

or protests, as set forth above, is July 10, 2002.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The Order may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

**Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice**

June 17, 2002.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(h), of the receipt

of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or a prohibited off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested on-the-record proceeding, to deliver a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication, to the Secretary.

Prohibited communications will be included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such requests only when it determines that fairness so

requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication should serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications will be included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications recently received in the Office of the Secretary. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. The documents may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

EXEMPT

Docket No.	Date filed	Presenter or requester
1. RT02-2-000, et al. ....	6-11-02	Sarah McKinley and Deborah Schweikart.
2. Project Nos. 4204-000, 4659-000, 4660-000 .....	6-13-02	Don Klima.
3. RT02-2-000, et al. ....	6-13-02	Laura Chappelle, David A. Svanda, Robert B. Nelson.
4. Project No. 11508-000 .....	6-14-02	Glen D. Martin.
5. CP98-150-000 .....	6-17-02	William Gute.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-7232-8]

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; National Waste Minimization Partnership Program**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C.

3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): National Waste Minimization Partnership Program, EPA ICR No. 2076.01. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before August 20, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Commenters must send an original and two copies of their comments referencing docket number F-00-XXXX-FFFFF to: RCRA Docket Information Center, Office of Solid Waste (5305G), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. Hand

deliveries of comments should be made to the Arlington, VA, address below. Comments may also be submitted electronically through the Internet to: [rcradocket@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:rcradocket@epamail.epa.gov). Comments in electronic format should also be identified by the docket number F-00-XXXX-FFFFF. All electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

Commenters should not submit electronically any confidential business information (CBI). An original and two copies of CBI must be submitted under separate cover to: RCRA CBI Document Control Officer, Office of Solid Waste (5305W), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.

Public comments and supporting materials are available for viewing in

the RCRA Information Center (RIC), located at Crystal Gateway I, First Floor, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. The RIC is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. To review docket materials, it is recommended that the public make an appointment by calling (703) 603-9230. The public may copy a maximum of 100 pages from any regulatory docket at no charge. Additional copies cost \$0.15/page. This notice and the supporting documents that detail the National Waste Minimization Partnership Program ICR are also available electronically. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for information on accessing them.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on specific aspects of this information collection, contact Newman Smith, Office of Solid Waste (5302W), U.S. EPA, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, telephone: (703) 308-8757, e-mail: [smith.newman@epa.gov](mailto:smith.newman@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Affected entities:* Entities potentially affected by this action are those which generate, treat, and store hazardous waste.

*Title:* National Waste Minimization Partnership Program; EPA ICR No. 2076.01.

*Abstract:* EPA is establishing a national program to encourage the minimization of hazardous waste through source reduction and recycling. Participation in the National Waste Minimization Partnership Program is completely voluntary. EPA will use four forms to collect information from participants, called partners, which can be prepared and submitted by hard copy or electronically. Participation begins when an *Enrollment Form* is submitted and accepted by EPA. The form asks for basic site identification information as well as information on the company's waste minimization goals under the program.

Once in the program, partners will also have an opportunity to complete and submit an optional, one-time *Application for Certificate of Past Accomplishments*. This form enables partners to notify the Agency of waste minimization accomplished in the past. Partners also can submit a one-time *Application for Certificate of Accomplishment* when they accomplish the goals the established for their participation in the program. These certificates will enable the Agency to confirm a partners' progress and measure the overall success of the program. Certificates provide the basis

for the Agency to recognize partner accomplishments in a formal (e.g., at an awards ceremony or by congratulatory letter) manner, if appropriate. Recognizing partner achievements is important to help EPA spur other partners on to reduce more waste.

Partners also may submit an optional, one-time *Case Studies Submission Form*. The form enables a partner to describe its waste minimization techniques, implementation problems, lessons learned, benefits, and relevant implications. The case studies will assist the Agency in better understanding waste minimization approaches and technologies. The information may also help the Agency in sharing lessons learned and effective strategies among the facilities generating hazardous waste, in order to promote continued and effective waste minimization efforts. Sharing effective waste reduction strategies with others is a fundamental objective of the partnership program.

Because the program is voluntary, EPA expects that companies would enroll only if their benefits under the program outweigh the costs. Although EPA expects partners to experience a minor burden under the paperwork requirements of the program, the Agency fully expects many companies to realize substantial cost savings (typically more than enough to offset their paperwork costs) through implementation of their waste reduction initiatives. (EPA evidence suggests that cost savings of hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of dollars is not unusual for a large corporation.)

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) minimize the burden of the 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.

*Burden Statement:* EPA estimates the annual respondent burden for the National Waste Minimization Partnership Program to be 3,280 hours and \$203,306. EPA expects that, in the first year, 60 companies will enroll, and 90 will enroll in each subsequent year. Thus, at the end of the first year, there will be 60 existing partners, 150 at the end of the second year, and 240 at the end of the third year. For purposes of the ICR's burden calculations, EPA has averaged the number of new and existing partners over the three-year period to conclude that there will be, on average, 80 new partners annually and 150 existing partners annually. The disaggregated burden per form is estimated below:

(1) *Enrollment Form*—EPA estimates that, on average, 80 new partners will fill out this form each year. EPA further estimates that ten percent of existing partners will notify EPA to modify their waste minimization goals each year (i.e.,  $10\% \times 150 = 15$  partners per year). The total annual hourly burden for this form is estimated to be 2,723 hours. The total annual cost for this form is estimated to be \$168,221.

(2) *Application for Certificate of Past Accomplishments*—EPA estimates that two-thirds of new partners will submit an application each year, or 54 partners per year. The total annual hourly burden for this form is estimated to be 109 hours. The total annual cost for this form is estimated to be \$6,878.

(3) *Application for Certificate of Accomplishment*—EPA estimates that 80 percent of existing facilities will submit this one-time form, or 64 partners per year. The total annual hourly burden for this one-time form is estimated to be 128 hours. The total annual cost for this one-time form is estimated to be \$8,152.

(4) *Case Studies Submission Form*—EPA expects that 50 percent of existing facilities will submit this one-time form, or 40 partners per year. The total annual hourly burden for this one-time form is estimated to be 320 hours. The total annual cost for this one-time form is estimated to be \$20,055.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying

information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Dated: May 23, 2002.

**Elizabeth Cotsworth,**

*Director, Office of Solid Waste.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6630-4]

### Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

*Responsible Agency:* Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or [www.epa.gov/oeca/ofa](http://www.epa.gov/oeca/ofa). Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

Filed June 10, 2002, through June 14, 2002,

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 020235, FINAL EIS, IBR, NM, Elephant Butte and Caballo Reservoirs, Resource Management Plan (RMP), Implementation, Sierra and Socorro Counties, NM, Wait Period Ends: July 22, 2002, Contact: Clay McDermeit (505) 248-5391.

EIS No. 020236, DRAFT EIS, IBR, NM, City of Albuquerque Drinking Water Project, To Provide a Sustainable Water Supply for Albuquerque through Direct and Full Consumptive Use of the City's San Juan-Chama (SJC) Water for Potable Purposes, Funding, Right-of-Way and COE Section 404 Permits, City of Albuquerque, NM, Comment Period Ends: August 13, 2002, Contact: Lori Robertson (505) 248-5326. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/permit/occidental.htm.sic>.

EIS No. 020237, DRAFT EIS, BLM, OR, Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument (CSNM) Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Klamath and Rouge River Basins, Jackson County, OR, Comment Period Ends: September 20, 2002, Contact: Richard Drel (541) 618-2200. This document is available on the Internet at: [www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings](http://www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings).

EIS No. 020238, DRAFT EIS, AFS, ID, Sixshooter Project, to Reduce the Threats of Insect Infestation and

Wildfire, Sixmile and West Fork Creek, Boise National Forest, Emmett Ranger District, Gem County, ID, Comment Period Ends: August 05, 2002, Contact: Jeffery Clark (208) 365-7000.

EIS No. 020239, DRAFT EIS, COE, NJ, South River, Raritan River Basin Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration, Implementation, Draft Integrated Feasibility Report, Middlesex County, NJ, Comment Period Ends: August 05, 2002, Contact: Mark H. Bulas (212) 264-4663.

EIS No. 020240, FINAL EIS, APH, PROGRAMMATIC—EIS Rangeland Grasshopper and Mormon Cricket Suppression Program, Authorization, Funding and Implementation in 17 Western States, AZ, CA, CO, ID, KS, MT, NB, NV, NM, ND, OK, OR, SD, TX, UT, WA and WY, Wait Period Ends: July 22, 2002, Contact: Charles Brown (301) 734-8963. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/es/ppqdocs.htm1>.

EIS No. 020241, FINAL EIS, NOA, IN, Indiana Lake Michigan Coastal Program Document, Federal Approval and Implementation, Coastal Zone Management, Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties, IN, Wait Period Ends: July 22, 2002, Contact: Diana Olinger (301) 713-3155.

EIS No. 020242, DRAFT EIS, AFS, MO, Rams Horn Project, To Accomplish the Direction and Desired Conditions Identified in the Mark Twain National Forest, Land and Resource Management Plan, Houston/Rolla/Creek Ranger District, Phelps and Pulaski Counties, MO, Comment Period Ends: August 05, 2002, Contact: Mark Hamel (417) 967-4194. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/marktwain/publications>.

EIS No. 020244, FINAL EIS, GSA, CA, Los Angeles Federal Building—U. S. Courthouse, Construction of a New Courthouse in the Civic Center, City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, CA, Wait Period Ends: July 22, 2002, Contact: Javad Soltani (415) 522-3493.

EIS No. 020245, DRAFT EIS, MMS, AK, Beaufort Sea Planning Area Multiples Sale 186, 195 and 202 Oil and Gas Lease Sales, Alaska Outer Continental Shelf, Offshore Marine Environment, Beaufort Sea Coastal Plain, and the North Slope Borough of Alaska, Comment Period Ends: September 20, 2002, Contact: Dr. George Valiulis (703) 787-1662.

EIS No. 020246, FINAL EIS, BLM, AZ, Las Cienegas Resource Management

Plan, Implementation, Las Cienegas National Conservation Area (NCA) and Sonoita Valley Acquisition Planning District, AZ, Wait Period Ends: July 22, 2002, Contact: Karen Simms (520) 258-7210.

EIS No. 020247, DRAFT EIS, AFS, CA, Brown Darby Fuel Reduction Project, Proposal for a Combination of the Salvage Harvesting of Trees Killed and other Fuels Management Activities, Stanislaus National Forest, Calaveras Ranger District, Calaveras and Tuolumne Counties, CA, Comment Period Ends: August 05, 2002, Contact: Kathy Aldrich (209) 795-1381. This document is available on the Internet at: [www.is.ch2m.com/iidweb](http://www.is.ch2m.com/iidweb).

EIS No. 020248, DRAFT EIS, COE, CA, Bolinas Lagoon Ecosystem Restoration, Proposal to Removal up to 1.5 Million Cubic Yard of Sediment from the bottom of the Lagoon to Allow Restoration of Tidal Movement and Eventual Restoration of Tidal Habitat, Marin County, CA, Comment Period Ends: August 05, 2002, Contact: Roger Golden (415) 977-8703.

EIS No. 020249, DRAFT EIS, NPS, MO, Wilson's Creek National Battlefield General Management Plan, Implementation, To Commemorate the Battle of Wilson's Creek and to Preserve the Associated Battlefield, Greene and Christian Counties, MO, Comment Period Ends: August 05, 2002, Contact: Dick Lusardi (417) 732-2662.

EIS No. 020250, FINAL EIS, IBR, CA, American River Pump Station Project, Providing Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) with the Year-Round Access to its Middle Fork Project (MFP) Water Entitlements from the American River, Placer County, CA, Wait Period Ends: July 22, 2002, Contact: Roderick Hall (916) 989-7279.

Dated: June 18, 2002.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6630-5]

### Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental