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Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following application for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered marine mammals. The application was submitted to satisfy requirements of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*) and the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing endangered species (50 CFR part 17) and marine mammals (50 CFR part 18). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete application or requests for a public hearing on this application should be submitted to the Director (See

ADDRESSES above). Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

Applicant: Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL, PRT-063561.

The Service is re-opening the comment period for this application submitted by Edmund R. Gerstein requesting a permit to conduct a study to archive and evaluate Florida manatee (*Trichechus manatus latirostris*) responses to controlled approaches with boats equipped with propeller guards for the purpose of scientific research. Some of the approaches will incorporate a device to project an alerting signal designed to be within the manatees's hearing sensitivity. A notice of receipt of this application for a permit was published in the **Federal Register** on December 24, 2002 (67 FR 78504), and the comment period closed on January 23, 2003. On October 20, 2003, the applicant submitted additional information in support of his application. The re-opening of the comment period will allow all interested parties to review the new information and provide the Service with any additional comments regarding these applications. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a three-year period.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Division of Management Authority is forwarding copies of the above applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

Dated: November 21, 2003.

Monica Farris,

*Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits,
Division of Management Authority.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ040-03-7122-EX-5513; AZA-29640 & AZA-31133]

Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Dos Pobres/San Juan Project, Graham County, AZ

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability (NOA) of Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Safford Field Office, Arizona, has prepared an FEIS analyzing the impacts on the human environment of a mining plan of operation proposed by the Phelps Dodge Mining Company, a division of the Phelps Dodge Corporation. The Dos Pobres/San Juan Project is located approximately 8 miles north of Safford, Arizona. The FEIS (1) assesses the environmental impacts of the project as described in the three mining plan alternatives (Proposed Action, Partial Backfill, and No Action) and two land exchange alternatives (Land Exchange and No Land Exchange); (2) determines if there are direct, indirect and cumulative impacts; and (3) identifies mitigative measures. The FEIS was prepared to comply with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations (40 CFR part 1500-1508) for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 43 U.S.C. 1701, the Federal Land Exchange Facilitation Act of 1988, 43 U.S.C. 1716 and 1740, and BLM regulations governing land exchanges (43 CFR parts 2090 and 2200) and mining plans of operation (43 CFR parts 3715 and 3809).

DATES: The Record of Decision for this project will not be issued prior to 60-days following the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publication of its NOA of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Dos Pobres/San Juan Project, Graham County, AZ.

ADDRESSES: A limited number of copies of the FEIS are available and copies may also be reviewed at the Bureau of Land Management, Safford Field Office, 711 14th Avenue, Safford, Arizona 85546 or the Bureau of Land Management,

Arizona State Office, 222 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Scott Evans, Project Manager, at BLM Safford Field Office, telephone number (928) 348-4414; or Tina Lee, Project Manager, at SWCA, Inc., telephone number (520) 325-9194.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed Dos Pobres/San Juan Project is an integrated copper mining project using conventional open pit mining and solution extraction/electro winning technologies to meet a continuing demand for copper. The BLM's preferred alternative is the Land Exchange alternative (Alternative 2.2.2) in which Phelps Dodge acquires title to the selected lands and BLM acquires title to the offered private lands.

Chapter 7 of the FEIS summarizes public comments on the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) and BLM responses to the comments.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), a cooperating agency on the Dos Pobres/San Juan Project EIS, has jurisdiction over the Project through its Clean Water Act permitting authority and will select as its preferred alternative the least environmentally damaging, practicable alternative from the Mining Plan Alternatives Set.

The EPA, also a cooperating agency, delegated authority for section 402 compliance to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) in December 2002; therefore ADEQ will be issuing the AZPDES permit for this project.

Dated: August 5, 2003.

Frank Rowley,

Acting Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension of two currently approved information collections (1010-0018 and 1010-0039).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), MMS is inviting comments on two collections of information that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection requests are titled "Form MMS-126,

Well Potential Test Report (WPT)” and “Form MMS-127, Sensitive Reservoir Information Report (SRI).”

DATES: Submit written comments by February 10, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand carry comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; Attention: Rules Processing Team; Mail Stop 4024; 381 Elden Street; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817. If you wish to email comments, the address is: rules.comments@mms.gov. Reference “Information Collection Form MMS-126” or “Form MMS-127” as appropriate in your email subject line and mark your message for return receipt. Include your name and return address in your message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Arlene Bajusz, Rules Processing Team at (703) 787-1600. You may also contact Arlene Bajusz to obtain a copy, at no cost, of forms MMS-126 and MMS-127.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Titles and OMB Control Numbers: Form MMS-126, Well Potential Test Report (WPT), 1010-0039; Form MMS-127, Sensitive Reservoir Information Report (SRI), 1010-0018.

Abstract: The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.* and 43 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to prescribe rules and regulations to administer leasing of the OCS. Such rules and regulations will apply to all operations conducted under a lease. Operations on the OCS must preserve, protect, and develop oil and natural gas resources in a manner that is consistent with the need to make such resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs as rapidly as possible; to balance orderly energy resource development with protection of human, marine, and coastal environments; to ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the resources of the OCS; and to preserve and maintain free enterprise competition.

Section 5(a) of the OCS Lands Act requires the Secretary to prescribe rules and regulations “to provide for the prevention of waste, and conservation of the natural resources of the Outer Continental Shelf, and the protection of correlative rights therein” and to include provisions “for the prompt and efficient exploration and development of a lease area.”

This information collection request (ICR) concerns forms used to collect information required under 30 CFR part 250. Various sections of 30 CFR part 250, subpart K, require respondents to submit forms MMS-126 and MMS-127. MMS District and Regional Supervisors

use the information on form MMS-126 for various environmental, reservoir, reserves, and conservation analyses, including the determination of maximum production rates (MPRs) when necessary for certain oil and gas completions. The form contains information concerning the conditions and results of a well potential test. This requirement implements the conservation provisions of the OCS Lands Act and 30 CFR part 250. The information obtained from the well potential test is essential to determine if an MPR is necessary for a well and to establish the appropriate rate. It is not possible to specify an MPR in the absence of information about the production rate capability (potential) of the well.

MMS District and Regional Supervisors use the information submitted on form MMS-127 to determine whether a rate-sensitive reservoir is being prudently developed. This represents an essential control mechanism that MMS uses to regulate production rates from each sensitive reservoir being actively produced. Occasionally, the information available on a reservoir early in its producing life may indicate it to be non-sensitive, while later and more complete information would establish the reservoir as being sensitive. Production from a well completed in the gas cap of a sensitive reservoir requires approval from the Regional Supervisor. The information submitted on form MMS-127 provides reservoir parameters that are revised at least annually or sooner if reservoir development results in a change in reservoir interpretation. The engineers and geologists use the information for rate control and reservoir studies.

MMS will protect information from respondents considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2) and under regulations at 30 CFR 250.196, “Data and information to be made available to the public.” No items of a sensitive nature are collected. Responses are mandatory.

Frequency: On occasion but not less than annually.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: Approximately 130 Federal OCS oil and gas or sulphur lessees.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping “Hour” Burden: The currently approved “hour” burden for both forms is 1 hour each.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping “Non-Hour Cost” Burden: MMS has identified no “non-

hour cost” burden associated with either form MMS-126 or MMS-127.

Public Disclosure Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

Comments: Before submitting an ICR to OMB, PRA section 3506(c)(2)(A) requires each agency “* * * to provide notice * * * and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information * * *”. Agencies must specifically solicit comments to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Agencies must also estimate the “non-hour cost” burdens to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. Therefore, if you have costs to generate, maintain, and disclose this information, you should comment and provide your total capital and startup cost components or annual operation, maintenance, and purchase of service components. You should describe the methods you use to estimate major cost factors, including system and technology acquisition, expected useful life of capital equipment, discount rate(s), and the period over which you incur costs. Capital and startup costs include, among other items, computers and software you purchase to prepare for collecting information, monitoring, and record storage facilities. You should not include estimates for equipment or services purchased: (i) Before October 1, 1995; (ii) to comply with requirements not associated with the information collection; (iii) for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for the Government; or (iv) as part of customary and usual business or private practices.

MMS will summarize written responses to this notice and address them in the submission for OMB approval. As a result of your comments, MMS will make any necessary adjustments to the burden in the submission to OMB.

Public Comment Policy: MMS's practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. If you wish your name and/or address to be withheld, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. MMS will honor this request to the extent allowable by law; however, anonymous comments will not be considered. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

MMS Federal Register Liaison Officer: Denise Johnson (202) 208-3976.

Dated: December 5, 2003.

E.P. Danenberger,

Chief, Engineering and Operations Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Central Valley Project Improvement Act, Water Management Plans

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The following Water Management Plans are available for review:

- Carpinteria Water District
- Kern Tulare Water District
- Montecito Water District
- Rag Gulch Water District

To meet the requirements of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act of 1992 (CVPIA) and the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) developed and published the Criteria for Evaluating Water Management Plans (Criteria). Note: For the purpose of this announcement, Water Management Plans (Plans) are considered the same as Water Conservation Plans. The above entities have developed a Plan, which Reclamation has evaluated and preliminarily determined to meet the requirements of these Criteria. Reclamation is publishing this notice in order to allow the public to comment on the preliminary determinations. Public comment on Reclamation's preliminary (i.e., draft) determination is invited at this time.

DATES: All public comments must be received by January 12, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Please mail comments to Bryce White, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825, or contact at (916) 978-5208 (TDD: 978-5608), or e-mail at bwhite@mp.usbr.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To be placed on a mailing list for any subsequent information, please contact Bryce White at the e-mail address or telephone number above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are inviting the public to comment on our preliminary (i.e., draft) determination of Plan adequacy. Section 3405(e) of the CVPIA (title 34 Pub. L. 102-575), requires the "Secretary of the Interior to establish and administer an office on Central Valley Project water conservation best management practices that shall * * * develop criteria for evaluating the adequacy of all water conservation plans developed by project contractors, including those plans required by section 210 of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982." Also, according to section 3405(e)(1), these criteria must be developed "* * * with the purpose of promoting the highest level of water use efficiency reasonably achievable by project contractors using best available cost-effective technology and best management practices." These criteria state that all parties (Contractors) that contract with Reclamation for water supplies (municipal and industrial contracts over 2,000 acre-feet and agricultural contracts over 2,000 irrigable acres) must prepare Plans that contain the following information:

1. Description of the District
2. Inventory of Water Resources
3. Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Agricultural Contractors
4. BMPs for Urban Contractors
5. Plan Implementation
6. Exemption Process
7. Regional Criteria
8. Five-Year Revisions

Reclamation will evaluate Plans based on these criteria. A copy of these Plans will be available for review at Reclamation's Mid-Pacific (MP) Regional Office located in Sacramento, California, and the local area office. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that Reclamation withhold their home address from public disclosure, and we will honor such request to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which Reclamation would elect to withhold a respondent's identity from public disclosure, 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 comments. We will make all submissions from organizations, businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses available for public disclosure in their entirety. If you wish to review a copy of these Plans, please contact Mr. White to find the office nearest you.

Dated: November 14, 2003.

Donna E. Tegelman,

Regional Resources Manager, Mid-Pacific Region, Bureau of Reclamation.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. TA-421-4]

Certain Ductile Iron Waterworks Fittings From China

Determination

On the basis of information developed in the subject investigation, the United States International Trade Commission determines, pursuant to section 421(b)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974,¹ that certain ductile iron waterworks fittings² from the People's Republic of China are being imported into the United States in such increased quantities or under such conditions as to cause market disruption to the domestic producers of like or directly competitive products.³

Background

Following receipt of a petition, on September 5, 2003, on behalf of McWane, Inc.,⁴ Birmingham, AL, the Commission instituted investigation No. TA-421-4, *Certain Ductile Iron Waterworks Fittings from China*, under section 421(b) of the Act to determine

¹ 19 U.S.C. 2451(b)(1).

² The products subject to this investigation are cast pipe or tube fittings of ductile iron (containing 2.5 percent carbon and over 0.02 percent magnesium or magnesium and cerium, by weight) with mechanical, push-on (rubber compression) or flanged joints attached. Included within this definition are fittings of all nominal diameters and of both full-bodied and compact designs. The imported products are provided for in statistical reporting number 7307.19.3070 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS).

³ Commissioners Koplan and Lane determine that certain ductile iron waterworks fittings from China are being imported into the United States in such increased quantities as to cause market disruption to the domestic producers of like products.

⁴ McWane operates three subsidiaries that produce the subject products including: Clow Water Systems Co., Coshocton, OH; Tyler Pipe Co., Tyler, TX; and Union Foundry Co., Anniston, AL.