DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Special Resource Study for the Battle of Homestead and Carrier Furnaces Sites in Western Pennsylvania

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Special Resource Study for the Battle of Homestead and Carrier Furnaces Sites in Western Pennsylvania.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Special Resource Study for the Battle of Homestead and Carrier Furnaces Sites in Western Pennsylvania. The purpose of a Special Resource Study (SRS) is to determine the degree and kind of federal actions for the management and protection of an area considered to have potential for addition to the National Park System.

This is a SRS of the former U.S. Steel Homestead Works including the Battle of Homestead site and adjacent town of Homestead and the related Carrie Furnace area. The study area includes the National Register Historic District in the town of Homestead, the landing site and pump house, the site of Carrier Furnaces number 6 and 7, and the Hot Metal Bridge. Additional sites in the Monongahela Valley will be considered as necessary during the study process. The study will address the significance of the site in the context of the history of steel making and labor history in the United States. All of the sites are located within the County of Allegheny in Pennsylvania adjacent to the Monongahela River.

The area is located within the boundaries of the Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, which was designated by Congress in 1996. The National Park Service (NPS) does not own land or assume a management role in the region. Instead, conservation, interpretation and other activities are managed by partnerships among federal, state, and local governments and private nonprofit organizations. The national heritage area is managed by the Steel Industry Heritage Corporation (SIHC).

The National Park Service has been authorized by Congress to provide technical and financial assistance for a limited period (up to 10 years from the time of their designation in 1996) to the SIHC.

The SRS/EIS will address a range of alternatives including potential roles for the NPS in preservation and interpretation of the labor history story associated with the study area. Alternatives to be considered include: no action, (continuation of existing partnerships among the SIHC, NPS and others) the establishment of a National Historic Site, or the establishment of a National Historic Trail, and other acts as may arise during the study process.

In summary, the SRS will present findings on five topics:

• Determination of the national significance of the sites and their resource values;

• Determination of the suitability for the sites to be included within the National Park System in relation to other sites of the same theme;

• Determination of feasibility for the NPS to own, manage or participate in conservation and interpretation in the study area;

• Determination of the need for NPS management of the sites,

• Identification of alternatives for any potential role for the NPS in the future.

The EIS will assess the impacts of the alternatives for NPS participation.

A scoping meeting will be scheduled and notice will be made of the meeting through a broad public mailing and publication in the local newspaper.


If you correspond using the internet, please include you rename and return address in your e-mail message. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent’s identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Notice of Proposed Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing that the information collection request for its Technical Evaluation customer surveys has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The information collection request describes the information collection and the expected burden and cost. The OMB control number for this collection
The prevailing rates and fringe benefits determined in these decisions shall, in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing statutes, constitute the minimum wages payable on Federal and federally assisted construction projects to laborers and mechanics of the specified classes engaged on contract work of the character and in the localities described therein.

Good cause is hereby found for not utilizing notice and public comment procedure thereon prior to the issuance of these determinations as prescribed in 5 U.S.C. 553 and not providing for delay in the effective date as prescribed in that section, because the necessity to issue current construction industry wage determinations frequently and in large volume causes procedures to be impractical and contrary to the public interest.

General wage determination decisions, and modifications and supersedeas decisions thereto, contain no expiration dates and are effective from their date of notice in the Federal Register, or on the date written notice is received by the agency, whichever is earlier. These decisions are to be used in accordance with the provisions of 29 CFR parts 1 and 5. Accordingly, the applicable decision, together with any modifications issued, must be made a part of every contract for performance of the described work within the geographic area indicated as required by an applicable Federal prevailing wage law and 29 CFR part 5. The wage rates and fringe benefits, notice of which is published herein, and which are contained in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled “General Wage Determinations Issued Under The Davis-Bacon And Related Acts,” shall be the minimum paid by contractors and subcontractors to laborers and mechanics.

Any person, organization, or governmental agency having an interest in the rates determined as prevailing encouraged to submit wage rate and fringe benefit information for consideration by the Department.

Further information and self-explanatory forms for the purpose of submitting this data may be obtained by writing to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division, Division of Wage Determinations, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room S–3014, Washington, DC 20210.

Modification to General Wage Determination Decisions

The number of decisions listed to the Government Printing Office document entitled “General Wage determinations