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Non-Substantive Change Request to OMB Approved Information Collection 1028-0068

The purpose of this document is to request a non-substantive change to an active OMB-approved information collection, 1028-0068, Ferrous Metals Surveys that expires on 07/31/2014.

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) requests modification of two forms (out of 17) to include an additional question regarding whether or not tabulations may be published that could indirectly disclose reported data. The specific question is "*May tabulations be published which could indirectly reveal the data reported above?*" Respondents are requested to check box 1 for yes or box 2 for no. Respondents who do not answer the question will be treated as if they answered *no* and their data will continue to be fully protected from disclosure to unauthorized individuals and entities.

It was the USGS's National Minerals Information Center's (NMIC) original intent for the disclosure question to appear on all canvass forms; however it was inadvertently not included on two of the forms when the information collection was renewed in July of 2011.

Including this disclosure question on all of the canvass forms will allow NMIC to publish data that would otherwise need to be concealed.

The disclosure question will be added to the following canvas forms:

- 9-4047-MA Nickel
- 9-4071-MA Manganese Ore and Products