

or in responses included in Appendix B-4 of the FEIS. If there were topics or conclusions contained in the DEIS that were not commented on at that time, it was concluded that they were acceptable to the DEIS reviewers. The FEIS explained that different methods were used in the resource agency and Navy surveys and analyses and included the resource agency reports in their entirety for interested readers. The FEIS summarized the marine habitat impacts prepared by the resource agencies and their resulting HEA estimates of lost ecological services (i.e., acre-year losses). The resource agencies involved in the marine assessment and impact analysis that formed the basis for the HEA lost ecological services estimate included both Federal (NOAA Fisheries, USFWS) and GOVGUAM agencies (GDOAG, GEPA). The Navy has committed to funding or implementing compensatory mitigation to fully offset the levels of ecological services calculated by the resource agencies. Therefore, the Navy considers the level of information and analysis in the FEIS sufficient and that a supplemental EIS is unwarranted.

The Navy agreed to fund/implement compensatory mitigation to offset lost ecological services (i.e., a service-to-service approach to scaling, rather than a valuation approach), commensurate with the HEA prepared by the resource agencies. The Van Beukering et al. (2007) study results cited in the FEIS have not been factored into compensatory mitigation scaling for the Kilo Wharf extension project, but were included in the EIS to illustrate that there are multiple approaches to estimating economic impacts of resource losses.

The Navy's completed Guam Coastal Management Program (GCMP) Assessment (FEIS Appendix P) evaluated the coastal zone consistency of wharf extension alternatives and the preferred and contingency mitigation plans. BSP's concurrence letter (5 September 2007) does not exclude any specific aspects of the Navy's determination or establish any preconditions for its concurrence.

Orote Island, a recognized habitat for migratory birds, is too far away and sheltered by Orote Point to be impacted significantly by existing and proposed activities at Kilo Wharf. Accordingly, the assessment of Migratory Bird Treaty Act-protected species in the FEIS is sufficient and additional information on the status of resident migratory birds at Orote Island is not warranted.

Requests for ciguatera testing were made by GEPA in response to the DEIS. The Navy responded at that time

(response in FEIS Appendix B-4 to DEIS comment T.4.7), the link between the incidence of reported cases of ciguatera and the occurrence of "new" surfaces underwater (as occurs with construction) has not been demonstrated, thus the need for such a monitoring program is not warranted. Furthermore, commercially available ciguatera test kits yield numerous false positives and could lead to a very inaccurate picture of conditions in a given area and whether there were increases in ciguatera incidence with the construction of the wharf.

The FEIS (Sections 3.3.3, 4.3.2.1) notes that marine mammals are uncommon in Apra Harbor, including the Kilo Wharf vicinity. Because of this, the FEIS concludes that there is little potential for adverse construction noise impacts on these species (Sec. 4.3.2.1). Therefore, there is little potential for "taking" of marine mammals protected under the MMPA.

The FEIS includes sufficient information to analyze potential impacts to sea turtles (e.g., description of new security floodlighting illumination power, general location of new lighting, site plan of the wharf extension and new access road). As described in both the DEIS and FEIS, there is no evidence in literature or from field survey that sea turtles have nested at the beaches at either end of Kilo Wharf, both recently and at the time of the original wharf construction. FEIS Sec. 4.3.3.1 describes potential construction period impacts on threatened and endangered species as well as BMPs that will be implemented during the construction period, which address both noise/light impacts and fuel spills. FEIS Section 4.3.3.2 concludes that none of the alternatives would impact threatened, endangered or protected marine species during the operational period, and that the operational and security lighting on the wharf will be at a lower illumination level than what is currently used on the wharf. There is little potential for wakes from T-AKE ships entering Apra Harbor to impact turtle nesting beaches since ships preparing to berth at Kilo Wharf enter the harbor at much slower speeds than ships heading for the commercial port or Inner Apra Harbor. The FEIS also notes that NOAA Fisheries concurred with Navy's informal Section 7 consultation determination that effects on sea turtles would be insignificant and never reach the scale where take occurs.

The Navy follows much stricter ballast water and hull cleaning procedures than most, if not all, the commercial and private vessels that use Apra Harbor. Since ships would berth in

Apra Harbor and at Kilo Wharf with or without the project, the proposed wharf extension would have no effect on marine introductions related to hull fouling, and thus, was not specifically addressed in the FEIS.

Because the project does not have the potential to significantly affect Guam's water resources, a comprehensive discussion of Guam's water resources history is not warranted in the EIS.

Summary: In determining how to provide adequate berthing for the T-AKE class of ammunition ship at AHNC, Guam, Mariana Islands, I considered impacts to the following areas: physical environment, land and water use, the social and economic environment, infrastructure and services, cultural resources, hazardous and regulated materials and waste, and biological resources. I have taken into consideration the Navy's consultation with the NOAA Fisheries regarding endangered species and EFH, and the Guam SHPO regarding cultural resources. I have considered the comments sent to the Navy by Federal and Territorial resource agencies, other Federal and Territorial government agencies, and the public. I have considered the preferred and contingency mitigation projects. After carefully weighing all of these factors, I have determined that the West Extension Alternative, extension of Kilo Wharf by 400 ft (122 m) to the west, will best meet the needs of the Navy while also minimizing the environmental impacts associated with providing suitable facilities on Guam to accommodate the new class of ship.

Dated: December 20, 2007.

BJ Penn,

Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment).

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 8, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs,

Attention: Education Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, Washington, DC 20503. Commenters are encouraged to submit responses electronically by e-mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov or via fax to (202) 395-6974. Commenters should include the following subject line in their response "Comment: [insert OMB number], [insert abbreviated collection name, e.g., "Upward Bound Evaluation"]". Persons submitting comments electronically should not submit paper copies.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: January 4, 2008.

Angela C. Arrington,

IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

Institute of Education Sciences

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Common Core of Data Survey System.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 56.

Burden Hours: 4,816.

Abstract: The Common Core of Data (CCD) is the National Center for Education Statistics' universe data collection for finance and nonfinance

information about public school districts and schools. Information is collected annually from school districts about the districts and their member schools including enrollment by grade, race/ethnicity, and gender. Information is also collected about students receiving various types of services such as English Language Learner services. The CCD also collects information about the occurrence of high school dropouts. Information about teachers and staffing is also collected.

Requests for copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 3519. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-245-6623. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

State Energy Advisory Board

AGENCY: Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Open Teleconference.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a teleconference of the State Energy Advisory Board (STEAB). The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these teleconferences be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: January 16, 2008 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Burch, STEAB Designated Federal Officer, Acting Assistant Manager, Office of Commercialization and Project

Management, Golden Field Office, U.S. Department of Energy, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401, Telephone 303/275-4801.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: To make recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy regarding goals and objectives, programmatic and administrative policies, and to otherwise carry out the Board's responsibilities as designated in the State Energy Efficiency Programs Improvement Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-440).

Tentative Agenda: Update members on routine business matters.

Public Participation: The teleconference is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Gary Burch at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests to make oral comments must be received five days prior to the conference call; reasonable provision will be made to include requested topic(s) on the agenda. The Chair of the Board is empowered to conduct the call in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to programmatic issues.

Notes: The notes of the teleconference will be available for public review and copying within 60 days on the STEAB Web site, <http://www.steab.org>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on January 3, 2008.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #2

January 2, 2008.

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Docket Numbers: RP95-408-069.

Applicants: Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation.

Description: Columbia Gas Transmission Corp submits First Revised Eighty-fourth Revised Sheet 25 *et al.* to FERC Gas Tariff, Second