

of dual tract would be eliminated and rehabilitated.

Environmental Consequences

In general, the Proposed Action would involve trade-offs between long term, adverse affects on desert resources as a result of cable removal activities and permanent gains or benefits associated with removal of structures and rehabilitation actions at the repeater hut sites and along the access corridor. Removal and rehabilitation activities would result in unavoidable, long term adverse effects on desert vegetation, animal species of concern, soil productivity, and visual aesthetics. Construction activities would also result in temporary adverse air quality and noise impacts. Removal of marker posts along 220 miles would enhance desert tortoise habitat by eliminating predator perches and removal of repeater huts would enhance desert aesthetics. Rehabilitation actions along the access corridor would have an unavoidable, permanent adverse effect on recreational access to open desert areas on federal land. Rehabilitation action along the access corridor and at the repeater hut sites, overall, would have a beneficial impact on desert resources. Alternative B would result in long term losses of desert vegetation and desert tortoise habitat due to 113.7 fewer miles of cable removal activities, but would affect 61 fewer miles than the Proposed action. The enhancement of desert tortoise habitat by eliminating predator perches would be the same as the proposal. Elimination of 12 more miles of the access corridor would result in a greater permanent gain to desert tortoise habitat by eliminating the vehicle related impacts, but would have greater impacts on recreation access than the proposal. The permanent enhancement of habitat values at the repeater hut sites would be the same as the proposal. The permanent visual enhancement associated with removal of aboveground structures would be the same as the proposal. Impacts of Alternative C would result in long term loss of desert vegetation and desert tortoise habitat due to 72.3 fewer miles of cable removal, but would affect 102 miles less than the proposal. The enhancement of desert tortoise habitat by eliminating predator perches along 220 miles would be the same as the proposal. Eliminating 34 fewer miles of the access corridor as compared with the proposal would result in a smaller permanent gain to desert tortoise habitat but would avoid the recreational access impacts of the proposal. The permanent enhancement of habitat values at the repeater hut sites would be the same as the proposal. The

permanent visual enhancement associated with removal of the aboveground structures would be the same as the proposal.

The DEIS was prepared in order to evaluate a range of alternatives, assess the impacts of these alternatives and to provide the public with an opportunity to comment. This document will be on public review for at least 60 days. The NPS and the BLM would appreciate any comments on the project.

DATES: Comments on the Draft EIS should be received no later than March 27, 1998. Two public meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, 1998 (10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.) at the Hole-in-the-Wall Visitor Center within the Mojave National Preserve; and (7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.) at the Holiday Inn, 1511 E. Main Street, in Barstow, California. Further information can be obtained by contacting Joan DeGraff of the NPS at (303) 969-2464.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the Draft EIS should be submitted to Joan DeGraff National Park Service, Denver Service Center, P.O. BOX 25287, Denver, CO. 80225-0287.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Copies of the DEIS are available on the Internet at the NPS web site <http://www.nps.gov/planning/index.html>. Public reading copies of the DEIS are available for review at local NPS and BLM Offices and at local public libraries. For information on these locations contact: Joan DeGraff at (303) 969-2464.

Dated: December 19, 1997.

Willie R. Taylor,

Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Acadia National Park Advisory Commission; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, 5 U.S.C. App. 1, Sec. 10), that the Acadia National Park Advisory Commission will hold a meeting on Monday, January 12, 1998.

The Commission was established pursuant to Public Law 99-420, Section 103. The purpose of the commission is to consult with the Secretary of the Interior, or his designee, on matters relating to the management and development of the park, including but not limited to the acquisition of lands

and interests in lands (including conservation easements on islands) and termination of rights of use and occupancy.

The meeting will convene at park Headquarters, McFarland Hill, Bar Harbor, Maine, at 1:00 p.m. to consider the following agenda:

1. Review and approval of minutes from the meeting held October 27, 1997.
2. Committee reports.
3. Old business.
4. Superintendent's report.
5. Public comments.
6. Proposed agenda and date of next Commission meeting.

The meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may make oral/written presentations to the Commission or file written statements. Such requests should be made to the Superintendent at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Further information concerning this meeting may be obtained from the Superintendent, Acadia National Park, P.O. Box 177, Bar Harbor, Maine 04609, tel: (207) 288-3338.

Dated: December 18, 1997.

Len Bobinchock,

Acting Superintendent, Acadia National Park.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332-288]

Ethyl Alcohol for Fuel Use: Determination of the Base Quantity of Imports

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice of determination.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 19, 1997.

SUMMARY: Section 7 of the Steel Trade Liberalization Program Implementation Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2703 note), which concerns local feedstock requirements for fuel ethyl alcohol imported by the United States from CBI-beneficiary countries, requires the Commission to determine annually the U.S. domestic market for fuel ethyl alcohol during the 12-month period ending on the preceding September 30. The domestic market estimate made by the Commission is to be used to establish the "base quantity" of imports that can be imported with a zero percent local feedstock requirement. The base quantity to be used by the U.S. Customs Service in the administration of the law is the greater of 60 million gallons or 7 percent of U.S. consumption as

determined by the Commission. Beyond the base quantity of imports, progressively higher local feedstock requirements are placed on imports of fuel ethyl alcohol and mixtures from the CBI-beneficiary countries.

For the 12-month period ending September 30, 1997, the Commission has determined the level of U.S. consumption of fuel ethyl alcohol to be 1.1 billion gallons. Seven percent of this amount is 80.3 million gallons (these figures have been rounded). Therefore, the base quantity for 1998 should be 80.3 million gallons.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jean Harman (202) 205-3313 in the Commission's Office of Industries. For information on legal aspects of the investigation contact Mr. William Gearhart of the Commission's Office of the General Counsel at (202) 205-3091.

Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting our TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

Background

For purposes of making determinations of the U.S. market for fuel ethyl alcohol as required by section 7 of the Act, the Commission instituted Investigation No. 332-288, Ethyl Alcohol for Fuel Use: Determination of the Base Quantity of Imports, in March 1990. The Commission uses official statistics of the U.S. Department of Energy to make these determinations as well as the PIERS database of the Journal of Commerce, which is based on U.S. export declarations.

Section 225 of the Customs and Trade Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-382, August 20, 1990) amended the original language set forth in the Steel Trade Liberalization Program Implementation Act of 1989. The amendment requires the Commission to make a determination of the U.S. domestic market for fuel ethyl alcohol for each year after 1989.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: December 19, 1997.

Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Criminal Division

Agency Information Collection Activities: Existing Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Extension of existing collection: Foreign Agents Registration Act Form

(Registration Statement) as required by Rule 200(b) of the Act.

Office of Management and Budget approval is being sought for the information collection listed below. This collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on September 23, 1997, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. No comments were received by the Criminal Division.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until January 28, 1998. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20530.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of currently approved information collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Registration Statement.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form CRM-153. Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief*

abstract: Primary: Business or other for-profit. Others: Not-for-profit institutions, and individuals or households. Form contains registration statement and information used for registering foreign agents under 22 U.S.C. 611, *et seq.*

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 100 respondents at 1.5 hours per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 150 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information please contact Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: December 22, 1997.

Robert B. Briggs,

Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Criminal Division

Agency Information Collection Activities: Existing Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Extension of existing collection: Foreign Agents Registration Act Form (Supplemental Registration Statement) as required by Rule 200(a) of the Act.

Office of Management and Budget approval is being sought for the information collection listed below. This collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on September 23, 1997, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. No comments were received by the Criminal Division.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until January 28, 1998. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 3120.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, Attention: