

improvements and construction of a sniper range in the Intensive Use Area, construction of 20 stream crossings in the Limited Use Area, and 3 deployment support facilities at England Industrial Airpark. The JRTC and Fort Polk also propose to create additional helicopter training areas and to conduct limited types of non-live fire training on private lands. Over a 10-year period, the Forest Service proposes to thin approximately 21,500 acres of upland pine stands in there Intensive Use Area to enhance habitat conditions for the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker.

The Army is the lead agency in preparing the DEIS and the Forest Service and FAA are cooperating agencies. The decision to be made by the Army, based on the results of the EIS and upon consideration of all relevant factors (including mission, cost, technical factors, and environmental considerations), is how to provide for military training, readiness, and facilities requirements while ensuring the sustained use of resources entrusted to the stewardship of the Army. The decision to be made by the Forest Service is what military activities and land uses may occur on national forest lands and how to balance military and non-military uses while sustaining resources entrusted to Forest Service stewardship. The FAA intends to relay on analyses in this EIS to make decisions concerning the Alexandria International Airport Layout Plan as it may be affected by three Army projects proposed to occur at the airport and consequent movement of aircraft, materiel, and personnel through that facility.

The DEIS identifies eight alternatives, two of which are analyzed in detail: (1) The proposed action, summarized above, and (2) a no action alternative.

Comments on the DEIS received during the 45-day comment period will be considered in preparing the Final EIS. Public meetings to solicit comments on the DEIS will be held Baton Rouge, Leesville, and Alexandria, Louisiana. Notification of the times and locations for the public meetings will be published in local newspapers at least 15 days in advance.

Copies of the DEIS are available for review at the following libraries: Allen Parish Library (Oberlin Branch), 320 S. Sixth Street, Oberlin; Beauregard Parish Library, 205 South Washington Avenue, DeRidder, Calcasieu Public Library, 301 W. Claude Street, Lake Charles; East Baton Rouge Parish Library, 7711 Goodwood Boulevard, Baton Rouge; Lafayette Public Library, 301 W. Congress Street, Lafayette; Lincoln Parish Library, 509 West Alabama

Avenue, Ruston; Natchitoches Parish Library, 431 Jefferson Street, Natchitoches; New Orleans Public Library (Orleans Parish), 219 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans; New Orleans Public Library (Algiers Point Branch), 725 Pelican Avenue, New Orleans; Ouachita Parish Library, 1800 Stubbs Avenue, Monroe; Rapides Parish Library, 411 Washington Street, Alexandria; Vernon Parish Library, 1401 Nolan Trace, Leesville; and Shreve Memorial Library (Caddo Parish), 424 Texas Street (71101), Shreveport, Louisiana. The DEIS, as well as additional information concerning the EIS process, may be reviewed at <http://notes.tetrattech-ffx.com/PolkEIS.nsf>.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of Government-Owned Invention; Available for Licensing

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The following invention is assigned to the U.S. Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and is made available for licensing by the Department of the Navy. U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/283,352 entitled "Nitrate-Hydrogen Peroxide Chemical Adducts and Use Thereof."

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the Patent Application cited should be directed to the Indian Head Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Code O5T, 101 Strauss Avenue, Indian Head, MD 20640-5035.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. J. Scott Deiter, Head, Technology Transfer Office, Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head Division, Code O5T, 101 Strauss Avenue, Indian Head, MD 20640-5035, telephone (301) 744-6111.

Dated: July 21, 2003.

E.F. McDonnell,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC03-716A-001, FERC-716A]

Commission Information Collection Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Submitted for OMB Review

July 23, 2003.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and extension of the current expiration date. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission received no comments in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of May 16, 2003 (68 FR 26592-93) and has made this notation in its submission to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by August 20, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Address comments on the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. The Desk Officer may be reached by fax at 202-395-7285 or by e-mail at pamelabevery@omb.eop.gov.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Executive Director, ED-30, Attention: Michael Miller, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those persons filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filings, such comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 and should refer to Docket No. IC03-716A-001.

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