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RE: *Federal Register* notice of July 1, 2015, for the U.S. Geological Survey Industrial Minerals Surveys (OMB Number: 1028-0062)

Dear Ms. Sangine:

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) strongly supports the continued collection of data by the U.S. Geological Survey on the Industrial Minerals Surveys' forms. The data collected on these forms are an important data source for key components of BEA's economic statistics.

BEA uses quantity and revenue information from many of these forms to derive gross output estimates for the annual input-output accounts and the gross domestic product (GDP) by industry estimates. The forms used are listed in the attachment.

In addition, BEA uses quantity and value data from these forms to prepare estimates of GDP by state for mining industries. The data collected on these forms are the only information available to make these state estimates. The quality of our estimates would suffer substantially if the Industrial Minerals Surveys did not exist.

Please keep BEA informed about any modifications to these forms. We are particularly interested in any modifications proposed during the forms' approval process that would substantially affect our use of these data. For additional information, please contact Tiffany Burrell, Coordinator, BEA Source Data Improvement, on 202-606-9618 or by e-mail at Tiffany.Burrell@bea.gov. Should you need assistance in justifying this form to the Office of Management and Budget, please do not hesitate to contact BEA.

Sincerely,

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Chief Statistician

Attachment

ATTACHMENT
BEA's Use of USGS' Industrial Minerals Survey

FORM:	USE:	PROGRAM AREA:
9-4011-A Barite	Used to prepare estimates of value added	GDP by state
9-4029-M Elemental Sulfur		
9-4020-A Crude Mica		
9-4026-A Peat		
9-4024-A Crude Perlite		
9-4004-A Pumice and Pumicite (including Volcanic Ash)		
9-4037-MA Natural Sodium Compounds and Refined Sodium Salts		
9-4012-A Salt Company Report		
9-4025-A Expanded Perlite		
9-4018-A Ground Mica, including Sericite		
9-4005-A Exfoliated Vermiculite		
9-4033-Q Metallic Abrasives		
9-4030-M Marketable Phosphate Rock		
9-4019-A Mica Splittings		
9-4014-A Quartz Crystal		
9-4112-A Synthetic Graphite		
9-4031-S Gypsum Six Month Report		
9-4022-A Natural Graphite Consumption		
9-4039-M Portland, Blended, and Masonry Cement		
9-4013-A Salt Plant Report		
9-4032-A Feldspar		
9-4023-A Crude Iodine		
9-4002-A Byproduct Sulfuric Acid		
9-4001-A Lime		
9-4027-A Sulfur and Sulfuric Acid Sold or Used by End Use Industries		
9-4028-A Natural and Synthetic Gem Material		
9-4041-A Portland and Masonry Cement		

FORM:	USE:	PROGRAM AREA:
9-4009-A Dimension Stone – Including Slate	Used to prepare estimates of gross output and value added	GDP by state Annual I-O GDP by industry
9-4007-A Stone- Crushed and Broken		
9-4008-A Construction Sand and Gravel – Sold or Used		
9-4010-A Industrial Sand and Gravel- Sold or Used		
9-4017-A Ball Clay and Kaolin		
9-4016-A Bentonite and Fuller's Earth		
9-4015-A Common Clay and Shale and Fire Clay		
9-4035-S Phosphate Rock		
9-4006-A Gypsum		
9-4021-A Talc, Soapstone, Pyrophyllite		
9-4036-A Diatomite		
9-4136-A Asbestos		
9-4111-S Potash		
9-4114-A Boron		