

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

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Chief, Regulations and Standards Branch.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 701–TA–453 and 731–TA–1136–1137 (Third Review)]

Sodium Nitrite From China and Germany; Scheduling of Expedited Five-Year Reviews

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of expedited reviews pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 (“the Act”) to determine whether revocation of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders on sodium nitrite from China and the antidumping duty order on sodium nitrite from Germany would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury within a reasonably foreseeable time.

DATES: October 4, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rachel Devenney (202–205–3172), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal on 202–205–1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202–205–2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server (<https://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for this proceeding may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background.—On October 4, 2024, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response to its notice of institution (89 FR 54536, July 1, 2024) of the subject five-year reviews was adequate and that the respondent interested party group response was inadequate. The Commission did not find any other circumstances that would warrant

conducting full reviews.¹ Accordingly, the Commission determined that it would conduct expedited reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(3) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)(3)).²

For further information concerning the conduct of these reviews and rules of general application, consult the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A and B (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A, D, E, and F (19 CFR part 207).

Staff report.—A staff report containing information concerning the subject matter of the reviews has been placed in the nonpublic record, and will be made available to persons on the Administrative Protective Order service list for these reviews on December 30, 2024. A public version will be issued thereafter, pursuant to § 207.62(d)(4) of the Commission’s rules.

Written submissions.—As provided in § 207.62(d) of the Commission’s rules, interested parties that are parties to the reviews and that have provided individually adequate responses to the notice of institution,³ and any party other than an interested party to the reviews may file written comments with the Secretary on what determinations the Commission should reach in the reviews. Comments are due on or before 5:15 p.m. on January 8, 2025 and may not contain new factual information. Any person that is neither a party to the five-year reviews nor an interested party may submit a brief written statement (which shall not contain any new factual information) pertinent to the reviews by January 8, 2025. However, should the Department of Commerce (“Commerce”) extend the time limit for its completion of the final results of its reviews, the deadline for comments (which may not contain new factual information) on Commerce’s final results is three business days after the issuance of Commerce’s results. If comments contain business proprietary information (BPI), they must conform with the requirements of §§ 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission’s rules. The Commission’s *Handbook on Filing Procedures*, available on the Commission’s website at https://www.usitc.gov/documents/handbook_

¹ A record of the Commissioners’ votes, the Commission’s statement on adequacy, and any individual Commissioner’s statements will be available from the Office of the Secretary and at the Commission’s website.

² Commissioner David S. Johanson voted to conduct full reviews.

³ The Commission has found the response submitted on behalf of Chemtrade Chemicals US LLC to be individually adequate. Comments from other interested parties will not be accepted (*see* 19 CFR 207.62(d)(2)).

on filing procedures.pdf, elaborates upon the Commission’s procedures with respect to filings.

In accordance with §§ 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the rules, each document filed by a party to the reviews must be served on all other parties to the reviews (as identified by either the public or BPI service list), and a certificate of service must be timely filed. The Secretary will not accept a document for filing without a certificate of service.

Determination.—The Commission has determined these reviews are extraordinarily complicated and therefore has determined to exercise its authority to extend the review period by up to 90 days pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1675(c)(5)(B).

Authority.—These reviews are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Act; this notice is published pursuant to § 207.62 of the Commission’s rules.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: October 24, 2024.

Lisa Barton,

Secretary to the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs

Notice of Request Under the Freedom of Information Act for Federal Contractors’ Type 2 Consolidated EEO–1 Report Data

AGENCY: Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Labor’s Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) has received two requests under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for 2021 Type 2 Consolidated Employer Information Reports, Standard Form 100 (EEO–1 Report), filed by the federal contractors. These two requests have come from the University of Utah and a non-profit organization named “As You Sow,” respectively. OFCCP has reason to believe that the information requested may be protected from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 4, which protects disclosure of confidential commercial information, but has not yet determined whether the requested information is protected from disclosure under that exemption. OFCCP is requesting that entities that filed Type 2 Consolidated EEO–1 Reports as federal contractors for the

2021 reporting year and object to the disclosure of this information submit those objections to OFCCP within 40 days of the date of this Notice.

DATES: Written objections to the FOIA requests discussed herein are due December 9, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kelley Smith, Director, Division of Management and Administrative Programs, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room C-3325, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: 1-800-397-6251 (voice). If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

A. Background on EEO-1 Reports

Multi-establishment employers must file annually a “Consolidated Report” (formerly known as a Type 2 Report) for all employees at the employer’s headquarters as well as all its establishments, categorized by job category, sex, and race or ethnicity.

Since 1966, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) has required eligible employers to submit workforce demographic data (EEO-1 Component 1) on an annual basis. All private employers that are covered by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (Title VII) and that have 100 or more employees are required to file the workforce demographic data. 42 U.S.C. 2000e-8(c); 29 CFR 1602.7. In addition, OFCCP’s regulations require federal contractors¹ and first-tier subcontractors that are covered by Executive Order 11246 and that have 50 or more employees to file the EEO-1 Report. 41 CFR 60-1.7(a).

The EEO-1 Report is administered as a single data collection to meet the statistical needs of both EEOC and OFCCP. OFCCP’s regulations describe the EEO-1 Report as being “promulgated jointly . . . [with] the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.” 41 CFR 60-1.7(a)(1). Employers submit their data to the EEOC. See EEOC, Agency Information Collection Activities: Existing Collection, 88 FR 27504 (May 2, 2023). OFCCP then obtains the EEO-1 data of federal contractors from the EEOC.

Section 709(e) of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 imposes criminal penalties and makes it unlawful for any officer or employee of EEOC from

making public the employment data derived from any of its data collections prior to the institution of any proceeding under EEOC’s authority involving such information. 42 U.S.C. 2000e-8(e). Because OFCCP obtains EEO-1 data for contractors under its own E.O. 11246 authority, some courts have held that the Title VII prohibition against disclosure provision does not apply to OFCCP. See; *Sears, Roebuck & Co. v. General Services Admin.*, 509 F.2d 527, 529 (D.C. Cir. 1974). Accordingly, the EEO-1 data of federal contractors received by OFCCP are subject to the provisions of FOIA, meaning that members of the public may file FOIA requests asking OFCCP to disclose such records in its possession.

B. Legal Authorities Governing FOIA Requests for Potentially Commercial Confidential Information

Executive Order 12600 (E.O. 12600), published on June 23, 1987, established a formal process for notifying persons who submit confidential commercial information to the United States when that information becomes the subject of a FOIA request. 3 CFR 235 (1988), *reprinted in* 5 U.S.C. 552 note (2012 & supp. V 2017). Exemption 4 to the FOIA protects against the disclosure of “trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person [that is] privileged or confidential.” 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4). E.O. 12600 is based on the principle that companies are entitled to notification and an opportunity to object to disclosure of this category of information before an agency makes a possible disclosure determination.

The Department’s regulations implementing E.O. 12600 can be found at 29 CFR 70.26. These regulations require the agency to notify submitters of a FOIA request when it has reason to believe that the information requested may be protected from disclosure under Exemption 4 but has not yet made a determination. 29 CFR 70.26(d)(2). Further, the Department’s regulations provide that when notification of a voluminous number of submitters is required, notice can be effectuated by posting and publishing it “in a place reasonably calculated to accomplish notification.” *Id.* at 70.26(j). Given OFCCP’s best estimate that these FOIA requests cover at least 14,000 unique federal contractors, OFCCP is fulfilling its notification obligation through this **Federal Register** notice, a contemporaneous posting on the OFCCP website (<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/ofccp/submitter-notice-response-portal>), and notification to all federal contractors and federal contractor

representatives that have registered and provided electronic mail contact information through the agency’s Contractor Portal and/or have subscribed to OFCCP’s GovDelivery electronic mail listserv.

Once notified, the Department’s regulations state that submitters will be provided a reasonable time to respond to the notice. *Id.* at 70.26(e). If a submitter has any objection to disclosure, it is “required to submit a detailed written statement as to why the information is a trade secret or commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential.” *Id.* If the agency receives a timely written objection, it will give careful consideration to the objection prior to making a decision whether the requested information should be disclosed or withheld under FOIA Exemption 4. E.O. 12600, Sec. 5. If the agency determines that disclosure is appropriate notwithstanding the submitter’s objection, the agency will provide the submitter written notice of the reason for the decision, and a specified disclosure date that is a reasonable time subsequent to the notice. 29 CFR 70.26(f).

Process for Submitting Objections to the FOIA Requests

Consistent with E.O. 12600 and the Department’s regulations, OFCCP is hereby notifying federal contractors that submitted a Consolidated EEO-1 Report for the 2021 reporting year (hereinafter Covered Contractors) of both aforementioned FOIA requests.² Covered Contractors have 40 days from the date of this Notice, or December 9, 2024, to submit to OFCCP a written objection to the disclosure of its 2021 Consolidated EEO-1 Report. Written objections must be received by OFCCP no later than this date. To facilitate this process, OFCCP has created a web form through which Covered Contractors may submit written objections, which can be found at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/ofccp/submitter-notice-response-portal>. OFCCP strongly encourages Covered Contractors that wish to submit written objections to utilize this web form to facilitate processing. If utilizing the web form is not feasible, contractors may also submit written objections via email at OFCCPsubmitterResponse@dol.gov, or by mail to the contact provided in this notice. Regardless of the delivery system used, any objections filed by Covered Contractors must include the

¹ Hereinafter, all references to “contractors” or “federal contractors” includes first-tier subcontractors as well, unless specified otherwise.

² These requests also sought federal contractors’ Consolidated Report EEO-1 data for the 2022 reporting year. However, because OFCCP currently only has the EEO-1 data for reporting year 2021 in its possession, this Notice is limited to that dataset.

contractor's name, address, contact information for the contractor (or its representative), and should, at minimum, address the following questions in detail so that OFCCP may evaluate the objection to determine whether the information should be withheld or disclosed pursuant to FOIA Exemption 4:

1. What specific information from the 2021 EEO-1 Report does the contractor consider to be a trade secret or commercial or financial information?

2. What facts support the contractor's belief that this information is commercial or financial in nature?

3. Does the contractor customarily keep the requested information private or closely-held? What steps have been taken by the contractor to protect the confidentiality of the requested data, and to whom has it been disclosed?

4. Does the contractor contend that the government provided an express or implied assurance of confidentiality? If no, were there express or implied indications at the time the information was submitted that the government would publicly disclose the information?

5. How would disclosure of this information harm an interest of the contractor protected by Exemption 4 (such as by causing foreseeable harm to the contractor's economic or business interests)?

In the event that a Covered Contractor fails to respond to the notice within the time specified, it will be considered to have no objection to disclosure of the information. *See* 29 CFR 70.26(e). For Covered Contractors that do submit timely objections, OFCCP will independently evaluate the objection(s) submitted consistent with the agency's regulations described herein and other relevant legal authority. If OFCCP determines to disclose the information over the objection of the Covered Contractor, OFCCP will provide written notice to the Covered Contractor of the reasons the disclosure objections were not sustained, a description of the information that will be disclosed, and a specified disclosure date that is a reasonable time subsequent to the notice. *Id.* at 70.26(f).

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Acting Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Mine Mapping and Records of Opening, Closing, and Reopening of Mines

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA)-sponsored information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

DATES: The OMB will consider all written comments that the agency receives on or before November 29, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Howell by telephone at 202-693-6782, or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection protects miners by assuring that up-to-date, accurate mine maps contain the information needed to clarify the best alternatives for action during an emergency operation. Also, coal mine operators routinely use maps to create safe and effective development plans.

Mine maps are schematic depictions of critical mine infrastructure, such as water, power, transportation, ventilation, and communication systems. Using accurate, up-to-date maps during a disaster, mine emergency personnel can locate refuges for miners and identify sites of explosion potential; they can know where stationary equipment was placed, where ground was secured, and where they can best begin a rescue operation. During a disaster, maps can be crucial to the safety of the emergency personnel who must enter a mine to begin a search for survivors.

Mine maps may describe the current status of an operating mine or provide crucial information about a long-closed mine that is being reopened.

Coal mine operators use map information to develop safe and effective plans and to help determine hazards before beginning work in areas, such as abandoned underground mines or the worked-out and inaccessible areas of an active underground or surface mine. Abandoned mines or inaccessible areas of active mines may have water inundation potentials and explosive levels of methane or lethal gases. If an operator, unaware of the hazards, were to mine into such an area, miners could be killed or seriously injured. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on July 12, 2024 (89 FR 57168).

Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless the OMB approves it and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid OMB Control Number. *See* 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

Agency: DOL-MSHA.

Title of Collection: Mine Mapping and Records of Opening, Closing, and Reopening of Mines.

OMB Control Number: 1219-0073.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits.

Number of Respondents: 376.

Frequency: On occasion.

Number of Responses: 1,540.

Annual Burden Hours: 8,308 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$5,134,836.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D))

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