

(1) The MMS specifically solicits comments on the following questions:

(a) Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the proper performance of MMS's functions, and will it be useful?

(b) Are the estimates of the burden hours of the proposed collection reasonable?

(c) Do you have any suggestions that would enhance the quality, clarity, or usefulness of the information to be collected?

(d) Is there a way to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology?

(2) In addition, the PRA requires agencies to estimate the total annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden for the collection of this information. The MMS needs your comments on this item. Your response should split the cost estimate into two components: (a) total capital and startup cost component; and (b) annual operation, maintenance, and purchase of services component. Your estimates should consider the costs to generate, maintain, and disclose or provide the information. 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, sampling, drilling, and testing equipment; and record storage facilities. Generally, your estimates should not include equipment or services purchased: before October 1, 1995; to comply with requirements not associated with the information collection; for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for the Government; or as part of customary and usual business or private practices.

MMS Information Collection Clearance Officer: Jo Ann Lauterbach, (202) 208-7744.

Dated: January 12, 1998.

E. P. Danenberger,
Chief, Engineering and Operations Division.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Umatilla Basin Project, Umatilla, OR

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) proposes to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on implementing Phase III of the Umatilla Basin Project. The Phase III study will evaluate the potential for modifying and expanding Reclamation's existing Umatilla Basin Project (Project) to provide additional flows in the Umatilla River for anadromous fish. In addition, the study will evaluate potential measures to improve municipal and industrial water supplies in the study area. Alternatives, including no action, will be evaluated in the EIS.

ADDRESSES:

Bureau of Reclamation, Pacific Northwest Regional Office, 1150 N Curtis Road, Suite 100, Boise, ID 83706-1234.

Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Columbia Area Office, P.O. Box 1749, Yakima, WA 98907-1749.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For information on the study, contact Robert Hamilton, Activity Manager, at (208) 378-5087 or at the above regional office address. For information regarding the NEPA process, contact John Tiedeman, Environmental Specialist, at (509) 575-5848 ext. 238 or at the above area office address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authorization for this study is contained in the Feasibility Studies Act of 1966, Public Law 89-561. The study will build upon prior activities authorized as part of the Project. These activities meet some but not all of the fishery needs of the basin. Recent data collected from monitoring of instream flows indicate that the restoration of flows resulting from Project activities to date will be less than originally estimated.

This study will evaluate the potential of providing water from the Columbia River to the Westland Irrigation District in exchange for water normally diverted from the Umatilla River. This would leave additional flows for resident and anadromous fish species in the river downstream of the Westland Irrigation District diversion. Restoration of the fishery would be of major cultural and

economic importance to the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation for whom anadromous fisheries are Indian Trust Assets. Other opportunities for instream enhancement and opportunities for enhancement of municipal and industrial water supplies will also be evaluated.

Reclamation plans to conduct public scoping meetings to identify issues and concerns will be used in the development of alternatives. The dates, times, and locations of public scoping meetings will be noted in newspapers of general circulation in the Pendleton and Hermiston, Oregon, areas and surrounding communities.

Dated: January 15, 1998.

John W. Keys, III,

Regional Director, Pacific Northwest Region.

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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Renew Collections: Comment Request.

SUMMARY: U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is making efforts to reduce the paperwork burden. USAID invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments are requested concerning: (1) Whether the continuing collections of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether information shall have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected, and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 60 days of this notification.

ADDRESSES INFORMATION TO: Beverly Johnson, Bureau for Management, Office of Administrative Services, Information and Records Division, U.S. Agency for International Development, Washington, D.C. 20523, 202-712-1365 or via e-mail bjohnson@usaid.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Number: OMB 0412-0550.

Form Numbers: AID 1570-13 and 1570-14.

Title: Narrative/Time-Line and Report on Commodities (Quarterly Reports).

Type of Submission: Renew.

Purpose: The purpose of this information collection is to properly respond to the annual competition among applicants who apply on behalf of their sponsored overseas institutions, independent reviewers and ASHA need to assess the strength and capability of the U.S. organizations, the overseas institutions and the merits of their proposed projects. Easily accessible historical records on past accomplishments and performance by repeat USOs, would speed the grant making process and provide documented reasons for both successful and unsuccessful applications.

Annual Reporting Burden:

Respondents: 70.

Total annual responses: 1,470.

Total annual hours requested: 735.

Dated: January 14, 1998.

Willette L. Smith,

Chief, Information and Records Division
Bureau for Management, Office of
Administrative Services.

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extent that time available for the meeting permits.

Those wishing to attend the meeting should contact Mr. George Like at the Agency for International Development, Ronald Reagan Building, Office of Agriculture and Food Security, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 2.11-072, Washington DC, 20523-2110, telephone (202) 712-1436, fax (202) 216-3010 or internet [glike@usaid.gov] with your full name.

Anyone wishing to obtain additional information about BIFAD should contact Mr. Tracy Atwood the Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD. Write him in care of the Agency for International Development, Ronald Reagan Building, Office of Agriculture and Food Security, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 2.11-005, Washington DC, 20523-2110, telephone him at (202) 712-5571 or fax (202) 216-3010.

Tracy, Atwood,

AID Designated Federal Officer, (Chief, Food Policy Division, Office of Agriculture and Food Security, Economic Growth Center, Bureau for Global Programs).

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment Standards Administration**

**Wage and Hour Division; Minimum
Wages for Federal and Federally
Assisted Construction; General Wage
Determination Decisions**

General wage determination decisions of the Secretary of Labor are issued in accordance with applicable law and are based on the information obtained by the Department of Labor from its study of local wage conditions and data made available from other sources. They specify the basic hourly wage rates and fringe benefits which are determined to be prevailing for the described classes of laborers and mechanics employed on construction projects of a similar character and in the localities specified therein.

The determinations in these decisions of prevailing rates and fringe benefits have been made in accordance with 29 CFR part 1, by authority of the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act of March 3, 1931, as amended (46 Stat. 1494, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 276a) and of other Federal statutes referred to in 29 CFR part 1, Appendix, as well as such additional statutes as may from time to time be enacted containing provisions for the payment of wages determined to be

prevailing by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act. The prevailing rates and fringe benefits determined in these decisions shall, in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing statutes, constitute the minimum wages payable on Federal and federally assisted construction projects to laborers and mechanics of the specified classes engaged on contract work of the character and in the localities described therein.

Good cause is hereby found for not utilizing notice and public comment procedure thereon prior to the issuance of these determinations as prescribed in 5 U.S.C. 553 and not providing for delay in the effective date as prescribed in that section, because the necessity to issue current construction industry wage determinations frequently and in large volume causes procedures to be impractical and contrary to the public interest.

General wage determination decisions, and modifications and supersedes decisions thereto, contain no expiration dates and are effective from their date of notice in the **Federal Register**, or on the date written notice is received by the agency, whichever is earlier. These decisions are to be used in accordance with the provisions of 29 CFR parts 1 and 5. Accordingly, the applicable decision, together with any modifications issued, must be made a part of every contract for performance of the described work within the geographic area indicated as required by an applicable Federal prevailing wage law and 29 CFR part 5. The wage rates and fringe benefits, notice of which is published herein, and which are contained in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under The Davis-Bacon And Related Acts," shall be the minimum paid by contractors and subcontractors to laborers and mechanics.

Any person, organization, or governmental agency having an interest in the rates determined as prevailing is encouraged to submit wage rate and fringe benefit information for consideration by the Department. Further information and self-explanatory forms for the purpose of submitting this data may be obtained by writing to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division, Division of Wage Determinations, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room S-3014, Washington, D.C. 20210.

**INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
COOPERATION AGENCY**

**Agency for International Development
Board for International Food and
Agricultural Development Interim
Advisory Committee on Food Security;
Notice of Meeting**

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD) Interim Advisory Committee Meeting. The meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on February 11, 1998, at the Pan-American Health Organization, located at 525 23rd Street N.W., Washington DC, 20523, in Conference Room B.

The Interim Advisory Committee will provide input to the U.S. Government on the Development of a long-term action plan in support of commitments made in the U.S. Country Paper and at the World Food Summit.

The meeting is open to the public. Any interested person may attend the meeting, may file written statements with the Committee before or after the meeting, or present any oral statements in accordance with procedures established by the Committee, to the