

permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR parts 13 and 17.

Copies of the final EIS and RHCP are available for public inspection and review at the following locations (by appointment at government offices):

- Department of the Interior, Natural Resources Library, 1849 C St. NW., Washington, DC 20240.
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 110 S. Church, Suite 3450, Tucson, AZ 85701
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2321 West Royal Palm Road, Suite 103, Phoenix, AZ 85021
- Salt River Project, 1521 Project Drive, Tempe, AZ 85281
- Globe Public Library, 339 S. Broad St., Globe, AZ 85501
- Government Document Service, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287
- Payson Public Library, 510 W. Main, Payson, AZ 85541
- Phoenix Public Library (Burton Barr Central), 1221 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004
- Tonto Basin Library, 1 School St., Tonto Basin (Punkin Center), AZ 85553

### Background

Roosevelt Dam and Reservoir (Roosevelt) is operated by SRP in conjunction with three other reservoirs on the Salt River and two reservoirs on the Verde River as integral features of the Salt River Reclamation Project, authorized by the Reclamation Act of 1902, and pursuant to a 1917 contract with the United States. Since completion in 1911, Roosevelt has provided water for power generation, irrigation, municipal, and other uses. Currently, SRP reservoirs supply water to more than 1.6 million people in the cities of Phoenix, Mesa, Chandler, Tempe, Glendale, Gilbert, Scottsdale, Tolleson, and Avondale. In addition, water is provided to irrigate agricultural lands within SRP and for other uses. Also, water is delivered to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, Gila River Indian Community, Buckeye Irrigation Company, Roosevelt Irrigation District, Roosevelt Water Conservation District, and others. Roosevelt and the other SRP reservoirs also provide a variety of recreational uses and environmental benefits in central Arizona. Due to dry conditions in central Arizona for the past six years, the water level at Roosevelt has been below normal. As a result, riparian vegetation has invaded and flourished in the portion of Roosevelt historically used by SRP to store water for use in the Phoenix metropolitan area. Animals that use riparian habitat have followed the

vegetation growth and now occupy areas within the reservoir. In particular, a population of flycatchers now occupies habitat within the storage space at Roosevelt. Thus, periodic refilling of the reservoir may adversely affect habitat used by the flycatcher, clapper rail, bald eagle, and cuckoo.

### Proposed Action

The proposed action is the issuance of an ITP for flycatchers, clapper rails, bald eagles, and cuckoos for SRP's operation of Roosevelt, pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act. The activity that would be covered by the permit is the continued operation of Roosevelt by SRP. The area covered by the permit includes Roosevelt up to an elevation of 2,151 feet, the highest point in the reservoir at which water is stored. The requested term of the permit is for a period of 50 years. To meet the requirements of a Section 10(a)(1)(B) permit, SRP has developed and will implement the RHCP, which provides measures to minimize and mitigate incidental take of flycatchers, clapper rails, and bald eagles to the maximum extent practicable, and which ensures that the incidental take will not appreciably reduce the likelihood of the survival and recovery of these species in the wild. The RHCP also addresses potential impacts on a candidate species, the yellow-billed cuckoo.

### Alternatives

Two other alternatives that were considered by the Service include the following:

1. *No Permit*—No issuance of an ITP by the Service. This alternative would require SRP to do everything within its control to avoid any take of federally listed species associated with its continued operation of Roosevelt.

2. *Re-operation Alternative*—Issuance of an ITP by the Service authorizing the modified operation of Roosevelt to reduce the short-term impact of reservoir operations on listed and candidate species. This alternative includes measures to minimize and mitigate the potential take of federally listed species.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council) Meeting Announcement

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Council will meet to select North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) proposals for recommendation to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission.

The meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on December 3, 2002, at 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Mexican State of Quintana Roo. The Council Coordinator is located at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, MBSP-4075, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David A. Smith, Council Coordinator, (703) 358-1784 or [dbhc@fws.gov](mailto:dbhc@fws.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with NAWCA (Pub. L. 101-233, 103 Stat. 1968, December 13, 1989, as amended), the State-private-Federal Council meets to consider wetland acquisition, restoration, enhancement and management projects for recommendation to, and final funding approval by, the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission. Proposals require a minimum of 50 percent non-Federal matching funds. The public is welcome to attend the meeting scheduled for December 3, 2002.

Dated: November 20, 2002.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[AK-990-03-5101-ER-L016]

#### Final Environmental Impact Statement, Trans-Alaska Pipeline System Right-of-Way Renewal

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for renewal of

the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) Right-of-Way Grant. The original grant, issued January 23, 1974, will expire January 22, 2004. The renewal application was filed on May 2, 2001. Three alternatives are considered in the FEIS: The Proposed Action, renew the federal grant for 30 Years, until January 22, 2034; the Time-Dependent Alternative, renew the federal grant for less than 30 years; and the No-Action Alternative, do not renew the federal grant.

**DATES:** The FEIS will be available on November 26, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** The FEIS and its Executive Summary will be available as a downloadable and searchable Portable Document File (pdf) at the TAPS Renewal EIS Web site, <http://tapseis.anl.gov>. CDs can be ordered from the same site.

Hard copies of the six volume FEIS can be requested in writing from Dr. John Krummel, Argonne National Laboratory EAD/900; 9700 South Cass Avenue; Argonne, Illinois 60439.

Hard copies and CDs of the FEIS are available for review at the following public reading rooms.

**Anchorage:**

Alaska Resources Library and Information Services; 3150 C Street, Suite 100.

Z.J. Loussac Library; 3600 Denali Street.

Bureau of Land Management Public Room; 222 West 7th Avenue. State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources Public Information Center; 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1260.

**Barrow:** Tuzzy Consortium Library; 5421 North Star Street.

**Cordova:** Cordova Public Library; 622 1st Street.

**Fairbanks:**

Fairbanks North Star Borough Public Library; 1215 Cowles Street.

Bureau of Land Management Public Room; 1150 University Avenue. State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources Public Information Center; 3700 Airport Way.

**Glennallen:**

Bureau of Land Management; Glennallen Field Office, Milepost 186.5, Glenn Highway.

**Juneau:**

Alaska State Library; 333 Willoughby, 8th Floor.

**Valdez:**

Valdez Public Library; 212 Fairbanks Street.

**Washington, DC:** Department of the Interior Library; 1849 C Street, NW.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FEIS was prepared under authority of the

Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701), as amended; the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321), as amended; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508); and the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 185), as amended, including Title II, the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act (43 U.S.C. 1651). Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, Illinois, prepared the FEIS under BLM's supervision and direction.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rob McWhorter at the Federal/State Joint Pipeline Office, 411 West 4th Avenue, Suite 2, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, phone (907) 257-1355, or visit the TAPS Renewal EIS Web site, <http://tapseis.anl.gov>.

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-1022 (Preliminary)]

### Refined Brown Aluminum Oxide From China

**AGENCY:** International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Institution of antidumping investigation and scheduling of a preliminary phase investigation.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission hereby gives notice of the institution of an investigation and commencement of preliminary phase antidumping investigation No. 731-TA-1022 (Preliminary) under section 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673b(a)) (the Act) to determine whether there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury, or the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of imports from China of refined brown aluminum oxide,<sup>1</sup> provided for in subheading 2818.10.20 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value. Unless the Department of Commerce extends the time for initiation pursuant to section

732(c)(1)(B) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673a(c)(1)(B)), the Commission must reach a preliminary determination in antidumping investigations in 45 days, or in this case by January 6, 2003. The Commission's views are due at Commerce within five business days thereafter, or by January 13, 2003.

For further information concerning the conduct of this investigation and rules of general application, consult the Commission's rules of practice and procedure, part 201, subparts A through E (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A and B (19 CFR part 207).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 20, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim McClure (202-205-3191), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDISON-LINE) at <http://dockets.usitc.gov/eol/public>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background.** This investigation is being instituted in response to a petition filed on November 20, 2002, by Washington Mills Co., Inc., North Grafton, MA.

**Participation in the investigation and public service list.** Persons (other than petitioners) wishing to participate in the investigation as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in §§ 201.11 and 207.10 of the Commission's rules, not later than seven days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Industrial users and (if the merchandise under investigation is sold at the retail level) representative consumer organizations have the right to appear as parties in Commission antidumping investigations. The Secretary will prepare a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to this investigation upon the expiration of the period for filing entries of appearance.

**Limited disclosure of business proprietary information (BPI) under an administrative protective order (APO)**

<sup>1</sup> The product covered by this investigation is ground, pulverized, or refined brown aluminum oxide. Crude aluminum oxide is excluded from the scope of the petition.