

Aspinall Powerplants: A 5-year study of operations of the Aspinall powerplants is scheduled to be completed in 1997. A resulting biological opinion on its operation will be prepared which will likely require permanent changes in the operation of the three powerplants. The change would be required to improve habitat for endangered fish species. Therefore, uncertainty also exists with regard to the hydroelectric power resource at the Aspinall units. Western will make no further adjustments in their operation pending this biological opinion.

Mitigation Action Plan

No Mitigation Action Plan will be prepared, as the proposed action involves no construction, has no significant impacts to natural resources, and has positive socioeconomic impacts.

Issued at Golden, Colorado, October 17, 1996.

J. M. Shafer,
Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Hazardous Waste Management System: Land Disposal Restrictions "No-Migration" Variances

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Hazardous Waste Management System: Land Disposal Restrictions "No-Migration" Variances, EPA ICR Number 1353, and OMB Control Number 2050-0062. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 31, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Commenters must send an original and two copies of their comments referencing docket number F-96-NMIP-FFFFF to: RCRA Docket Information Center, Office of Solid

Waste (5305G), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters (EPA, HQ), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. Hand deliveries of comments should be made to the Arlington, VA, address below. Comments may also be submitted electronically through the Internet to:

rcra-docket@epamail.epa.gov.

Comments in electronic format should also be identified by the docket number F-96-NMIP-FFFFF. All electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Commenters should not submit electronically any confidential business information (CBI). An original and two copies of CBI must be submitted under separate cover to: RCRA CBI Document Control Officer, Office of Solid Waste (5305W), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.

Public comments and supporting materials are available for viewing in the RCRA Information Center (RIC), located at Crystal Gateway I, First Floor, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. The RIC is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. To review docket materials, it is recommended that the public make an appointment by calling (703) 603-9230. The public may copy a maximum of 100 pages from any regulatory docket at no charge. Additional copies cost \$0.15/page.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris Rhyne, USEPA, Office of Solid Waste (5303W), 401 M Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20460; Phone (703) 308-8658; FAX (703) 308-8609.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those that treat, store or dispose of hazardous waste on the land, and are subject to the land disposal restrictions at 40 CFR part 268.

Title: Hazardous Waste Management Systems: Land Disposal Restrictions "No-Migration" Variances (OMB Control No. 2050-0062; EPA ICR No. 1353), expiring 4/30/97.

Abstract: The 1984 Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) of 1976 created substantial new requirements for those who manage hazardous waste. (See 42 USC 6905, 6912(a), 6921, 6924, 6925, and 6935.) The amendments prohibit land disposal of hazardous wastes beyond specified dates unless, as provided in RCRA Sections 3004 (d), (e), and (g), the owner/operator of a hazardous waste storage or disposal facility demonstrates to the Administrator of the

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that there will be no migration of hazardous constituents from the land disposal unit for as long as the waste remains hazardous.

To receive a variance from the hazardous waste land disposal prohibitions, owner/operators of hazardous waste storage or disposal facilities may petition the Environmental Protection Agency to allow land disposal of a specific restricted waste at a specific site. The Permits and State Programs Division, Office of Solid Waste, will review the petitions and determine if they successfully demonstrate "no migration." The applicant must demonstrate that hazardous wastes can be managed safely in a particular land disposal unit, so that "no migration" of any hazardous constituents occurs from the unit for as long as the waste remains hazardous. (See 40 CFR 268.6.) If EPA grants the variance, the waste is no longer prohibited from land disposal in that particular unit. If the owner/operator fails to make this demonstration, or chooses not to petition for the variance, best demonstrated available technology (BDAT) requirements of 40 CFR 268.40 *et seq.* must be met before the hazardous wastes are placed in a land disposal unit. Responses to the collection of information are voluntary.

The information collected is not of a personal nature nor is it subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 or Office of Management and Budget Circular A-108. EPA expects that owners and operators may wish to maintain the confidentiality of certain information. Provisions for confidentiality are found in Section 3007(b) of RCRA and in 40 CFR Part 2, which establishes EPA's general policy regarding public disclosure of information. Provisions for confidentiality have also been included in 40 CFR Part 260, the general rule of the RCRA hazardous waste management system.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR Part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) 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;

(ii) 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;

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) 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 submission of responses.

Burden Statement: The respondent burden imposed by the no-migration petition is estimated to be 9,506 hours at a cost of \$471,490 for each facility planning to request a variance. This cost and hour burden is based on a proposed frequency of response of one per year, and an estimated likely number of respondents of one per year. The cost burden includes a total capital and start-up cost component annualized over its expected useful life, and a total operation and maintenance component, and a purchase of services component. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Dated: October 25, 1996.

Elizabeth A. Cotsworth,

Acting Director, Office of Solid Waste.

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National Drinking Water Advisory Council; Request for Nominations

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites all interested persons to nominate qualified individuals to serve as members of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council. This Advisory Council was established to provide practical and

independent advice, consultation and recommendations to the Agency on the activities, functions and policies related to the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act as amended. The Council consists of fifteen members, including a Chairperson. Five members represent the general public; five members represent appropriate state and local agencies concerned with water hygiene and public water supply; and five members represent private organizations or groups demonstrating an active interest in the field of water hygiene and public water supply. Each member holds office for a term of three years and is eligible for reappointment. On December 15 of each year, five members complete their appointment. Due to the resignation of one member, an additional vacancy is available. Therefore, this notice solicits names to fill six vacancies as of December 16, 1996.

Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals for membership. Nominees should be identified by name, occupation, position, address and telephone number. Nominations must include a current résumé providing the nominee's background, experience, and qualifications.

Persons selected for membership will receive compensation for travel and a nominal daily compensation while attending meetings.

Nominations should be submitted to Charlene E. Shaw, Designated Federal Officer, National Drinking Water Advisory Council, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (4601), 401 M Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20460, no later than 30 days after publication of this notice in the Federal Register. The agency will not formally acknowledge or respond to nominations. E-Mail your questions to Shaw.Charlene@epamail.epa.gov or call 202/260-2285.

Dated: October 23, 1996.

Cynthia C. Dougherty,

Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7176 or (202) 564-7153. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed October 21, 1996

Through October 25, 1996 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 960504, Final Supplement, BIA, WA, Swinomish Marina and Associated Facilities Development, Lease Approval, Swinomish Channel, Skagit County, WA, Due: December 02, 1996, Contact: Donald Sutherland (202) 208-4791.

EIS No. 960505, Final EIS, AFS, MT, Checkerboard Land Exchange, Plan of Approval and Implementation, Kootenai, Lolo and Flathead National Forests, Lincoln, Flathead and Sanders Counties, MT, Due: December 02, 1996, Contact: Ted Anderson (406) 293-6211.

EIS No. 960506, Draft EIS, BLM, NV, Denton-Rawhide Mine Expansion Project, Plan of Operation Approval, Implementation, Mineral County, NV, Due: January 03, 1997, Contact: Terri Knutson (702) 885-6156.

EIS No. 960507, Draft EIS, AFS, OR, Stewart Mining Operation, Plan of Operation Approval, Implementation, City Creek, North Umpqua Ranger District, Umpqua National Forest, Forest, Douglas and Lane Counties, OR, Due: December 16, 1996, Contact: Debbie Anderson (541) 496-3532.

EIS No. 960508, Draft EIS, FTA, MD, Metrorail Extension—Addison Road Station to the Largo Town Center, Transportation Improvements, Prince George's County, MD, Due: December 27, 1996, Contact: Alfred Lebeau (215) 656-6900.

EIS No. 960509, Final EIS, SFW, WA, Washington State Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), Issuance of a Permit for Incidental Take of Federally-Listed Species and Implementation of the Multi-Species Plan for Lands Managed by WDNR, WA, Due: December 02, 1996, Contact: William Vogel (360) 534-9330.

EIS No. 960510, Draft EIS, FHW, MN, MN TH-100 Reconstruction, between Glenwood Avenue in the City of Golden Valley extending to North of 50th Avenue North in Brooklyn Center, COE Section 404 Permit, Hennepin County, MN, Due: December 18, 1996, Contact: Cheryl Martin (612) 291-6120.

EIS No. 960511, Draft EIS, BLM, CA, Imperial Open-Pit Heap Leach Precious Metal Mine Project, Plan of Operation, Right-of-Way Approval, Conditional-Use-Permit and Reclamation Program Approval, Imperial County, CA, Due: December 31, 1996, Contact: Keith Shone (619) 337-4412.