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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed project is a Wetlands Park (Park) along a 7 mile reach of Las Vegas Wash in southeastern Nevada, in portions of Whitney and the City of Henderson, and unincorporated portions of Clark County, Nevada. The Park is proposed by the Clark County Department of Parks and Recreation. Portions of the Park will be constructed on lands administered by Reclamation. Because Reclamation lands are involved in this proposal, National Environmental Policy Act compliance is required. Also, because Reclamation lands are involved, it was agreed that Reclamation would be the lead agency for NEPA compliance.

In 1991, Nevada residents approved, by ballot, a wildlife and park bond earmarking \$13.3 million for the wetlands park project in Las Vegas Wash.

A critical need for the Las Vegas Wash is to control erosion. Flows in the upper reaches of the Wash and its tributaries are intermittent and occur primarily during storms. Flows in the lower reaches are primarily from treated wastewater effluent. The water from these two areas is ultimately discharged into Lake Mead. As urban development continues throughout the Las Vegas Valley, the amount of impervious surface area and subsequent stormwater runoff will increase. The increase in wastewater flows and stormwater runoff have accelerated erosion and channelization. In the last 15 years, wetlands have been reduced by approximately 400 acres. This erosion has resulted in 4 to 5 million cubic yards of sediment being deposited in Lake Mead.

In addition to no action, four alternatives are addressed in the FEIS: Conservation, Recreation, Full Development, Integrated Alternative. The Conservation Alternative primary purpose would be to protect and enhance wildlife habitat. The Recreation Alternative primary purpose would be to create a full range of recreation activities and wildlife viewing opportunities for people of all abilities. The Full Development Alternative primary purpose would be to develop the area as a major environmental and recreational resource that emphasizes the enhancement of natural resources, recreational development, and major facilities for education and for large

numbers of visitors. The Integrated Alternative (preferred alternative) primary purpose would be for an environmental and recreational resource that emphasized habitat enhancement, and recreational/educational facilities for visitors.

A variety of impacts were addressed; among these were the following: geology, air quality, hydrology, water quality, biological resources, land use, transportation, noise, cultural resources, health & safety, and visual resources.

There are two major areas of controversy: sediment quality and water use.

The Draft EIS was issued July 2, 1997. Comments received from interested organizations and individuals on the Draft EIS were addressed in the FEIS. No decision will be made on the proposed action until 30 days after the release of the FEIS. After the 30-day waiting period, Reclamation will complete a Record of Decision. This document will present the action that will be implemented and will discuss all factors leading to the decision.

Dated: February 18, 1999.

**Deanna Miller,**

*Director, Resource Management Office.*

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

### Agency Form Submitted for OMB Review

**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** In accordance with the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Commission has submitted a request for approval of questionnaires to the Office of Management and Budget for review.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 26, 1999.

#### **PURPOSE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION:**

The forms are for use by the Commission in connection with investigation No. 332-404, Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE): Conditions Affecting the Domestic Industry, instituted under the authority of section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)). This investigation was requested by the United States Trade Representative (USTR). The Commission expects to deliver the results of its investigation to the USTR by September 23, 1999.

#### **Summary of Proposal**

(1) *Number of forms submitted:* one.

(2) *Title of form:* Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE): Conditions Affecting the Domestic Industry—Questionnaire for U.S. Producers and Purchasers/Importers.

(3) *Type of request:* new.

(4) *Frequency of use:* Producer/Purchaser questionnaire, single data gathering, scheduled for 1999.

(5) *Description of respondents:* U.S. firms which produce or purchase/import MTBE.

(6) *Estimated number of respondents:* 32 (Producers and/or purchasers).

(7) *Estimated total number of hours to complete the forms:* 6 hours.

(8) Information obtained from the form that qualifies as confidential business information will be so treated by the Commission and not disclosed in a manner that would reveal the individual operations of a firm.

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

Copies of the forms and supporting documents may be obtained from Elizabeth R. Nesbitt, Project Leader (telephone no. 202-205-3355), or Christopher Robinson, Deputy Project Leader (telephone no. 202-205-2334). Comments about the proposals should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Room 10102 (Docket Library), Washington, DC 20503, ATTENTION: Docket Librarian. All comments should be specific, indicating which part of the questionnaire is objectionable, describing the concern in detail, and including specific suggested revisions or language changes. Copies of any comments should be provided to Robert Rogowsky, Director, Office of Operations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, who is the Commission's designated Senior Official under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting our TDD terminal (telephone no. 202-205-1810). General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

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By order of the Commission.

**Donna R. Koehnke,**

*Secretary.*

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