

effective in the past in ensuring the fair and equitable distribution of IHBG grant funds among all program recipients.

Comment: HUD should apply a public health framework to all offices and programs.

Response: HUD knows that stable, healthy housing is inextricably tied to individual health and has made improving health outcomes a priority in its Strategic Plan. Improving health outcomes starts by increasing health knowledge and access to health services. Strategies HUD is committed to pursuing in 2010–2015 include: Increasing information about and access to health services, including veterans' health benefits, through partnerships with health organizations and healthcare delivery systems; increasing coordination of HUD programs with healthcare resources administered by other federal, state, and local programs; providing physical space to co-locate healthcare and wellness services with housing (for example, onsite health clinics); and promoting housing management practices that protect the health of residents (for example, smoking cessation, pest management, and green cleaning).

HUD's Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control administers lead hazard and healthy homes programs, enforces lead paint regulations, and sets policies to reduce health and safety hazards in housing. Its comprehensive approach to healthy homes takes into account a variety of hazards in the home that can affect health, especially the presence of lead; these hazards often disproportionately impact EJ communities.

Health is embedded in many other HUD programs as well. For instance, a goal of the Choice Neighborhoods program is to convert some of the worst of the nation's public housing into higher-quality, mixed-income, mixed-tenure developments. The vision is to help communities transform into walkable neighborhoods with amenities and health services that allow residents to lead healthier lives. The Housing Choice Voucher program allows recipients of HUD assistance the mobility and freedom to choose the neighborhood they live in, allowing some people to leave neighborhoods that were less healthy, from a stress, safety, or walkability standpoint, to one that is more healthy.

Comment: HUD should make public safety a priority in all its programs, as it does in the Choice Neighborhoods program.

Response: Public safety is a key priority for HUD and a component of its Strategic Plan (Subgoal 3E). HUD knows

that safety and the perception of safety are necessary factors for quality of life and that enhancing physical safety and reducing crime are essential to improving health, education, and economic outcomes. HUD's Strategic Plan describes HUD's strategies for improving actual safety and perceptions of safety, including: encouraging housing managers to use incentives to promote safety awareness and crime prevention programs; maintaining or improving the physical environment and design of HUD-assisted residences, giving attention to physical safety and crime prevention; and promoting a high level of coordination with law enforcement agencies to prevent and reduce crime. The new Choice Neighborhoods program is one example of how HUD is beginning to realize this strategic goal.

Comment: The Fair Housing Equity Assessment component of the Sustainable Communities grant programs should require mapping health variables to evaluate the impact of healthy and unhealthy community assets.

Response: The Fair Housing Equity Assessment requirement for HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program grantees includes an identification and assessment of segregated areas and areas of increasing diversity and/or racial/ethnic integration, racially/ethnically concentrated areas of poverty, access to existing areas of high opportunity, major public investments, and fair housing issues, services, and activities. During the course of their work, Regional Planning grantees are required to engage stakeholders and create planning priorities around positive community health outcomes.

Comment: HUD should prioritize housing mobility programs to work toward the goal of environmental justice.

Response: HUD is committed to providing choices and mobility to residents of public and assisted housing. Through HUD's Transforming Rental Assistance Initiative, HUD will work with partners at the state and local levels to regionalize rental assistance administration and to offer residents the option to receive tenant-based Section 8 vouchers, giving families access to a wider range of choices and opportunities when it comes to choosing a place to live.

Comment: HUD should use its Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) authority to create a National Equitable Development Advisory Council.

Response: HUD is exploring the most effective ways to bring Federal, state,

and local partners and stakeholder expertise to bear on its Environmental Justice work. Establishing an Advisory Council is an option that HUD will look into going forward.

Dated: April 10, 2012.

Shelley Poticha,

Director, Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)

[Docket ID No. BSEE-2012-0006; OMB Number 1014-0008]

Information Collection Activities: Well Control and Production Safety Training, Submitted for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

ACTION: 60-Day Notice.

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), BSEE is inviting comments on a collection of information that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection request (ICR) concerns an extension to the paperwork requirements in the regulations under Subpart O, "Well Control and Production Safety Training."

DATES: You must submit comments by June 15, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods listed below.

- *Electronically:* go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the entry titled, "Enter Keyword or ID," enter BSEE-2012-0006 then click search. Follow the instructions to submit public comments and view all related materials. We will post all comments.

- *Email:* nicole.mason@bsee.gov. Mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior; Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement; Regulations and Development Branch; Attention: Nicole Mason; 381 Elden Street, HE3313; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817. Please reference ICR 1014-0008 in your comment and include your name and return address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nicole Mason, Regulations and Development Branch, (703) 787-1605, to request additional information about this ICR.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 30 CFR Part 250, Subpart O, Well Control and Production Safety Training.

OMB Control Number: 1014-0008.

Abstract: The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.* and 43 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to prescribe rules and regulations necessary for the administration of the leasing provisions of the Act related to mineral resources on the OCS. Such rules and regulations will apply to all operations conducted under a lease. Operations on the OCS must preserve, protect, and develop oil and natural gas resources in a manner that is consistent with the need to make such resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs as rapidly as possible; to balance orderly energy resource development with protection of human, marine, and coastal environments; to ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the resources of the OCS; and to preserve and maintain free enterprise competition.

Section 1332(6) of the OCS Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1332) requires that "operations in the [O]uter Continental Shelf should be conducted in a safe

manner by well trained personnel using technology, precautions, and other techniques sufficient to prevent or minimize the likelihood of blowouts, loss of well control, fires, spillages, physical obstructions to other users of the waters or subsoil and seabed, or other occurrences which may cause damage to the environment or to property or endanger life or health." This authority and responsibility are among those delegated to BSEE. To carry out these responsibilities, BSEE issues regulations governing oil and gas or sulphur operations in the OCS.

Regulations at 30 CFR part 250, Subpart O, implement these safe operation requirements. BSEE uses the information collected under subpart O to ensure that workers in the OCS are properly trained with the necessary skills to perform their jobs in a safe and pollution-free manner. In some instances, BSEE will conduct oral interviews of offshore employees to evaluate the effectiveness of a company's training program. The information collected is necessary to verify personnel training compliance with the requirements.

BSEE will protect information from respondents considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2) and under regulations at 30 CFR parts 250, 251, and 252. No items of a sensitive nature are collected. Responses are mandatory or are required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Frequency: Primarily on occasion or annual.

Description of Respondents: Potential respondents comprise Federal oil, gas, or sulphur OCS lessees and/or operators.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: The currently approved annual reporting burden for this collection is 1,144 hours. The following chart details the individual components and respective hour burden estimates of this ICR. In calculating the burdens, we assumed that respondents perform certain requirements in the normal course of their activities. We consider these to be usual and customary and took that into account in estimating the burden.

Citation 30 CFR 250 subpart O	Reporting & recordkeeping requirement	Hour burden
1503(a)	Develop training plans. Note: Existing lessees/respondents already have training plans developed. This number reflects development of plans for any new lessees.	70.
1503(c)	Maintain copies of training plan and employee training documentation/record for 5 years.	1½ hr. (plan). 2 hrs. for records.
1503(d)	Upon request, provide BSEE copies of employee training documentation or provide copy of training plan.	5.
1507(b)	Employee oral interview conducted by BSEE	½ hr.
1507(c), (d); 1508; 1509	Written testing conducted by BSEE or authorized representative. Not considered information collection under 5 CFR 1320.3(h)(7).	0.
1510(b)	Revise training plan and submit to BSEE	12.
1500-1510	General departure or alternative compliance requests not specifically covered elsewhere in subpart O.	3.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Non-Hour Cost Burden: We have identified no non-hour cost burdens for this collection.

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. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

Comments: Before submitting an ICR to OMB, PRA section 3506(c)(2)(A) requires each agency " * * * to provide notice * * * and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information * * *". Agencies must specifically solicit comments to: (a) Evaluate whether the

proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Agencies must also estimate the non-hour paperwork cost burdens to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. Therefore, if you have other than hour burden costs to generate, maintain, and disclose this information, you should comment and provide your total capital

and startup cost components or annual operation, maintenance, and purchase of service components. For further information on this burden, refer to 5 CFR 1320.3(b)(1) and (2), or contact the Bureau representative listed previously in this notice.

We will summarize written responses to this notice and address them in our submission for OMB approval. As a result of your comments, we will make any necessary adjustments to the burden in our submission to OMB.

Public Comment Procedures: Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

Acting BSEE Information Collection Clearance Officer: Cheryl Blundon, (703) 787-1607.

Dated: April 4, 2012.

Douglas W. Morris,

Chief, Office of Offshore Regulatory Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R6-ES-2012-N079;
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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Recovery Permit Application[s]

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following application to conduct certain activities with endangered species. The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. The Act also requires that we invite public comment before issuing this permit.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by May 16, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments or requests for copies or more information by any of the following methods. Alternatively, you may use one of the following methods to request hard copies or a CD-ROM of the documents. Please specify the permit you are interested in by number (e.g., Permit No. TE-123456).

- *Email:* permitsR6ES@fws.gov.

Please refer to the respective permit number (e.g., Permit No. TE-123456) in the subject line of the message.

- *U.S. Mail:* Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486-DFC, Denver, CO 80225.

- *In-Person Drop-off, Viewing, or Pickup:* Call (303) 236-4256 to make an appointment during regular business hours at 134 Union Blvd. Suite 645, Lakewood, CO 80228.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kris Olsen, Permit Coordinator Ecological Services, (303) 236-4256 (phone); permitsR6ES@fws.gov (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. Along with our implementing regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR part 17, the Act provides for permits, and requires that we invite public comment before issuing this permit.

A permit granted by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act authorizes you to conduct activities with United States endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes, enhancement of propagation or survival, or interstate commerce (the latter only in the event that it facilitates scientific purposes or enhancement of propagation or survival). Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) for these permits are found at 50 CFR 17.22 for endangered wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.32 for threatened wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.62 for endangered plant species, and 50 CFR 17.72 for threatened plant species.

Applications Available for Review and Comment

We invite local, State, and Federal agencies, and the public to comment on the following applications. Please refer to the appropriate permit number (e.g., Permit No. TE-123456) for the application when submitting comments.

Documents and other information the applicants have submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

Permit Application Number: TE-059369

Applicant: Robert Schoor, Colorado Natural Heritage Program

The applicant requests amendment of an existing permit to add removal and reduction to possession the following species, in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring for the purpose of enhancing each species' survival. Activities will occur on Federal lands in Colorado, throughout the range of each species.

Eriogonum pelinophilum (Clay-loving wild-buckwheat)

Pediocactus knowltonii (Knowlton cactus)

Astragalus humillimus (Mancos milk-vetch)

Phacelia formosula (North Park phacelia)

Astragalus osterhoutii (Osterhout milk-vetch)

Ipomopsis polyantha (Pagosa skyrocket)

Penstemon penlandii (Penland beardtongue)

National Environmental Policy Act

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), we have made an initial determination that the proposed activities in this permit are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement (516 DM 6 Appendix 1, 1.4C(1)).

Public Availability of Comments

All comments and materials we receive in response to this request will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

Authority: We provide this notice under section 10 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: April 2, 2012.

Michael G. Thabault,

Acting Regional Director, Mountain-Prairie Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered Species; Marine Mammals; Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species, marine mammals, or both. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) prohibits activities with listed