DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Privacy Act of 1974; as Amended; Revisions to the Existing System of Records

AGENCY: Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Proposed revisions to an existing system of record.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a), the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is issuing public notice of its intention to modify an existing Privacy Act system of records notice USGS-13, "Manuscript Processing." The revisions will update the address of the System Location(s), System Manager(s), and further define Retention and Disposal.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 5 U.S.C. 552a(3)(11) that the public be provided a 30-day period in which to comment on the intended use of the information in the system of records. The Office of Management and Budget, in its Circular A-130, requires an additional 10-day period (for a total of 40 days) in which to make these comments. Any persons interested in commenting on this revised system of records may do so by submitting comments in writing to the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey, USGS Privacy Act Office, National Center MS:807, 12201 Sunset Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20192. Comments received within 40 days of publication in the Federal Register (December 21, 1998), will be considered. The system will be effective as proposed at the end of the comment period, unless comments are received which would require a contrary determination.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chief, Eastern Publications Group, Geological Survey, National Center, MS-903, Reston, Virginia 20192.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The USGS is proposing to amend the system notice for USGS-13, "Manuscript Processing," to more accurately and clearly describe the addresses of the System Location(s), System Manager(s). The revision reflects a change of address in the Reston, Virginia; Denver, Colorado; and Menlo Park, California System Locators and Systems Managers locations. In addition, this revision further define the retention and disposal of records procedures.


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Accordingly, the USGS proposes to amend the "Manuscript Processing," USGS-13 in its entirety to read as follows:

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SYSTEM LOCATION:
(1) Eastern Publications Group, Office of the Eastern Regional Geologist, Geologic Division, Reston, VA; (2) Central Publications Group, Office of the Central Regional Geologist, Geologic Division, Denver CO; (3) Western Publications Group, Office of the Western Regional Geologist, Geologic Division, Menlo Park, CA.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:
Geologic Division authors of Geo-Science publications.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:
Contains record by author or title on publication plans, status and location of all manuscript maps and reports in preparation or published by Geologic Division employees.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:
The primary use of the records is to maintain knowledge of and track publication plans, status of manuscript maps and reports in preparation being entered by Geologic Division employees. Disclosure outside the Department of the Interior may be made: (1) To the U.S. Department of Justice when related to litigation or anticipated litigation; (2) of information indicating a violation or potential violation of any statute, regulation, rule, order or license, to appropriate Federal, State, local or foreign agencies responsible for investigating or prosecuting the violation or for enforcing or implementing the statute, rule, regulation, order or license; (3) from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry from a Congressional office made at the request of that individual; (4) to a Federal agency which has requested information relevant or necessary for its hiring or retention of an
employee, or issuance of a security clearance, license, contract, grant or other benefit; (5) to Federal, State or local agencies where necessary to obtain information relevant to the hiring or retention of an employee, or the issuance of a security clearance, license, contract, grant or other benefit.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE: 
Maintained in manual form on cards.

RETRIEVABILITY: 
Indexed by author and Geographic area.

SAFEGUARDS: 
Maintained in accordance with 43 CFR 2.51.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL: 
Retained and disposed of according to Bureau Records Disposition Schedule, RCS/Item 303–03a.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS: 
(1) Chief, Eastern Publications Group, Geologic Division, National Center, MS–903, Reston, VA 20192; (2) Chief, Central Publications Group, MS902, Geologic Division, Denver, CO 80225; (3) Chief, Western Publications Group, Geologic Division, MS 951, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE: 
Inquiries should be addressed to the System Manager. See 43 CFR 2.60.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES: 
Same as above. See 43 CFR 2.63.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES: 
Same as above. See 43 CFR 2.71.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES: 
Authors.


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Accordingly, the USGS proposes to amend the “Earth Science Information Customer Records,” USGS–15 in its entirety to read as follows:

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SYSTEM NAME: 

SYSTEM LOCATION: 

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM: 
Individuals who have requested Earth Science information directly from, or whose requests have been forwarded to the Earth Science Information Office or its sponsored field centers. The system also contains records concerning individuals in their entrepreneurial capacity, corporations, and other business entities whose records are not subject to the Privacy Act.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM: 
Contains name, address, credit card number and expiration date (as provided), customer’s inquiry, response to inquiry, orders for products, appropriate accounting entries, and information on deposits with and debts owed the Bureau as a result of customer orders.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM: 

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES: 
The primary use of the records if for reference by Geological Survey (GS) and GS contract employees in processing customer inquiries, orders, and complaints. Disclosure outside the Department of the Interior may be made to: (1) The U.S. Department of Justice or in a proceeding before a court or adjudicative body when (a) the United States, the Department of the Interior, a component of the Department or, when represented by the Government, an employee of the Department is a party to litigation or anticipated litigation or has an interest in such litigation, and (b) the Department of the Interior determines that the disclosure is relevant or necessary to the litigation and is compatible with the purpose for which the records were compiled; (2) disclose pertinent information to an appropriate Federal, State, local, or foreign agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing a statute, regulation, rule, or order, where the disclosing agency becomes aware of an indication of a violation or potential violation of civil or criminal law or regulation; (3) a congressional office from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry the individual has made to the congressional office.