

analysis conducted for the Carlota Copper Project (consistent with the requirement of 40 CFR Part 93, "Determining Conformity of General Federal Actions to State or Federal Implementation Plans (SIP)", issued on November 30, 1993.

For purposes of emissions of sulfur dioxide ( $\text{SO}_2$ ), the project is proposed to be located in an area designated as nonattainment for  $\text{SO}_2$ , although there is not an approved  $\text{SO}_2$  SIP for the nonattainment area. The Tonto NF has reviewed the air quality analysis and determined that predicted direct and indirect emissions of  $\text{SO}_2$  are 26 tons per year. This is below the *de minimis* level of 100 tons per year for  $\text{SO}_2$  as defined in the general conformity rule (40 CFR 93.153). Since the proposed facility conforms with the allowed emissions limitation, no further conformity determination was deemed necessary.

For purposes of emissions of particulate matter with aerodynamic diameter less than 10 microns ( $\text{PM}_{10}$ ), the project is proposed to be located in an area designated as a moderate nonattainment area of  $\text{PM}_{10}$ . The air quality analysis for the project indicates that predicted direct and indirect emissions of  $\text{PM}_{10}$  exceed the *de minimis* level for moderate  $\text{PM}_{10}$  areas (100 tons per year). Therefore, the Tonto NF has reviewed the local  $\text{PM}_{10}$  emissions modeling analysis for the project and has determined the following:

- The methods for estimating direct and indirect emissions from the project meet the requirements of 40 CFR 93.159. The emissions scenario used in the air quality analysis is expected to produce the greatest off-site impacts on a daily and annual basis. (A detailed description of the emission sources and detailed emissions inventory tables are included in the report, "Conformity Determination: Carlota Copper Project," USDA, Forest Service—Tonto National Forest, February, 1996.)

- The local  $\text{PM}_{10}$  emissions modeling methodology is appropriate for determining whether emissions from the project will cause or contribute to any new violation of the  $\text{PM}_{10}$  National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) and meet the requirements of 40 CFR 93.159. (A detailed description of the local  $\text{PM}_{10}$  emissions modeling methodology is included in the report, "Conformity Determination: Carlota Copper Project," USDA, Forest Service—Tonto National Forest, February, 1996.)

- The results of the modeling analysis predict maximum 24-hour ambient concentrations at the process area

boundary to be  $110.8 \mu\text{/m}^3$ . This is below the 24-hour  $\text{PM}_{10}$  NAAQS of  $150 \mu\text{/m}^3$ . (A detailed description of the modeling analysis results and the printouts of the model input and output files are included in the report, "Conformity Determination: Carlota Copper Project," USDA, Forest Service—Tonto National Forest, February, 1996.)

- The results of the modeling analysis predict the maximum average annual ambient concentration at the process area boundary to be  $36.9 \mu\text{/m}^3$ . This is below the annual  $\text{PM}_{10}$  NAAQS standard of  $50 \mu\text{/m}^3$ .
- The action does not cause or contribute to any new violation of any standard in any area (40 CFR 93.158.b.2.i).
- The action does not increase the frequency or severity of any existing violation of any standard in any area (40 CFR 93.158.b.2.ii).
- The action does not violate any requirements or milestones in the SIP (no requirements or milestones are applicable to the project (40 CFR 93.158.c).

Based on these determinations, the activities at the Carlota Copper Project is presumed to conform to the applicable SIPs for the project area. The list of activities at the Carlota Copper Project that are presumed to conform include:

Process	Non-process
Primary crusher system.	Topsoil removal.
Conveyor systems ....	Topsoil unloading to stockpiles.
Secondary crusher system.	Blast hole drilling.
Boiler .....	Blasting.
Back-up generator ....	Loading/unloading of ore and mine rock.
	Hauling or ore and mine rock.
	Combustion emissions from mobile equipment.
	Travel of mine equipment other than haul trucks.
	Haul road maintenance.

This presumption of conformity assumes that adequate activity limits, emission limits, emission controls, and monitoring requirements will be included in the Air Installation Permit for the Carlota Copper Project and will be adequately enforced by the issuing agency, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality.

Dated: February 13, 1996.

Charles R. Bazan,

*Forest Supervisor.*

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#### **Natural Resources Conservation Service**

#### **Coon Creek Watershed, MN; Notice of Intent To Deauthorize Federal Funding**

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, Public Law 83-566, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (7 CFR 622), the Natural Resources Conservation Service gives notice of the intent to deauthorize Federal funding for the Coon Creek Watershed project, Anoka County, Minnesota.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

William Hunt, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Suite 600, 375 Jackson St., St. Paul, MN, telephone (612) 290-3675.

Coon Creek Watershed, Minnesota

#### **Notice of Intent To Deauthorize Federal Funding**

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A determination has been made by William Hunt, State Conservationist, that the proposed works of improvement for the Coon Creek Watershed project will not be installed. The sponsoring local organizations have concurred in this determination and agree that Federal funding should be deauthorized for the project. Information regarding this determination may be obtained from William Hunt, State Conservationist, at the above address and telephone number.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposed deauthorization will be taken until 60 days after the date of this publication in the Federal Register.

Dated: January 16, 1996.

William Hunt,

*State Conservationist.*

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 10.904, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-95 regarding State and local clearinghouse review of Federal and federally assisted programs and projects is applicable)

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**Pasture Creek Watershed, Montana; Deauthorization of Federal Funding**

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of deauthorization of Federal funding.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, Public Law 83-566, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (7 CFR 622), the Natural Resources Conservation Service gives notice of the deauthorization of Federal funding for the Pasture Creek Watershed project, McCone County, Montana, effective on December 19, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard J. Gooby, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 10 East Babcock Street, Room 443, Bozeman, Montana, 59715, telephone 406-587-6813.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 10.904, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention. Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-95 regarding State and local clearinghouse review of Federal and federally assisted programs and projects is applicable)

Dated: February 12, 1996.

Shirley J. Elliott,

*Acting State Conservationist.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Bureau of the Census****Monthly Wholesale Trade Survey**

**ACTION:** Proposed agency information collection activity; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before April 23, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection

instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Ronald Piencykoski, Bureau of Census, Room 2626-FOB 3, Washington, DC 20233-6500, (301) 457-2779.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Abstract**

The Monthly Wholesale Trade Survey represents firms primarily engaged in merchant wholesale trade in the United States by selected kinds of business. This survey provides the only continuous measure of monthly wholesale sales, end-of-month inventories, method of inventory valuation and stock sales ratios. The survey also provides data for a valuable comparison for use with the 5-year wholesale census. The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) uses this information on methods of valuation and changes in the valuation methods to improve the inventory valuation adjustments applied to estimates of the gross domestic product (GDP).

The survey currently uses a sample design that includes both fixed and rotating panels. Larger firms are requested to report sales and inventories each month, putting them in the fixed panel category. Smaller firms belong to one of three rotating panels that are contacted every third month and report data from the two most recent months. In this way, we obtain eight months of data through four contacts per year for the smaller firms. Under the current system, we release a preliminary estimate one month, and then revise it with a final estimate one month later. Revisions can be relatively large due to imbalances in the rotating panels and differential response bias between current and previous month reports.

We plan to implement a totally fixed panel design for the next sample revision starting in early 1997. Under this new design, all reporting units will report each month. By going to a totally fixed panel design, we will greatly minimize preliminary-to-final revisions caused by the rotating panels.

The fixed panel design will allow for better analysis of data since we will be able to more readily pinpoint unusual responses by reviewing each reporting unit's data each month. By using a simplified estimation scheme, the new design will also allow easier computation of an individual firm's effect on the total estimates.

The fixed panel design will also give us better estimates when reconciling differences with other surveys. When we reconcile smaller firms with the Annual Trade Survey, (OMB Approval #0607-0195), we will have twelve

months of data rather than eight. This fixed panel design will allow for better comparisons between these closely related surveys.

**II. Method of Collection**

We collect this information by mail, facsimile machine, and telephone.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0607-0190.

*Form Number:* B-310(97).

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Merchant wholesale firms in the United States.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3,110 per month.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 7 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 4,354 hours.

*Estimated Total Cost:* The total cost in fiscal year 1996 for the Current Wholesale Trade Survey is \$629,000 all borne by the Bureau of the Census. The cost to the respondents is estimated to be \$67,052 based on the median hourly salary of \$15.40 for accountants and auditors. (January 1995 Bureau of Labor Statistics publication "Employment and Earnings," \$15.40 represents the median hourly wage of the full-time wage and salary earnings of accountants and auditors).

**IV. Request for Comments**

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 20, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

*Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.*

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