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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Comments**

You may access the information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information by visiting the Federal eRulemaking Portal site at: <http://www.regulations.gov> and enter USCIS-2007-0038 in the search box. All submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal information that you provide in any voluntary submission you make to DHS. DHS may withhold information provided in comments from public viewing that it determines may impact the privacy of an individual or is offensive. For additional information, please read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

**Overview of This Information Collection**

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS*

*sponsoring the collection:* Form I-539 and I-539A; USCIS.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary:* Individuals and Households. This form will be used for nonimmigrants to apply for an extension of stay, for a change to another nonimmigrant classification, or for obtaining V nonimmigrant classification.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection Form I-539 (paper) is 217,000 and the estimated hour burden per response is 1.85 hours, the estimated total number of respondents for the information collection I-539 (electronic) is 93,000 and the estimated hour burden per response is 1 hour; and the estimated total number of respondents for the information collection I-539A is 114,044.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total estimated annual hour burden associated with this collection is 534,365 hours.

(7) *An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection:* The estimated total annual cost burden associated with this collection of information is \$69,874,000.

Dated: January 23, 2023.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Geological Survey**

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**Request for Comments on Helium Supply Risk**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of opportunity for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** In light of recent geopolitical events and concurrent with the return of primary helium data-collection responsibility from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the USGS is soliciting input from the public, including domestic helium users, that will aid the USGS in analyzing whether

there is an increasing risk of helium-supply disruption; whether that risk stems from supply from countries that may be unwilling or unable to continue to supply the United States; and whether those risks pose a significant likelihood of increasing the Nation's import reliance or creating a concentration and risk of permanent or intermittent supply disruptions from a small number of international or domestic supply sources. The USGS is also soliciting input that will aid the USGS in analyzing whether potential disruptions to helium supply would jeopardize manufacturing or use of products vital to the defense, healthcare, aerospace, consumer electronics, and other industries.

**DATES:** Please submit written comments by March 16, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit written comments online at <http://www.regulations.gov> by entering "DOI-2022-0012" in the Search bar and clicking "Search," or by mail to Request for comments on Helium Supply Risk, MS-102, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Dr, Reston, VA 20192.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Mosley, (703) 648-6312, [jmosley@usgs.gov](mailto:jmosley@usgs.gov). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Helium is important to the U.S. economy, with uses including magnetic resonance imaging, lifting gas, analytical and laboratory applications, electronics and semiconductor manufacturing, welding, engineering and scientific applications, and various minor applications.<sup>1</sup> At present, the United States is the world's leading helium producer and is a net exporter of helium. In 2021, fifteen plants in the United States extracted helium from natural gas and produced crude helium; two plants extracted helium from natural gas and produced Grade-A helium; and three plants purified helium from other sources to produce Grade-A helium. Helium production outside the United States was concentrated primarily in Qatar and Algeria. Both countries, as well as Canada, Russia, and Tanzania, have the

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Geological Survey, 2022, Mineral commodity summaries 2022: U.S. Geological Survey, 202 p., <https://doi.org/10.3133/mcs2022>.

technical capacity to increase their production in the future.

Helium did not meet the criteria for inclusion on the 2022 final list of critical minerals (87 FR 10381). However, the USGS has noted that several factors make helium a commodity that warrants watching. The Helium Stewardship Act of 2013 directed the sale of the Federal Helium System by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The global shift from conventional natural gas toward shale gas, which lacks recoverable quantities of helium, has the potential to reduce the supply of helium. While the United States has significant domestic helium-production capacity, recent geopolitical events may impact foreign production capacity.

Given the factors described above related to helium, the USGS is soliciting public comments that will aid the USGS in analyzing:

(1) whether there is an increasing risk of supply disruption,

(2) whether that risk stems from supply from countries that may be unwilling or unable to continue to supply the United States,

(3) whether those risks pose a significant likelihood of increasing the Nation's import reliance or create a concentration and risk of permanent or intermittent supply disruptions from a small number of international or domestic supply sources,

(4) potential disruptions to helium supply due to foreign geopolitical uncertainty, military conflict, civil unrest, or anti-competitive behaviors, and

(5) whether such supply disruption would jeopardize manufacturing or use of products vital to the defense, healthcare, aerospace, consumer electronics, and other industries.

In conjunction with the sale of the Federal Helium System, the BLM is returning responsibility for collecting data and reporting helium production and consumption statistics to the USGS. Therefore, the USGS is also seeking comments that will aid the USGS in:

(1) conducting comprehensive analyses of the helium supply chain,

(2) determining domestic helium consumers and their primary uses for helium,

(3) identifying points of contact for helium producers, suppliers, and consumers who might collaborate with the USGS in data collection and survey development, and

(4) identifying additional types of information that might aid in future USGS data collection on helium.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other

personally identifiable information (PII) in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your PII, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your PII from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Please be aware that public comments submitted in response to this **Federal Register** notice will have no bearing on the closure of the federally managed helium reserve by the BLM as directed by the Helium Stewardship Act of 2013. Additionally, no person is required to respond to this request for comments. Consistent with 5 CFR 1320.3(h)(4), no person is asked to supply specific information pertaining to themselves other than information necessary for self-identification to receive USGS's full consideration of their comment(s). The U.S. Government will not pay for any comments or administrative costs incurred by those responding to this request for comments.

*Authority:* Energy Act of 2020, (div. Z, Pub. L. 116–260; 30 U.S.C. 1606).

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

**[GX23LR000F60100; OMB Control Number 1028–0065/Renewal]**

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Production Estimate

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Information Collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is proposing to renew an Information Collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 31, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on this Information Collection Request (ICR) by mail to U.S. Geological Survey, Information Collections Officer, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive MS 159, Reston, VA 20192; or by email to [gs-info\\_collections@usgs.gov](mailto:gs-info_collections@usgs.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1028–0065 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Elizabeth S. Sangine by

email at [escottsangine@usgs.gov](mailto:escottsangine@usgs.gov), or by telephone at 703–648–7720. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the PRA, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comments addressing the following issues: (1) is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the USGS minerals information mission; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the USGS enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the USGS minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use 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 personally identifiable information (PII) in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your PII from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

*Abstract:* This collection is needed to provide data on mineral production for annual reports published by commodity for use by Government agencies, Congressional offices, educational institutions, research organizations, financial institutions, consulting firms, industry, academia, and the general public. This information will be published in the “Mineral Commodity