

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****Garrison Diversion Unit Federal Advisory Council Meeting**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Garrison Diversion Unit Federal Advisory Council (Council) established under the authority of the Garrison Diversion Unit Reformulation Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 99-294, May 12, 1986). The meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements to the council or file written statements for consideration.

DATES: The Council will meet from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, and from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 22, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Guest Haus Cafe, 612 Main Avenue, Oakes, North Dakota.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Grady Towns, ND/SD/RW, at (303) 236-8145, extension 644.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council will consider and discuss subjects such as the Kraft Slough status, acquisition and opportunities, Garrison Diversion Unit project update and wildlife budget. Garrison Diversion Conservancy District Legislative proposal, Oakes Test Area, Lonetree update, Arrowwood National Wildlife Refuge Environmental Impact Statement, and the Audubon National Wildlife Refuge and Wildlife Management Area Mitigation Plan.

Dated: May 1, 1997.

Ralph O. Morgenwech,

Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.

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proposed collection of information and related forms may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's Clearance Officer at the phone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the requirement should be made within 60 days directly to the Bureau Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 208 National Center, Reston, VA 20192.

As required by OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), the U.S. Geological Survey solicits specific public comments regarding the proposed information collection as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The utility, quality, and clarity of the information to be collected; and,
4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: Mine, Development, and Mineral Exploration Supplement.

OMB Approval Number: 1028-New.

Abstract: Respondents supply the U.S. Geological Survey with domestic production, exploration, and mine development data on nonfuel mineral commodities. This information will be published as an Annual Report for use by Government agencies, industry, and the general public.

Bureau Form Number: 9-3075.

Frequency: Annual.

Description of Respondents: Nonfuel Mineral Producers and Exploration Operations.

Annual Responses: 874.

Annual Burden Hours: 437.

Bureau Clearance Officer: John Cordyack, 703-648-7313.

Keith L. Harris,

Chief, Publications Services Section, Minerals Information Team.

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SUMMARY: The General Accounting Office Act of 1996, Public Law 104-316, transferred to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the Comptroller General's authority under 5 U.S.C. 5584 to waive debts arising out of the erroneous payment of pay and allowances, travel, transportation, and relocation benefits made to employees of Executive Branch agencies. The OMB Director subsequently delegated the authority to waive collection of erroneous payments from civilian employees to the Executive Branch agency that made the erroneous payment. The Secretary of the Interior is delegating this authority to waive collection of erroneous payments from employees of the Department of the Interior, to the Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA) pursuant to the regulations found at 43 CFR 4.1(b)(4). This notice announces OHA's intent to implement this new authority pursuant to the existing regulations establishing "Special Rules Applicable to Other Appeals and Hearings" in OHA, which are published at 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart G. Pending further notice, OHA will use the General Accounting Office's standards and procedures applicable to waiver of debts before the effective date of the transfer of authority, December 18, 1996, which are published in Title 4, CFR, Chapter I, subchapter G.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 9, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barry E. Hill, Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, (703) 235-3810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the General Accounting Office Act of 1996, some functions of the Comptroller General were transferred to the Director of OMB. See section 101, Public Law 104-316, 110 Stat. 3826. Subsequently, in a determination order dated December 17, 1996, the Director delegated to each Executive Branch agency the authority under 5 U.S.C. 5584, to approve the waiver of debts arising from the erroneous payment of pay and allowances, or travel, transportation or relocation expenses, to employees of that agency. The effect of this order is that the Department of the Interior now has the authority to waive collection of these erroneous payments. Before the effective date of the transfer, these claims were subject to the procedures prescribed by the Comptroller General at 4 CFR Chapter I, Subchapter G (1996). Until OHA announces otherwise, OHA's policy will be to apply these procedures to applications for waiver, with the exception that the Director of OHA will consider all waiver applications for amounts over \$1,500 and all appeals of

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Geological Survey****Request for Public Comments on Information Collection To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act**

A request extending the collection of information listed below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Office of Hearings and Appeals****Delegation of Waivers of Erroneous Payments**

AGENCY: Office of Hearings and Appeals, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.