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Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Notice of Proposed Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing its intention to request approval for the collection of information for part 780, Surface Mining Permit Applications—Minimum Requirements for Reclamation and Operation Plans.

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by June 3, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to John A. Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave, NW, Room 120—SIB, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information and related forms, contact the Bureau's clearance officer, John A. Trelease, at (202) 208-2783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8 (d)). This notice identifies information collections that OSM will be submitting to OMB for extension. These collections are contained in 30 CFR 780, Surface Mining Permit Applications—Minimum Requirements for Reclamation and Operation Plans.

OSM has revised burden estimates, where appropriate, to reflect current reporting levels or adjustments based on reestimates of burden or respondents.

OSM will request a 3-year term of approval for each information collection agency.

Comments are invited on: (1) the need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarify of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information. A summary of the public comments will accompany OSM's submission of the information collection request to OMB.

The following information is provided for each information collection: (1) Title of the information collection; (2) OMB control number; (3) summary of the information collection activity; and (4) frequency of collection, description of the respondents, estimated total annual responses, and the total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden for the collection of information.

Title: Surface Mining Permit Applications—Minimum Requirements for Reclamation and Operation Plan—30 CFR 780.

OMB Control Number: 1029-0036.

Summary: Permit application requirements in sections 507(b), 508(a), 510(b), 515(b) and (d), and 522 of Public Law 95-87 require the applicant to submit the operations and reclamation plan for coal mining activities. Information collection is needed to determine whether the mining and reclamation plan will achieve the reclamation and environmental protections pursuant to the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act. Without this information, Federal and State regulatory authorities cannot review and approve permit application requests.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Description of Respondents: Applicants for surface coal mine permits.

Total Annual Responses: 610.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 235,261.

Dated: March 21, 1996.

Gene E. Krueger,

Acting Chief, Office of Technology Development and Transfer.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Partial Consent Decree in *United States v. Nalco Chemical Company, et al.*, Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

Notice is hereby given that a Seventh Partial Consent Decree in *United States v. Nalco Chemical Company, et al.*, Case No. 91-C-4482 (N.D. Ill.), entered into by the United States on behalf of U.S. EPA and Quality Metal Finishing Co. was lodged on March 18, 1996 with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. The proposed Partial Consent Decree resolves certain claims of the United States against the settling party under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601 *et seq.* relating to the Byron Salvage Superfund Site in Ogle County, Illinois. The Seventh Partial Consent Decree is a past costs only settlement and provides for a payment of \$500,000 to the Hazardous Substances Superfund.

The Department of Justice will receive comments relating to the proposed Partial Consent decree for 30 days following the publication of this Notice. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Nalco Chemical Company, et al.*, D.J. Ref. No. 90-11-3-687. The proposed Partial Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, 219 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, Illinois 60604; the Region V Office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Street, Chicago, Illinois 60604; and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005 (202-624-0892). A copy of the proposed Partial Consent Decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. In requesting a copy of the Seventh Partial Consent Decrees, please enclose a check in the amount of \$5.50 (25 cents per page for reproduction costs), payable to the Consent Decree Library.

Joel M. Gross,

Section Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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