

- *Burden Statement:* The respondent burden for this collection is estimated to be 0.5 hours per response.

- *Respondents/Affected Entities:* Individuals.

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 600 per year.

- *Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 300 hours.

- *Frequency of Collection:* Once.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*)

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**Robert N. Sidman,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Commission.*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Intent To Extend Collection 3038-0095; Large Trader Reporting for Physical Commodity Swaps

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed extension of a collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (“PRA”), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment. This notice solicits comments on the information collection requirements set out in part 20 of the Commission’s regulations concerning large trader reporting for physical commodity swaps.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before April 10, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by “3038-0095” by any of the following methods:

- The Agency’s website, at <http://comments.cftc.gov/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the website.

- *Mail:* Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Same as Mail above.

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov/>. Follow the

instructions for submitting comments through the Portal.

Please submit your comments using only one method. All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to <http://www.cftc.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Owen J. Kopon, Special Counsel, Division of Market Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, (202) 418-5360; email: [okopon@cftc.gov](mailto:okopon@cftc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. “Collection of Information” is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3 and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. To comply with this requirement, the CFTC is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information listed below.

*Title:* Large Trader Reporting for Physical Commodity Swaps, (OMB Control No. 3038-0095). This is a request for extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* Part 20 of the Commission’s regulations (“Reporting Rules”) requires clearing organizations and any persons that are “reporting entities” to file swaps position data with the Commission. The Reporting Rules collect clearing member reports from clearing organizations. The Reporting Rules also require position reports from reporting entities for principal and counterparty positions in cleared and uncleared physical commodity swaps. Reporting entities are those persons that are either “clearing members” or “swap dealers” that are otherwise not clearing members. For purposes of part 20, reporting parties are required to submit data on positions on a futures equivalent basis so as to allow the Commission to assess a trader’s market impact across differently structured but linked derivatives instruments and markets. This renewal updates the total

requested burden based on available reported data.

With respect to the collection of information, the CFTC invites comments on:

- Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have a practical use;

- The accuracy of the Commission’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of 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.

All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to <http://www.cftc.gov>. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. If you wish the Commission to consider information that you believe is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, a petition for confidential treatment of the exempt information may be submitted according to the procedures established in § 145.9 of the Commission’s regulations.<sup>1</sup>

The Commission reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, redact, refuse or remove any or all of your submission from <http://www.cftc.gov> that it may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscene language. All submissions that have been redacted or removed that contain comments on the merits of the ICR will be retained in the public comment file and will be considered as required under the Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws, and may be accessible under the Freedom of Information Act.

### Burden Statement

The annual respondent burden for this collection during the renewal period is estimated to be as follows:

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 4,824.

- *Estimated Average Annual Burden Hours per Respondent:* 1.55.

- *Estimated Total Annual Number of Responses:* 56,088.

<sup>1</sup> 17 CFR 145.9.

- *Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 86,902.
- *Type of Respondents:* Respondents may include clearing organizations, persons that are clearing members or swap dealers that are reporting entities, and large swap counterparties.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*)

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**Robert N. Sidman,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[Docket DARS-2018-0005]

#### Opportunity for Public Comment on Proposed Definition of “Procurement Administrative Lead Time” or “PALT” and the Plan for Measuring and Publically Reporting Data on PALT for Department of Defense Contracts and Task Orders Above the Simplified Acquisition Threshold

**AGENCY:** Defense Acquisition Regulations System (DARS), Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice; request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 886 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018, DoD is requesting public comments on a proposed definition of “Procurement Administrative Lead Time” or “PALT”, that will be applied DoD-wide, and DoD’s plan for measuring and publicly reporting data on PALT for DoD contracts and task orders above the simplified acquisition threshold.

**DATES:** Interested parties should submit written comments to the address shown below on or before March 12, 2018, to be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments identified by “DARS-2018-0005” using any of the following methods:

- *Regulations.gov:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by entering “DARS-2018-0005” under the heading “Enter keyword or ID” and selecting “Search.” Select the link “Submit a Comment” that corresponds with “DARS-2018-0005.” Follow the instructions provided at the “Submit a Comment” screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and “DARS-2018-0005” on your attached document.

- *Mail:* Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Attn: Mr. Greg Snyder, 3060 Defense Pentagon, Room 5E621, Washington, DC 20301-3060.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Greg Snyder, Senior Procurement Analyst, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment (OUSD(A&S)), Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Contract Policy and International Contracting; telephone 703-614-0719.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 886 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Pub. L. 115-91), requires DoD to develop and make available for public comment a definition of the term “Procurement Administrative Lead Time” or “PALT” and a plan for measuring and publicly reporting data on PALT for DoD contracts and task orders above the simplified acquisition threshold. DoD is proposing to define PALT as “the time between the date on which the initial solicitation for a contract or task order of the Department of Defense is issued and the date of the award of the contract or task order.” The Department plans to use Federal Procurement Data System—Next Generation (FPDS-NG), the authoritative source for Governmentwide contract award data, to measure PALT and make PALT data available to the public. The Department plans to submit a Change Control Board request to the General Services Administration to update FPDS-NG by adding a new data field that reflects when the solicitation for a contract or task order valued above the simplified acquisition threshold is issued. Once the FPDS-NG system is updated (estimated to be completed in fiscal year 2019), the public will be able to utilize FPDS-NG to obtain the PALT information for any contract or task order issued by the DoD that is valued above the simplified acquisition threshold. The public is invited to submit comments on this proposed definition and the plan as instructed in the addresses section of this notice.

**Jennifer L. Hawes,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Charter Amendment of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Amendment of Federal Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense (DoD) is publishing this notice to announce that it is amending the charter for the Defense Acquisition University Board of Visitors, the Defense Science Board, the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program Scientific Advisory Board, and the Threat Reduction Advisory Committee.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Freeman, Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, 703-692-5952.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Each committee’s charter is being amended in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended) and 41 CFR 102-3.50(d). Pursuant to statutory changes that took effect on February 1, 2018, the DoD disestablished the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics (OUSD(AT&L)), and established the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment (OUSD(A&S)) and the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering (OUSD(R&E)). The DoD is amending the charters for each of these advisory committees to reflect a change in the committee’s DoD Sponsor. The USD(A&S) will be the DoD Sponsor for the Defense Acquisition University Board of Visitors, and the Threat Reduction Advisory Committee. The USD(R&E) will be the DoD Sponsor for the Defense Science Board, and the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program Scientific Advisory Board. The amended charter and contact information for the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) can be obtained at <http://www.facadatabase.gov/>.

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**Aaron Siegel,**

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