

X. Can EPA Change Its Decision on these TMEs in the Future?

Yes. The Agency reserves the right to rescind approval or modify the conditions and restrictions of an exemption should any new information that comes to its attention cast significant doubt on its finding that the test marketing activities will not present any unreasonable risk of injury to human health or the environment.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Test marketing exemptions.

Dated: December 12, 2001.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Proposed Reissuance of General NPDES Permit (GP) for Alaskan Small Suction Dredging (Permit Number AKG-37-5000)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposed reissuance of a general permit.

SUMMARY: This general permit was originally effective on April 7, 1997, and expires on April 9, 2002. EPA proposes to reissue this general permit with minor changes based on updated information relating to the impact of such mining activity on the environment. EPA is proposing to automatically extend coverage under this general permit, when final, to those facilities covered by the previous permit which submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) prior to April 9, 2002.

DATES: Interested persons may submit comments on the proposed reissuance of the GP to EPA, Region 10 at the address below. Comments must be received by February 4, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the proposed General Permit should be sent to Director, Office of Water; USEPA Region 10; 1200 Sixth Avenue, OW-135; Seattle, Washington 98101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the Proposed General Permit and Fact Sheet are available upon request. Requests may be made to Audrey Washington at (206) 553-0523 or to Cindi Godsey at (907) 271-6561 or electronically mailed to:

washington.audrey@epa.gov or *godsey.cindi@epa.gov*. These documents may be found on the Region 10 Web site at *www.epa.gov/r10earth/water.htm*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 12866: The Office of Management and Budget has exempted this action from the review requirements of Executive Order 12866 pursuant to Section 6 of that order.

Regulatory Flexibility Act: EPA has concluded that General NPDES permits are permits under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), 5 U.S.C. 551 *et seq.*, and thus not subject to APA rulemaking requirements or the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Dated: December 5, 2001.

Randall F. Smith,

Director, Office of Water, Region 10, Environmental Protection Agency.

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

[Public Notice 48]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Export-Import Bank of the United States is submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve a revised exporter and banker survey. The purpose of the survey is to fulfill a statutory mandate (the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 635) which directs Ex-Im Bank to report annually to the U.S. Congress any action taken toward providing export credit programs that are competitive with those offered by official foreign export credit agencies. The Act further stipulates that the annual report on competitiveness should include the results of a survey of U.S. exporters and U.S. commercial lending institutions which provide export credit to determine their experience in meeting financial competition from other countries whose exporters compete with U.S. exporters.

Accordingly, Ex-Im Bank is requesting that the proposed survey (EIB No. 00-02) be sent to approximately 50 respondents, split equally between bankers and exporters. The revised survey is similar to the previous survey,

as it asks bankers and exporters to evaluate the competitiveness of Ex-Im Bank's programs vis-à-vis foreign export credit agencies. However, it has been modified in order to account for newer policies and to capture enough information to provide a better analysis of our competitiveness. In addition, the survey will be administered electronically via email, with recipients encouraged to respond electronically as well.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 18, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments or requests for additional information to David Rostker, Office of Management and Budget, Information and Regulatory Affairs, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503, (202) 395-3897.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carlista D. Robinson, Export-Import Bank of the U.S., 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571 (202) 565-3351.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: With respect to the proposed collection of information, Ex-Im Bank invites comments as to:

- Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of Ex-Im Bank, including whether the information will have a practical use;
- The accuracy of Ex-Im Bank's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected, and
- Ways to minimize the burden of collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Title & Form Number: Annual Competitiveness Report Survey of Exporters and Bankers, EIB Form 00-02.

OMB Number: 3048-0004.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Annual Number of Respondents: 50.

Annual Burden Hours: 50.

Frequency of Reporting or Use: Annual survey.

Dated: December 14, 2001.

Carlista D. Robinson,
Agency Clearance Officer.

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