

* evaluate 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;

* enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

* 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 submissions of responses.

A copy of the proposed information collection request may be viewed on the Internet by accessing the MSHA Home Page (<http://www.msha.gov>) and then choosing "Statutory and Regulatory Information" and "Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions (<http://www.msha.gov/regspwork.htm>) Compliance Assistance Information", or by contacting the employee listed above in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice for a hard copy.

III. Current Actions

MSHA is seeking an extension of the information collection related to certification and notification of methane detected in mine atmosphere.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Notification of Methane Detected in Mine Atmosphere.

OMB Number: 1219-0103.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Recordkeeping: Certification of examinations shall be kept for at least one year.

| Cite reference | Total respondents | Frequency | Total responses | Average time per response (hours) | Burden hours ¹ |
|---|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 57.22004(c) | 1 | Annually | 1 | 15 minutes | 15 minutes. |
| 57.22229(d) & 57.22230(b) and (c). Inform miners | 7 | Weekly | 364 | 5 minutes | 30 hours. |
| Total | 8 | Annually | 7 | 10 minutes | 1 hour, 10 minutes. |
| | | | 372 | 0.0860 minutes | 32 hours. |

¹ Discrepancies due to rounding.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0.

Total Operating and Maintenance: \$0.

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

Dated: March 29, 2000.

George M. Fesak,

Director, Program Evaluation and Information Resources.

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INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION, UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

United States Section

Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Public Meetings for the El Paso-Las Cruces Regional Sustainable Water Project, Sierra and Dona Ana Counties, NM and El Paso County, TX

AGENCY: United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the United

States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) in conjunction with the El Paso Water Utilities/Public Service Board has prepared a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) on the El Paso-Las Cruces Regional Sustainable Water Project in Sierra and Dona Ana counties, New Mexico and El Paso County, Texas as proposed by the New Mexico-Texas Water Commission. The DEIS analyzes the no action alternative and the impacts of five action alternatives from construction and operation of the project. Public meetings will also be held to discuss and receive comments on the DEIS from interested organizations and individuals.

DATES: Written comments are requested by June 13, 2000. Public meetings will be held on May 2, 3, and 4, 2000 in Anthony and Las Cruces, New Mexico and in El Paso, Texas, respectively. See addresses below for location and time.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to: Mr. Douglas Echlin, Environmental Protection Specialist, Environmental Management Division, USIBWC, 4171 North Mesa Street, C-310, El Paso, Texas 79902.

Three public scoping meetings will be conducted from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. MDT each day on Tuesday, May 2, 2000 at the Gadsden Middle School Cafeteria, 1325 West Washington, Anthony, New Mexico; on Wednesday, May 3, 2000 at the Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, Las Cruces, New Mexico; and on Thursday,

May 4, 2000 at Chamizal National Memorial, 800 South San Marcial, El Paso, Texas.

Copies of the DEIS are available for inspection and review at the following locations: Branigan Memorial Library, 200 East Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico; El Paso Public Library, 501 North Oregon Street, El Paso, Texas; New Mexico State University Library, Las Cruces, New Mexico; University Library, The University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas; El Paso Water Utilities, 1154 Hawkins Boulevard, El Paso, Texas; and United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission, 4171 North Mesa Street, El Paso, Texas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Douglas Echlin, Environmental Protection Specialist, Environmental Management Division, USIBWC, 4171 North Mesa Street, C-310, El Paso, Texas 79902 or call 915/832-4741. E-mail: dougechlin@ibwc.state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The New Mexico-Texas Water Commission, established in 1991 to help meet the water resource challenges of the region, proposed the El Paso-Las Cruces Regional Sustainable Water Project to secure future drinking water supplies from surface sources for the El Paso-Las Cruces region. The project includes the acquisition, conveyance, treatment, and distribution of a drinking water supply, and upgrading or constructing facilities for water conveyance, treatment, distribution, and aquifer storage and

recovery. These activities comprise the following three project purposes:

- Provide a year-round drinking water supply from the Rio Grande Project that is of sufficient quantity and quality to meet the anticipated municipal needs of Hatch; Las Cruces; northern and southern Dona Ana County; and El Paso.

- Protect and maintain the sustainability of the Mesilla Bolson (ground water basin or aquifer).

- Extend the longevity of the Hueco Bolson.

- Project alternatives presented in this DEIS were designed to achieve these three project purposes. In addition, the project will strive to meet the following criteria:

- The project should attempt to provide high quality water needed to achieve successful treatment and to meet federal drinking water standards.

- The project should seek to deliver water efficiently, and to promote water conservation.

- The project should provide overall benefits to the riverine ecosystem, particularly aquatic and riparian habitats.

The project recognizes and accepts existing institutional and social constraints. The project would continue to meet treaty, compact, and contract requirements for delivery of Rio Grande Project waters. The project would not adversely affect the quantity and quality of water deliveries to agricultural users; impose new responsibilities on state or federal governments; or preclude other opportunities to enhance the Rio Grande ecosystem.

The need for this project is based on the region's future drinking water supply requirements. The project is necessary to avoid both potentially permanent impacts on the Mesilla and Hueco Bolsons and critical drinking water shortages in the El Paso-Las Cruces region. Population growth rates have increased sharply, increasing the demand for drinking water. It is projected that the Texas portion of the Hueco Bolson will be exhausted of all fresh water by the year 2025 because water is being pumped from the aquifer faster than it can be naturally replenished. If additional surface waters are not made available to supplement the drinking water supply, water shortages in the region will likely lead to severe health and sanitation problems.

A copy of the Draft EIS has been filed with the Environmental Protection Agency EPA in accordance with 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508 and USIBWC procedures. Written comments concerning the Draft EIS will be

accepted at the address provided above until June 13, 2000.

Dated: March 29, 2000.

William A. Wilcox, Jr.,

Legal Advisor.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Records Schedules for Electronic Copies Previously Covered by General Records Schedule 20; Availability and Request for Comments

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed records schedules; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) publishes notice at least once monthly of certain Federal agency requests for records disposition authority (records schedules). Once approved by NARA, records schedules provide mandatory instructions on what happens to records when no longer needed for current Government business. They authorize the preservation of records of continuing value in the National Archives of the United States and the destruction, after a specified period, of records lacking administrative, legal, research, or other value. Notice is published for records schedules in which agencies propose to destroy records not previously authorized for disposal or reduce the retention period of records already authorized for disposal.

This request for comments pertains solely to schedules for electronic copies of records created using word processing and electronic mail where the recordkeeping copies are already scheduled. (Electronic copies are records created using word processing or electronic mail software that remain in storage on the computer system after the recordkeeping copies are produced.)

These records were previously approved for disposal under General Records Schedule 20, Items 13 and 14. The agencies identified in this notice have submitted schedules pursuant to NARA Bulletin 99-04 to obtain separate disposition authority for the electronic copies associated with program records and administrative records not covered by the General Records Schedules. NARA invites public comments on such records schedules, as required by 44 U.S.C. 3303a(a). To facilitate review of

these schedules, their availability for comment is announced in **Federal Register** notices separate from those used for other records disposition schedules.

DATES: Requests for copies must be received in writing on or before May 19, 2000. On request, NARA will send a copy of the schedule. NARA staff usually prepare appraisal memorandums concerning a proposed schedule. These, too, may be requested. Requesters will be given 30 days to submit comments.

Some schedules submitted in accordance with NARA Bulletin 99-04 group records by program, function, or organizational element. These schedules do not include descriptions at the file series level, but, instead, provide citations to previously approved schedules or agency records disposition manuals (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice). To facilitate review of such disposition requests, previously approved schedules or manuals that are cited may be requested in addition to schedules for the electronic copies. NARA will provide the first 100 pages at no cost. NARA may charge \$.20 per page for additional copies. These materials also may be examined at no cost at the National Archives at College Park (8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD).

ADDRESSES: To request a copy of any records schedule identified in this notice, write to the Life Cycle Management Division (NWML), National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. Requests also may be transmitted by FAX to 301-713-6852 or by e-mail to records.mgt@arch2.nara.gov.

Requesters must cite the control number, which appears in parentheses after the name of the agency which submitted the schedule, and must provide a mailing address. Those who desire appraisal reports and/or copies of previously approved schedules or manuals should so indicate in their request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marie Allen, Director, Life Cycle Management Division (NWML), National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. Telephone: (301) 713-7110. E-mail: records.mgt@arch2.nara.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Each year Federal agencies create billions of records on paper, film, magnetic tape, and other media. To control this accumulation, agency records managers