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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration**

[I.D. 121897A]

**Marine Mammals; Scientific Research
Permit No. 875-1401**

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries
Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration (NOAA),
Commerce.

ACTION: Scientific research permit
amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a
request for amendment of scientific
research permit no. 875-1401 submitted
by Dr. Christopher W. Clark, Cornell
University, Ithaca, New York 14850, has
been granted.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related
documents are available for review
upon written request or by appointment
in the following office(s):

Permits Division, Office of Protected
Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West
Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring,
MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Director, Southwest Region, NMFS,
501 West Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA
90802-4213 (562/980-4001).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On
November 14, 1997, notice was
published in the **Federal Register** (62
FR 61093) that an amendment of permit
no. 875-1401, issued September 8, 1997
(62 FR 48611) had been requested by the
above-name individual. The requested
amended permit has been issued under
the authority of the Marine Mammal
Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16
U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations
Governing the Taking and Importing of
Marine Mammals (50 CFR Part 216); the
Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973,
as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the
Regulations Governing the Taking,
Importing, and Exporting of Endangered
Fish and Wildlife (50 CFR part 222); and
the Fur Seal Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C.
1151-1175). Issuance of this permit, as
required by the ESA, was based on a
finding that such permit: (1) Was
applied for in good faith; (2) will not
operate to the disadvantage of the
endangered species which is the subject
of this permit; and (3) is consistent with
the purposes and policies set forth in

section 2 of the ESA. The requested
amendment has been issued under the
authority of the Marine Mammal
Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16
U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the Regulations
Governing the Taking and Importing of
Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Permit No. 875-1401 currently
authorizes the harassment of several
species of marine mammals during the
conduct of research to study the effects
of low-frequency sound produced by the
Navy's Surface Towed Array
Surveillance System Low Frequency
Active (SURTASS LFA) system on the
behavior of blue whales (*Balaenoptera
musculus*) and fin whales (*Balaenoptera
physalus*) feeding in the Southern
California Bight during September/
October of 1997 and/or 1998. The
permit has been amended to provide for:
1) the conduct of playback experiments
using a SURTASS LFA sound source to
study behavioral responses of gray
whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*) to
SURTASS LFA signals and related
stimuli; and 2) radio tagging via suction
cup attachment of up to 14 gray whales.
Individuals of several other species of
cetaceans, pinnipeds, and possibly sea
turtles, may be taken (*i.e.*, by
harassment or auditory temporary
threshold shift) during during the
proposed experiments.

In compliance with the National
Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42
U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an EA examining
the environmental consequences of
issuing the requested amended permit
has been prepared. Based upon this EA,
NMFS has concluded that issuance of
the requested permit will not have a
significant effect on the human
environment.

Dated: December 30, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

**GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION**

**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0134]

**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request Entitled
Environmentally Sound Products**

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD),
General Services Administration (GSA),

and National Aeronautics and Space
Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for an
extension to an existing OMB clearance.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44
U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal
Acquisition Regulation (FAR)
Secretariat has submitted to the Office
of Management and Budget (OMB) a
request to review and approve an
extension of a currently approved
information collection requirement
concerning Environmentally Sound
Products. A request for public
comments was published at 62 FR
55788, October 28, 1997. No comments
were received.

DATES: Comments may be submitted on
or before February 5, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Ralph DeStefano, Federal Acquisition
Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-1758.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this
burden estimate or any other aspect of
this collection of information, including
suggestions for reducing this burden,
should be submitted to: FAR Desk
Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB,
Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to
the General Services Administration,
FAR Secretariat, 1800 F Street, NW,
Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405.
Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0134,
Environmentally Sound Products, in all
correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

This information collection complies
with Section 6002 of the Resource
Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)
(42 U.S.C. 6962). RCRA requires the
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
to designate items which are or can be
produced with recovered materials.
RCRA further requires agencies to
develop affirmative procurement
programs to ensure that items composed
of recovered materials will be purchased
to the maximum extent practicable.
Affirmative procurement programs
required under RCRA must contain, as
a minimum (1) a recovered materials
preference program and an agency
promotion program for the preference
program; (2) a program for requiring
estimates of the total percentage of
recovered materials used in the
performance of a contract, certification
of minimum recovered material content
actually used, where appropriate, and
reasonable verification procedures for
estimates and certifications; and (3)
annual review and monitoring of the
effectiveness of an agency's affirmative
procurement program.