

clearance to conduct a series of surveys to implement Executive Order 12862. Participation in the surveys will be voluntary. This request covers customer service surveys of regulated entities, such as food processors; cosmetic, drug, biologic and medical device manufacturers; consumers; and health professionals. The request also covers

partner surveys of State and local governments.

FDA will use the information gathered through these surveys to identify strengths and weaknesses in service provided to customers and partners and to make improvements in it. The surveys will assess timeliness, appropriateness, accuracy of information, courtesy, and problem

resolution in the context of individual programs.

In the **Federal Register** of July 15, 1997 (62 FR 37923), FDA invited comments on this proposed collection of information. FDA received no comments in response to this notice.

FDA estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows:

TABLE 1.—ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN¹

Type of Survey	No. of Respondents	Annual Frequency per Response	Hours per Response	Total Hours
Mail/telephone surveys	29,040	1	0.09	2,614
Total	29,040	1	0.09	2,614

¹ There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection of information.

These estimates are based on experience with other surveys FDA has conducted, and they have been adjusted downward since the July 15, 1997, notice because the agency plans to conduct fewer surveys than previously anticipated. In addition, the agency does not believe that focus groups will be necessary for effective implementation of Executive Order 12862.

Dated: November 23, 1997.

William K. Hubbard,

Associate Commissioner for Policy Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Reinstatement Approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The collection of information listed below has been submitted to OMB for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act. Copies of the proposed information collection requirement, related forms, and explanatory material may be obtained by contacting the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer at the address listed below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments and suggestions on the requirement should be sent directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs; Office of Management and Budget; Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the

Interior; Washington, DC 20503; and a copy of the comments should be sent to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 224-ARLSQ; 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phyllis H. Cook, Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, 703/358-1943; 703/358-2269 (fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Service has submitted the following information collection requirements to OMB for review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are invited on (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and, (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The information collection requirements in this submission implement the regulatory requirements of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1539), the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 704), the Lacey Act (18 U.S.C. 42-44), the Bald Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668), the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, (CITES) (27 UST 108), the Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1374), and the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992, contained, or will be

contained in Service regulations in Chapter I, Subchapter B of Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Common permit application and record keeping requirements have been consolidated in 50 CFR 13, and unique requirements of the various statutes in separate parts as identified below.

The Service has redesigned the standard license/permit application form 3-200 to assist persons in applying for Service permits issued under Subchapter B. Under the present clearance, the Service consolidated all requirements in one submission, and they were assigned OMB Approval Number 1018-0022, the Federal Fish and Wildlife License/Permit and Related Reports. In an attempt to take the application process more "user friendly," and to aid the public in commenting on specific license/permit requirements without having to comment on the entire package, similar types of permits have been grouped together and numbered. The permits have been divided into four groups: migratory bird permits, law enforcement, endangered species and Office of Management Authority. The application to apply for Service permits issued under Subchapter B of 50 CFR, will still require completion of the Service form 3-200, which has been revised and renumbered and is now Service form 3-200-1. In addition to the permit application, attachments are often necessary to provide additional information required for each specific type of permit, and these attachments have been assigned numbers, e.g., 3-200-2.

The information to be supplied on the application form and the attachments will be used to review the application and allow the Service to make decisions, according to criteria

established in various Federal wildlife conservation statutes and regulations on the issuance, suspension, revocation, or denial of permits. The obligation to respond is, "required to obtain a benefit." An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number. The following requirements are included in this submission:

1. *Native Endangered/Threatened Species—Incidental Take.* The regulations in 50 CFR 17.22[b][1] & [3] and 17.32[b][1] & [3], and the parts listed below, implement the Endangered Species Act (ESA), except for those provisions in the ESA concerning the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Fauna and Flora, for which regulations are provided in Part 23 of this subchapter. The ESA provides for the protection of listed species through establishments of programs for their recovery and through prohibition of harmful activities.

The ESA also provides for a number of exceptions against "take" of listed species. The Federal regulations cited above have been promulgated to guide implementation of these exceptions to the "take" prohibitions through permitting programs. Form 3-200-56, was developed to facilitate collection of information required by these regulations.

Form 3-200-56 addresses applications and reporting requirements for Incidental Take Permits under Section 10[a][1][B] of ESA. These permits will allow "take" of listed species that is incidental to otherwise lawful non-federal actions. Take authorized under this permit program

would otherwise be prohibited by the ESA.

2. *Native Endangered and Threatened Species—Recovery and Interstate Commerce.* Service form number 3-200-55 addresses application and reporting information requirements for Interstate Commerce and for Scientific Research permits under Section 10[a][1][A] of the ESA. Interstate Commerce permits allow transport and sale of listed species across State lines as part of breeding programs enhancing the survival of the species. Scientific Research permits allow "take" of listed species as part of research and management actions, enhancement of propagation or survival, or zoological exhibition, or educational purposes, or special purposes consistent with the ESA designed to benefit the species involved. Detailed descriptions of the proposed taking, its necessities for success of the proposed action, and benefits to the species resulting from the proposed action are required under the implementing regulations cited above. Take authorized under this permit program would otherwise be prohibited by the ESA.

3. *Safe Harbor and Candidate Conservation Agreements.* The ESA provides number of exceptions to its prohibitions against "take" of listed species. Regulations have not been promulgated at 50 CFR 17.22 (endangered species) and 17.32 (threatened species) to guide implementation of these exceptions to the "take" prohibitions through permitting programs. However, a proposed rule was published in the **Federal Register** on June 12, 1997 (62 FR 32189). (NOTE: The current Part

17.22[c] and 17.32[c] will be redesignated 17.22 [e] and 17.32[e], respectively, to allow insertion of the new subsections). Currently, Part 17.22 [a] and [b] contain application requirements, issuance, criteria, and permit conditions for permits for scientific research, enhancement of propagation and survival, and incidental take. The regulations for which this information collection clearance is sought, have not yet been promulgated.

Service form number 3-200-54 addresses application requirements for permits for enhancement of survival through safe harbor and candidate conservation agreements. The permittee will be required to notify the Service of any transfer of lands subject to the Safe Harbor Agreement so that any landowners may be offered the opportunity to continue the actions which the original landowner agreed to and thus he or she may be offered the same legal assurances. A major incentive for landowner participation in the Safe Harbor program is the long-term certainty the program provides, including the certainty that the incidental takes authorization will stay with the land when it changes hands. The Service also requires the permittee/landowner to notify the Service as far in advance as possible when he or she expects to incidentally take any species covered under the permit and provide the Service with an opportunity to translocate affected individual specimens if possible and appropriate.

Description of respondents:
Individuals and households.

BURDEN ESTIMATE FOR THE FEDERAL FISH AND WILDLIFE LICENSE/PERMIT—ENDANGERED SPECIES

Permit/report	Number of respondents	Completion time	Annual burden
Safe Harbor & Candidate Agreements, 3-200-54	50	2.5	125
Annual Report	150	5.0	750
Native E/T Species Recovery & Comm. 3-200-55	525	2.0	1,050
Annual Report	100	2.0	200
Native E/T Species Incidental Take 3-200-56	100	2.5	250
Annual Report	350	5.0	1,750
Totals	1,275	4,125

Dated: November 25, 1997.

Gerry A. Jackson,

Acting Assistant Director—Ecological Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-933-1990-00]

Notice of Availability of the Finding of No Significant Impact and the Programmatic Environmental Assessment for Selected Actions for Mining Claim Use and Occupancy in Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), and Use and Occupancy Under the Mining Laws regulations (43 CFR 3715), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) that evaluates the impacts of typical mining claim and/or millsite occupancies. This EA describes and analyzes the proposed action, consisting of seven typical occupancy scenarios, and the no action option. The BLM provided a 30-day comment period. Analysis and response to the comments received have been incorporated into the present document and the final Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

DATES: Copies of the EA and the Finding of No Significant Impact will be provided to any person, agency, or other interested parties, upon request.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies should be addressed to: Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Office, AZ-933, 222 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85004-2203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ralph Costa, Mining Engineer, Arizona State Office. Telephone: (602) 417-9349.

Dated: November 19, 1997.

Gary D. Bauer,

Associate State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[(CA-067-7122-6606); CACA-35511]

Environmental Statements; Availability, Etc.; Imperial Project Proposed Gold Mining/Processing Operation; Imperial County

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Imperial Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Imperial Project Proposed Gold Mining/Processing Operation, Imperial County.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the availability of the joint Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Impact Report (DEIS/EIR) prepared by the Bureau of Land Management and the County of Imperial for a 60-day public review.

DATES: Written comments must be received no later than January 27, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Area Manager, Attn: Imperial Project, El Centro Resource Area, 1661 South Fourth St., El Centro, California 92243.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas Romoli (909) 697-5237.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Imperial Project is a proposal by Glamis Imperial Corporation (a sister corporation of the former project applicant Chemgold Inc.) to develop an open-pit, gold mining operation utilizing a heap leach process. Located in eastern Imperial County, California, approximately 45 miles northeast of El Centro, California and 20 miles northwest of Yuma, Arizona, the proposed project area comprises approximately 1,625 acres. Up to 150 million tons of ore would be leached, and 300 million tons of waste rock would be deposited at the proposed waste rock stockpiles or the mined-out portions of the three planned open pits. The maximum average mining rate would be 130,000 tons per day. Five alternatives besides the proposed action were analyzed in the DEIS/EIR. Impacts on air quality, noise, groundwater, vegetation, desert tortoise among other resources were analyzed. Impacts on cultural resources and Native America values were identified. Two public hearings have been scheduled:

December 10, 1997 at 7:00 p.m., Comfort Inn, 8000 Parkway Drive, La Mesa, CA
December 11, 1998 at 7:00 p.m., Barbara Worth Country Club, 2050 Country Club Dr., Holtville, CA

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be

available for public review. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or business, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organization or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: November 24, 1997.

Alan Stein,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Approved Collections

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of approval of information collections (1010-0006 and 1010-0050).

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, this notice informs the public and other Federal agencies of the approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of two collections of information. The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) provides that 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.

ADDRESSES: Direct all correspondence to the Rules Processing Team, Minerals Management Service, Mail Stop 4020, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, VA 20170-4817.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alexis London, Rules Processing Team, telephone (703) 787-1600. You may also contact Alexis London to obtain a copy of these collections of information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Titles: 30 CFR 250, Subpart J, Pipelines and Pipeline Rights-of-Way; and 30 CFR Part 256, Leasing of Sulphur or Oil and Gas in the Outer Continental Shelf. OMB Control Numbers: 1010-0050 and 1010-0006.

Abstract: On July 24, 1997 MMS published a final rule on Pipeline Right-