. Requests for information on the proposed content of the forms should be directed to Steven Roman, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 2665, Building 3, Washington DC 20233-0001 (301-457-2824 or via the Internet at sroman@census.gov).

Type of Review: Regular review.

Affected Public: State or local governments, businesses, or other for profit or non-profit institutions or organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents

Utilities (Standard form)—7,700
Utilities (Short form)—(none)
Transportation (Standard form)—168,000
Transportation (Short form)—51,000
Finance and Insurance (Standard form)—240,000
Finance and Insurance (Short form)—83,000
Real Estate, Rental and Leasing (Standard form)—237,000
Real Estate, Rental and Leasing (Short form)—93,000
Estimated total number of respondents for these four sectors: 879,700

Estimated Time Per Response

Utilities (Standard form)—1.9 hours
Utilities (Short form)—(none)
Transportation (Standard form)—1.1 hours
Transportation (Short form)—0.2 hours
Finance and Insurance (Standard form)—1.4 hours
Finance and Insurance (Short form)—0.2 hours
Real Estate, Rental and Leasing (Standard form)—1.1 hours
Real Estate, Rental and Leasing (Short form)—0.2 hours

Estimated Total Burden Hours

Utilities (Standard form)—14,630
Utilities (Short form)—(none)
Transportation (Standard form)—184,800
Transportation (Short form)—10,200
Finance and Insurance (Standard form)—336,000
Finance and Insurance (Short form)—16,600
Real Estate, Rental and Leasing (Standard form)—260,700
Real Estate, Rental and Leasing (Short form)—18,600
Estimated total burden hours for these four sectors: 841,530

Estimated Total Annual Cost

Utilities (Standard form)—\$266,266
Utilities (Short form)—(none)
Transportation (Standard form)—\$3,363,360
Transportation (Short form)—\$185,640
Finance and Insurance (Standard form)—\$6,115,200
Finance and Insurance (Short form)—\$302,120
Real Estate, Rental and Leasing (Standard form)—\$4,744,740

Real Estate, Rental and Leasing (Short form)—\$338,520
Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory
Legal Authority: Title 13, U.S.C., Sections 131 and 224.

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: February 2, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Small Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Oil and Gas Exploration Drilling Activities in the Beaufort Sea

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of an incidental harassment authorization.

SUMMARY: In accordance with provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is hereby given that an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) to take small numbers of marine mammals by harassment incidental to conducting exploration drilling activities during the winter in the U.S. Beaufort Sea, offshore Prudhoe Bay, has been issued to Phillips Alaska, Inc. (Phillips).

DATES: Effective from February 1, 2001, until August 1, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The application, authorization, monitoring plan, and a list of references used in this document are available by writing to Donna Wieting, Chief, Marine Mammal Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3225, or by telephoning one of the contacts listed here.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth Hollingshead, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 713-2055, ext. 128, or Brad Smith, Western Alaska Field Office, NMFS, (907) 271-5006.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, notice of a proposed authorization is provided to the public for review.

Permission may be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have no more than a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses and if the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such taking are set forth.

On April 10, 1996 (61 FR 15884), NMFS published an interim rule establishing, among other things, procedures for issuing incidental harassment authorizations under section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA for activities in Arctic waters, including requirements for peer-review of a monitoring program and a plan of cooperation between the applicant and affected subsistence users. For additional information on the procedures to be followed for this authorization, please refer to that document.

Summary of Request

On August 1, 2000, NMFS received an application from Phillips requesting a 1-year authorization for the possible harassment of small numbers of marine mammals incidental to constructing an ice road and an ice island at the McCovey Prospect Area and incidental to drilling one or more oil exploration wells at that location during the winter,