

conditions that could result in an accidental or unauthorized detonation of nuclear explosives.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the extended collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before May 30, 2006. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be sent to: Kathy Murphy, SP-1.22 Germantown Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290, or by fax at 301-903-6081 or by e-mail at [Kathy.murphy@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Kathy.murphy@hq.doe.gov) and to:

Sharon A. Evelin, Director, IM-11/ Germantown Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290, or by fax at 301-903-9061 or by e-mail at [sharon.evelin@hq.doe.gov](mailto:sharon.evelin@hq.doe.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Kathy Murphy at the address listed above in **ADDRESSES**.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This package contains: (1) *OMB No.*: 1910-5122; (2) *Package Title*: Human Reliability Program; (3) *Type of Review*: renewal; (4) *Purpose*: for DOE management to ensure that individuals who occupy HRP positions meet program standards of reliability and physical and mental suitability; (5) *Respondents*: 11,500; (6) *Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: 5,750.

*Statutory Authority*: Department of Energy Organization Act, Public Law 95-91, of August 4, 1977.

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**Jeffrey D. Martus,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Agency Information Collection Extension

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, intends to extend for three years the information collection packages listed at the end of this notice. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the extended information collections are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the information collections, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collections on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget review and approval of these information collections; they also will become a matter of public record.

**DATES:** Comments regarding these proposed information collections must be received on or before May 30, 2006. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be sent to: Jeffrey Martus, IM-11/ Germantown Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290, or by fax at 301-903-9061 or by e-mail at [Jeffrey.martus@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.martus@hq.doe.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Jeffrey Martus at the address listed above in **ADDRESSES**.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The information collection packages listed in this notice for public comment include the following:

1. (1) *OMB No.*: 1910-1000. (2) *Package Title*: Personal Property. (3) *Type of Review*: Renewal. (4) *Purpose*: This information collection provides the Department with the information necessary for the management, control, reutilization, and disposal of government personal property. (5) *Respondents*: 111. (6) *Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: 1,880.

2. (1) *OMB No.*: 1910-5112. (2) *Package Title*: Chronic Beryllium Disease Prevention Program. (3) *Type of Review*: Renewal. (4) *Purpose*: This information is used by DOE and DOE contractor employers to manage chronic beryllium disease prevention programs, to provide information to employees, and to permit oversight of their programs by DOE management. (5) *Respondents*: 1, 703. (6) *Estimated Burden Hours*: 32,952.

3. (1) *OMB No.*: 1910-5103. (2) *Package Title*: Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for Safety Management System. (3) *Type of Review*: Renewal. (4) *Purpose*: This collection is required by the Department to ensure that the management and operating contractors are performing work safely at DOE facilities. (5) *Respondents*: 7. (6) *Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: 2,450.

*Statutory Authority*: Department of Energy Organization Act, Public Law 95-91.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Floodplain and Wetland Actions: Site Selection for Expansion of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve Announcement

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Floodplain and Wetland Actions.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) for site selection for expansion of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, as required by the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Some potential sites for expansion or new development of the Reserve and for pipeline rights-of-way are located in floodplains or

wetlands. DOE hereby gives early notice that it will include in the Draft EIS a floodplain and wetland assessment prepared in accordance with the DOE Regulations for Compliance with Floodplain and Wetland Environmental Review Requirements (10 CFR Part 1022) and provides for early public input.

**DATES:** DOE intends to issue the Draft EIS containing the floodplain and wetland assessment in the near future. Any suggestions related to preparation of the floodplain and wetland assessment would be most helpful if received no later than April 12, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Suggestions or questions may be submitted by any of the following methods, identified by "Notice of Floodplain and Wetland Actions for the SPR EIS" on the subject line, cover sheet, or envelope, respectively:

- E-mail:

*Donald.Silawsky@hq.doe.gov.*

- Fax: (202) 586-4446.

- Mail: Donald Silawsky, Office of Petroleum Reserves (FE-47), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0301. Please note that mail may be delayed by anthrax screening.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** To receive information on the proposed expansion of the SPR or the floodplain and wetland assessments, or to request a copy of the Draft EIS when it is issued, contact Donald Silawsky by any of the means listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice, or call (202) 586-1892. Additional information may also be found on the DOE Fossil Energy Web site for "EIS Information for Expanding the Nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserves" at <http://www.fe.doe.gov/programs/reserves/spr/expansion-eis.html>.

For further information on the DOE NEPA process, please contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0119; telephone: (202) 586-4600; fax: (202) 586-7031; or leave a toll-free message at: (800) 472-2756.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background:** DOE published a notice of intent to prepare an EIS for site selection for the expansion of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve at 70 FR 52088 on September 1, 2005. In response to conditions following Hurricane Katrina, DOE extended the scoping period through October 28, 2005 (70 FR 56649; September 28, 2005)

and held public scoping meetings in Texas, Mississippi, and Louisiana. On October 27, 2005, the Governor of Mississippi requested the Secretary of Energy to include a new site at Bruinsburg Salt Dome in the analysis of environmental impacts. On November 22, 2005 (70 FR 70600), in response to the inclusion of the new site, DOE announced that another public meeting would be held in Mississippi on December 7, 2005, and the public scoping period would be reopened until December 19, 2005.

#### **Locations of Potential Actions in Wetlands and Floodplains**

**Construction and Operation of Reserves.** Candidate sites for expansion of existing Strategic Petroleum Reserve storage capacity are at West Hackberry and Bayou Choctaw, Louisiana, and Big Hill, Texas. Candidate sites for construction of new Strategic Petroleum Reserve storage capacity are at Chacahoula and Clovelly, Louisiana; Richton and Bruinsburg, Mississippi; and Stratton Ridge, Texas. The expansion sites and the candidate construction sites all involve potential actions in floodplains and/or wetlands.

**Petroleum Pipelines.** The candidate Big Hill, Bayou Choctaw, and West Hackberry expansion sites and the new candidate Chacahoula, Clovelly, Richton, Bruinsburg, and Stratton Ridge sites involve potential construction of crude oil or product pipelines in floodplains and/or wetlands.

**Brine Pipelines.** The candidate Big Hill and Bayou Choctaw expansion sites and the new candidate Chacahoula, Richton, Bruinsburg, and Stratton Ridge sites involve potential construction of brine pipelines in floodplains and/or wetlands.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

#### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**[Docket No. IC06-505-000; FERC-505]**

#### **Commission Information Collection Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension**

March 21, 2006.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due May 21, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of sample filings of the proposed collection of information can be obtained from the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>) or from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Attn: Michael Miller, Office of the Executive Director, ED-34, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those parties filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filing, the original and 14 copies of such comments should be submitted to the Secretary of the Commission, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 and refer to Docket No. IC06-505-000.

Documents filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in WordPerfect, MS Word, Portable Document Format, or ASCII format. To file the document, access the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> and click on "Make an E-filing," and then follow the instructions for each screen. First time users will have to establish a user name and password. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgement to the sender's e-mail address upon receipt of comments.

All comments may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely via the Internet through FERC's homepage using the eLibrary link. For user assistance, contact [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 502-8415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at [michael.miller@ferc.gov](mailto:michael.miller@ferc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The information collected under the requirements of FERC-505 "Application for License for Water Projects with less than 5MW capacity" (OMB No. 1902-0115) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Part I of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. sections 791a *et seq.* & 3301-3432, as amended by the Electric Consumers Protections Act (ECPA)