

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

To determine whether the records are maintained on you in this system, inquiries should be made to the Systems Manager identified above. A written, signed request stating that the requester seeks information concerning records pertaining to him/her is required. The request envelope and letter should be clearly marked "PRIVACY ACT INQUIRY." (See 43 CFR 2.60 for procedures on making inquiries.)

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

To see your records, write to the Systems Manager above. Describe as specifically as possible the records sought. The request envelope and letter should be clearly marked "PRIVACY ACT REQUEST FOR ACCESS." A request for access must meet the content requirements of 43 CFR 2.63. If copies are sought, indicate the maximum you are willing to pay (43 CFR 2.63(b)(4)).

**CONTESTING RECORDS PROCEDURES:**

Follow procedures addressed in the "Records Access Procedures" section above.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Correspondence responded to by the BLM Correspondence Unit.

**SYSTEM EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:**

None.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Reclamation****Battle Creek Salmon and Steelhead Restoration Project, Tehama and Shasta Counties, CA**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/ Environmental Impact Report (EIR), and notice of public scoping meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and Public Resources Code, Sections 21000-21178.1 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), the lead Federal agency, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), a cooperating Federal agency, and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), the lead State agency, propose to prepare a joint EIS/EIR for the proposed Battle Creek Salmon and

Steelhead Restoration Project (Restoration Project).

The proposed Restoration Project is described as modification of the Battle Creek Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project 1121 (Hydroelectric Project), owned and operated by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and licensed by FERC, to restore 42 miles of salmon and steelhead habitat within and adjacent to reaches of Battle Creek and its tributaries. Project alternatives range from "No Action" (no change to the Hydroelectric Project) to decommissioning and removal of all hydropower diversion dams, water conveyance facilities, powerhouses, transmission lines, and related support installations within the restoration area. Action alternatives within the range consist of various combinations of dam decommissioning and removals, fish screen improvements, fish ladder improvements and increased streamflows below dams. To ensure biological effectiveness of the proposed Restoration Project, monitoring and adaptive management are included in all "action" alternatives.

**DATES:** A scoping meeting will be held to solicit comments from interested parties to assist in determining the scope of the environmental analysis and to identify the significant issues related to the proposed Restoration Project. The meeting will be held on January 31, 2000 at the Manton Joint Union Elementary School located at 31345 Forward Road in Manton, California. A display session and informal discussion will occur from 5-6 p.m., and the public scoping meeting will occur from 6-8 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments on the scope of the project to Mary Marshall, Environmental Specialist, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825 by February 14, 2000.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from public disclosure, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold a respondent's identity from public disclosure, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of

organizations or businesses, available for public disclosure in their entirety.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Mary Marshall, Reclamation Environmental Specialist at telephone number: (916) 978-5248 or e-mail address:

MMARSHALL@MP.USBR.GOV.

Additional information regarding the proposed Restoration Project can also be accessed on the Reclamation Web Site: <http://www.mp.usbr.gov/regional/battlecreek/index.html>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Battle Creek is a tributary of the Sacramento River entering at river mile 271, between Red Bluff and Redding in California. Battle Creek lies on the volcanic slopes of Mount Lassen in Shasta and Tehama Counties, contains cold, spring-fed water, maintains relatively high flows throughout the year, and stretches through remote, deep, shaded canyons and riparian corridors. Prior to human-influenced alterations to the Battle Creek watershed beginning around the turn of the 20th century, Battle Creek historically provided a contiguous stretch of prime habitat for anadromous fish, specifically the salmon and steelhead species.

In June, 1999, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) along with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) and PG&E which signaled the intent of these agencies to pursue a restoration effort on Battle Creek in relation to modification of the Hydroelectric Project. Consequently, the California-Federal interagency program known as "CALFED" provided \$28 million in directed funding to Reclamation for the planning and implementation of the proposed Restoration Project. As lead Federal agency, Reclamation is responsible for ensuring NEPA compliance for the proposed Restoration Project.

The Federal Power Act establishes with FERC the exclusive authority to license nonfederal water power projects on navigable waterways and Federal lands. PG&E will be required to file an application with FERC for an amendment to PG&E's existing license to operate the hydropower facilities on Battle Creek that would be affected by implementation of the proposed Restoration Project. FERC will ensure that proposed changes in the Hydroelectric Project comply with NEPA prior to issuing the license amendment.

All FERC licensing actions in California, including new licenses,

license amendments, and relicensing, require Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification from the SWRCB. SWRCB involvement in Clean Water Act Section 401 certification requires CEQA compliance, and the SWRCB will act as the CEQA lead agency.

The proposed Restoration Project supports the restoration directives of the Central Valley Improvement Act (CVPIA) Anadromous Fish Restoration Program; the CALFED Restoration Program; the State Salmon, Steelhead Trout, and Anadromous Fisheries Program Act (California Senate Bill 2261, 1990); Central Valley Salmon and Steelhead Restoration and Enhancement Plan; the Upper Sacramento River Fisheries and Riparian Habitat Management Plan (California Senate Bill 1086, 1989); National Marine Fisheries Service Proposed Recovery Plan for Sacramento River Winter-run Chinook Salmon; Restoring Central Valley Streams—A Plan for Action and the Steelhead Restoration Plan and Management Plan for California.

Dated: January 5, 2000.

**Frank Michny,**

*Chief, Division of Environmental Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Main Fan Maintenance Record

**AGENCY:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before March 13, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Diane B. Hill, Program Analysis Officer, Office of

Program Evaluation and Information Resources, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 715, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on a computer disk, or via Internet E-mail to [dhill@msha.gov](mailto:dhill@msha.gov), along with an original printed copy. Ms. Hill can be reached at (703) 235-1470 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diane B. Hill, Program Analysis Officer, Office of Program Evaluation and Information Resources, U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 719, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Ms. Hill can be reached at [dhill@msha.gov](mailto:dhill@msha.gov) (Internet E-mail), (703) 235-1470 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

Title 30 CFR 57.8525 requires that main fans be maintained according to either manufacturers' recommendations or a written periodic schedule adopted by the mine operator. The main fans are the major life support system to the entire underground mining operation. The air flow provided by the fans assures fresh air to the miners at working faces, reduces the chance of the air reaching threshold limit values of airborne contaminants, and dilutes accumulations of possible explosive gases.

##### II. Desired Focus of Comments

Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection related to the Main Fan Maintenance Record. MSHA is particularly interested in comments which:

- 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;
- 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 can be obtained by contacting the employee listed below in the contact section.

#### II. Current Actions

MSHA is seeking to continue the requirement for a regular fan maintenance schedule to assure an uninterrupted supply of air in the mine.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Main Fan Maintenance Record.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0012.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Cite/Reference/Form/etc:* 30 CFR 57.8525.

*Total Respondents:* 21.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Total Responses:* 7.

*Average Time per Response:* 1.57 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 11 hours.

*Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs:* None.

*Total Operation and Maintenance Costs:* None.

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: January 5, 2000.

**George M. Fesak,**

*Director, Program Evaluation and Information Resources.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

#### Petitions for Modification

The following parties have filed petitions to modify the application of mandatory safety standards under section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977:

##### 1. Monterey Coal Company

[Docket No. M-1999-135-C]

Monterey Coal Company, 14300 Brushy Mound Road Carlinville, Illinois 62626 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1909(b)(6) (nonpermissible diesel-powered equipment; design and performance requirements) to its No. 1 Mine (I.D. No. 11-00726) located in Macoupin County, Illinois. The petitioner relief from the requirement to add brakes on each wheel of its Petitto Mule Model 2066,