

- The accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden (time and costs) of the information-collection requirements, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- The quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden on employers who must comply; for example, by using automated or other technological information-collection and -transmission techniques.

III. Proposed Actions

OSHA proposes to extend the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval of the collection-of-information requirements specified by the Standards on 4, 4'-Methylenedianiline in General Industry (29 CFR 1910.1050). The Agency will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice, and will include this summary in its request to OMB to extend the approval of these information-collection requirements.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved information-collection requirements.

Title: MDA General Industry Standard (29 CFR 1910.1050).

OMB Number: 1218-0184(2003).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; Federal government; State, local or tribal Governments.

Number of Respondents: 15.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 807.

Average Time per Response: Varies from 5 minutes to provide information to the examining physician to 2 hours to conduct exposure-monitoring.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 387 hours.

Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance): \$11,430.

III. Authority and Signature

John L. Henshaw, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice. The authority for this notice is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506) and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 5-2002 (67 FR 65008).

Dated: Signed at Washington, DC, on July 7, 2003.

John L. Henshaw,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION, UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

United States Section; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Alternative Vegetation Maintenance Practices for the Lower Rio Grande Flood Control Project in Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties, TX

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

ACTION: Notice of availability of draft environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC), in cooperation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on Alternative Vegetation Maintenance Practices for the Lower Rio Grande Flood Control Project in Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties, Texas. The DEIS analyzes the Continued Maintenance Alternative (No-Action), comprising the current USIBWC vegetation maintenance program, and the impacts of three vegetation maintenance alternatives which vary from the current USIBWC vegetation maintenance practices along the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

DATES: Written comments are requested by August 29, 2003. A public meeting will be conducted from 5 to 7 p.m. CDT on Wednesday, July 30, 2003, in Weslaco, Texas. See Addresses below for location and time.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to: Carolyn Murphy, Chief, Environmental Section, CESWG-PE-PR, Department of the Army, Galveston District, Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 1229, Galveston, Texas 77553-1229 (courier deliveries: 2000 Fort Point Rd. Galveston, Texas 77550). A public meeting will be conducted from 5 to 7 p.m. CDT on Wednesday, July 30, 2003, at the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Hoblitzelle Auditorium, 2415 East Highway 83, Weslaco, Texas, to present your verbal or written comments.

Copies of the DEIS are available for inspection and review at the following locations: Brownsville Public Library, 2600 Central Boulevard, Brownsville, Texas; Harlingen Public Library, 410 '76 Drive, Harlingen, Texas; McAllen Public Library, 601 North Main Street,

McAllen, Texas; USIBWC Mercedes Field Office, 325 Golf Course Rd, Mercedes, Texas; Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge, FM 307, 7 miles south of Alamo, TX and 1/4-mile east of U.S. 281; and USIBWC HQ, 4171 N. Mesa Street, Ste C-315, El Paso, Texas. The DEIS is also available on the USIBWC Home Page at <http://www.ibwc.state.gov> under "What's New," and at the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District, Home Page at: <http://www.swg.usace.army.mil/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Douglas Echlin, Environmental Protection Specialist, Environmental Management Division, USIBWC, 4171 North Mesa Street, C-100, El Paso, Texas 79902 or call (915) 832-4741, e-mail: dougechlin@ibwc.state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The USIBWC vegetation maintenance program is performed along the United States portion of the Lower Rio Grande Flood Control Project (LRGFCP). The vegetation maintenance program was established to fulfill the United States Government's obligations under International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) Minute No. 212 and No. 238 and to protect life and properties in the United States and Mexico from Rio Grande flooding events.

Under Minute No. 212, the United States and Mexico agreed to annual concurrent channel bank mowing to reduce heavy brush growth in the river reach and to ensure a river channel capacity of 20,000 cfs at the Brownsville-Matamoros area. This maintenance mowing was considered necessary to prevent flooding in Brownsville and Matamoros for the design flood and to ensure that brush did not deflect river flood flows toward either country, thus altering the international boundary alignment by erosion. Minute No. 238 called for equally dividing flood flows into interior floodways in each country, thereby ensuring the 20,000 cfs maximum flow at Brownsville and Matamoros.

On November 1, 1989, the Sierra Club, Frontera Audubon Society, and National Audubon Society filed a civil action suit against the USIBWC alleging vegetation maintenance program violations of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The plaintiffs alleged that the USIBWC had not prepared an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) relative to the operation and maintenance activities for the

United States portion of the LRGFCP as required by NEPA. The plaintiffs also alleged that the USIBWC had not entered into formal consultation with the USFWS pursuant to section 7 of the ESA with respect to the impacts of the United States portion of the LRGFCP on federally-listed threatened or endangered species.

In a 1990 Consent Decree administered by the United States District Court of the District of Columbia, the USIBWC agreed to enter into formal consultation with the USFWS regarding the impacts of all vegetation clearing activities of the LRGFCP on federally listed species. The consultation process resulted in an issuance by the USFWS of a Biological Opinion (BO) on May 6, 1993. The USFWS has recently reissued a new BO. In addition to formal consultation with USFWS, USIBWC agreed to the preparation of this EIS, which specifically addresses alternative vegetation maintenance practices.

This DEIS presents and analyzes the impacts of current and alternative USIBWC vegetation maintenance practices to fulfill commitments under the IBWC Minutes, the Consent Decree, and the new BO. The pertinent elements of the LRGFCP vegetation maintenance program are based on the need to:

- Maintain channel banks to provide adequate flood conveyance.
- Equitably divert flood flows into interior floodways.
- Remove brush and other obstructions within floodways.
- Maintain a wildlife corridor per the USFWS BO and the 1994 LRGFCP Off-River Wildlife Travel Corridor Plan.

Four potential vegetation maintenance alternatives, including the current USIBWC maintenance program, are considered and analyzed in the DEIS. The Preferred Alternative is the Continued Maintenance Alternative (No-Action), representing the continuation of the current USIBWC vegetation maintenance program.

A copy of the DEIS has been filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with 40 CFR parts 1500–1508 and USIBWC procedures. Written comments concerning the DEIS will be accepted at the address provided above until August 29, 2003.

Dated: July 2, 2003.

Mario Lewis,
General Counsel.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meetings

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: National Science Foundation, National Science Board.

PLACE: The National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard—Room 130, Arlington, VA 22230, <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb>.

CONTACT FOR INFORMATION: Robert Webber (703) 292–7000.

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Teleconference of the NSB Education and Human Resources Committee Undergraduate Working Group.

Open

Discussion of Undergraduate Working Group plans and activities.

Robert Webber,

Policy Analyst, NSBO.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to OMB and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for review of continued approval of information collections under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. *The title of the information collection:* 10 CFR part 71, “Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Material.”

2. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150–0008.

3. *How often the collection is required:* Applications for package certification may be made at any time. Required reports are collected and evaluated on a continuing basis as events occur.

4. *Who is required or asked to report:* All NRC specific licensees who place byproduct, source, or special nuclear material into transportation, and all persons who wish to apply for NRC

approval of package designs for use in such transportation.

5. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 250 licensees.

6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 42,301 hours (37,301 hours for reporting requirements and 5,000 for recordkeeping requirements).

7. *Abstract:* NRC regulations in 10 CFR part 71 establish requirements for packing, preparation for shipment, and transportation of licensed material, and prescribe procedures, standards, and requirements for approval by NRC of packaging and shipping procedures for fissile material and for quantities of licensed material in excess of Type A quantities.

Submit, by September 9, 2003, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the burden estimate accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O–1 F21, Rockville, MD 20852. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide Web site: (<http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment/omb/index.html>). The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, T–6 E6, Washington, DC 20555–0001, by telephone at (301) 415–7233, or by Internet electronic mail at INFOCOLLECTS@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of July, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Beth St. Mary,

Acting NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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