

alternatives on all potential resources that could be adversely affected, including: aesthetics, agricultural resources, air quality and climate change, biological resources, cultural resources, geology, minerals and paleontological resources, hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, noise, public health hazards, recreation, traffic and transportation, utilities, and public service systems.

Our proposed action is approving the applicants' Plan and issuing an incidental take permit for the applicants' Covered Activities. As required by the Act, the applicants' Plan considers alternatives to the take under the proposed action. The Plan considers the environmental consequences of a No Action alternative.

Under the No Action alternative, we would not issue a permit, and the applicants would not construct the project. The No Action alternative would not achieve the applicants' objectives and would not allow the development of the project.

Under the proposed action alternative, we would issue an incidental take permit for the applicants' proposed project, which includes the activities described above and in more detail in the Plan.

Public Comments

The Service invites the public to comment on the permit application, Plan, and EA during the public comment period (*see DATES*). Please direct written comments to contact listed in the **ADDRESSES** section and questions to the Service contact listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. All comments and materials we receive, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and may be released to the public. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Next Steps

We provide this notice pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act and the NEPA public-involvement regulations (40 CFR 1500.1(b), 1500.2(d), and 1506.6). We will consider public comments when making the final determination on whether to prepare a final EA and

Finding of No Significant Impact or an Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed action. If the requirements are met, we will issue a permit to the applicants for the incidental take of the tiger salamander from the implementation of the Covered Activities described in the Plan. We will make the final permit decision no sooner than 60 days after the date of this notice.

Alexandra Pitts,

Deputy Regional Director, Pacific Southwest Region, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Geological Survey

[USGS-GX11LR000F60100]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request for the Consolidated Consumers' Report (1 Form)

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of an extension of a currently approved information collection (1028-0070).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are notifying the public that we have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) an information collection request (ICR) for the extension of the currently approved paperwork requirements for the USGS *Consolidated Consumers' Report*. This collection consists of one form. This notice provides the public and other Federal agencies an opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of this information collection (IC). This IC is scheduled to expire on March 31, 2011.

DATES: To ensure that your comments on this ICR are considered, please submit them on or before March 10, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Please submit written comments on this information collection directly to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior via e-mail to OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov or fax at 202-395-5806; and identify your submission as 1028-0070. Please also submit a copy of your written comments to Phadrea Ponds, USGS Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 2150-C Centre

Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80526-8118 (mail); 970-226-9230 (fax); or pondsp@usgs.gov (e-mail). Please reference Information Collection 1028-0070 in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carleen Kostick at 703-648-7940 (telephone); ckostick@usgs.gov (e-mail); or by mail at U.S. Geological Survey, 985 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20192. To see a copy of the entire ICR submitted to OMB, go to <http://www.reginfo.gov> (Information Collection Review, Currently Under Review).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Respondents to this form supply the USGS with domestic consumption data of 12 metals and ferroalloys, some of which are considered strategic and critical. This information will be published as chapters in Minerals Yearbooks, monthly Mineral Industry Surveys, annual Mineral Commodity Summaries, and special publications, for use by Government agencies, industry, education programs, and the general public.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: 1028-0070.

Form Number: 9-4117-MA.

Title: Consolidated Consumers'

Report.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: U.S. nonfuel minerals producers of ferrous and related metals.

Respondent Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: Monthly and Annually.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 1,828.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,371 hours.

We expect to receive 1,828 annual responses. We estimate an average of 45 minutes per response.

Estimated Reporting and

Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost"

Burden: We have not identified any "non-hour cost" burdens associated with this collection of information.

Public Disclosure Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number and current expiration date.

III. Request for Comments

On October 19, 2010, we published a **Federal Register** notice (75 FR 64349) announcing that we would submit this ICR to OMB for approval and soliciting comments. The comment period closed on December 18, 2010. We did not

receive any comments in response to that notice.

We again invite comments concerning this ICR on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that the comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at anytime. While you can ask OMB in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that it will be done.

USGS Information Collection Clearance Officer: Phadrea Ponds 970-226-9445.

Dated: January 28, 2011.

John H. DeYoung, Jr.,
Director, National Minerals Information Center.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[LLNM006220. L99110000. EK0000; OMB Control Number 1004-0179]

Renewal of Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: 30-day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has submitted an information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a 3-year extension of OMB Control Number 1004-0179 under the Paperwork Reduction Act. This control number includes paperwork requirements in regulations that provide the authority for the BLM to collect helium sales information from Federal agencies and helium suppliers of major

helium requirements, in order to balance crude helium purchases from the BLM with sales of helium to Federal agencies.

DATES: The OMB is required to respond to this information collection request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, written comments should be received on or before March 10, 2011 in order to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Please submit comments directly to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (OMB #1004-0179), Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, fax 202-395-5806, or by electronic mail at aira_docket@omb.eop.gov. Please provide a copy of your comments to the BLM via mail, fax, or electronic mail.

Mail: Bureau Information Collection Clearance Officer (WO-630), Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., Mail Stop 401 LS, Washington, DC 20240.

Fax: Jean Sonneman at 202-912-7102.

Electronic mail:
jean_sonneman@blm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may contact Libby Conner, at 806-356-1027. Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) on 1-800-877-8339. You may also contact Ms. Conner to obtain a copy, at no cost, of the regulations and forms that require this collection of information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following information is provided for the information collection:

Title: Helium Contracts (43 CFR 3195).

OMB Number: 1004-0179.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: This collection of information pertains to the Helium Privatization Act of 1996, which provides that only authorized contractors may sell helium to Federal agencies. The BLM uses this information to verify that authorized contractors are in compliance with the Helium Privatization Act. In order to become an authorized contractor, a helium supplier must enter into an In-Kind Crude Helium Sales Contract to purchase from the Secretary of Interior amounts of crude helium that are equivalent to amounts the supplier sells to agencies of the Federal Government. 50 U.S.C. 167d. In the past, the BLM provided Form 1422x-922 for

respondents to comply with some of these requirements, but the pertinent regulations do not require that they use the form. The respondents have demonstrated compliance with the Helium Privatization Act without using the form and the BLM has determined that the form is no longer necessary to collect information. As a result, the BLM has decided to eliminate Form 1422X-922, although the BLM will continue to require respondents to submit pertinent information through written or electronic means as required by 43 CFR part 3195. The BLM uses the information for reporting and recordkeeping. Responses are required to obtain a benefit.

Frequency of Collection: Quarterly and annually.

Annual Burden Hours: 32 responses with 3.25 hours per response totals 104 burden hours.

Annual Non-hour Burden Cost: There are no processing fees associated with this collection.

Comments: As required in 5 CFR 1320.8(d), the BLM published the 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** on June 14, 2010 (75 FR 33632) soliciting comments from the public and other interested parties. The comment period closed on August 13, 2010. The BLM did not receive any comments from the public in response to this notice, and did not receive any unsolicited comments.

The BLM now requests comments on the following subjects:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the BLM, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the BLM's estimate of the burden of collecting the information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. How to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Please send comments to the addresses listed under **ADDRESSES**. Please refer to OMB Control Number 1004-0179 in your correspondence. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying