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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information on the NEPA review procedures or status of the NEPA review, contact Brad Mehaffy, NIGC NEPA Compliance Officer, 202-632-7003.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed federal action is the NIGC's approval of a gaming management contract between the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria and SC Sonoma Management LLC. The approval of the gaming management contract would result in the development of a resort hotel, casino, and supporting facilities. The facility will be managed by SC Sonoma Management LLC on behalf of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, pursuant to the terms of a gaming management contract.

A NOI was originally published on February 12, 2004 for an EIS to analyze the approval of a management contract between the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria and SC Sonoma Management LLC. Preparation of the EIS commenced after a 46-day scoping period, during which 768 public comments were received both in writing and orally at a scoping meeting held on March 10, 2004. As displayed in a handout at the March 2004 scoping meeting, development of a casino and hotel resort was proposed on a 363 acre site bordered by Wilfred Avenue to the north; Stony Point Road to the west; Rohnert Park Expressway, farmland, and the Laguna de Santa Rosa to the south; and a mobile home park, a business park, and farmland to the east.

During preparation of the EIS, numerous environmental constraints to development of this location were discovered, including wetlands, endangered species, and the 100-year floodplain. Therefore, in an effort to minimize environmental effects, a new project site is proposed which includes approximately 180 acres within the southern portion of the original 360-acre site along with an approximately 73-acre property located adjacent to the eastern boundary of the previously proposed site. The new property is bounded to the north by Wilfred Avenue and rural residential parcels, to the east by farmland, to the west by Langner Avenue, and to the south by Business Park Drive and light industrial development. The previously proposed sites will remain as alternatives in the EIS. The proposed action consists of approval of a gaming management contract between the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria and SC Sonoma

Management LLC. Approval of this contract would result in development of a casino and hotel resort on the new 253-acre site, assuming this alternative is selected at the conclusion of the EIS process.

Nearby land uses include agricultural uses such as livestock grazing and dairy operations, rural residential uses, industrial and commercial development, and open space. In addition to the proposed action, a reasonable range of alternatives, including a no action alternative, will be analyzed in the EIS. These alternatives are expected to include, but are not limited to: (1) A casino and hotel in the northwest corner of the original site, (2) a casino and hotel in the northeast corner of the original site, (3) a reduced intensity alternative, (4) an alternative use, (5) an additional off-site location, and (6) no action. Areas of environmental concern to be addressed in the EIS include: Land use, geology and soils, water resources, agricultural resources, biological resources, cultural resources, mineral resources, paleontological resources, traffic and transportation, noise, air quality, public health/environmental hazards, public services, and utilities, hazardous waste and materials, socioeconomic, environmental justice, and visual resources/aesthetics. The list of issues and alternatives may be expanded based on comments received during the scoping process.

The Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria is a Federally recognized Indian tribe with approximately 1082 members. It is governed by a tribal council, consisting of seven members, under a constitution that was passed by vote of the members on December 14, 2002 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on December 23, 2002. The Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria presently has no land in trust with the U.S. Government and is eligible to acquire land for reservation purposes to be placed in trust.

The NIGC will serve as lead agency for compliance with NEPA. The Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Sonoma County will serve as Cooperating Agencies.

**Public Comment and Solicitation:** Written comments pertaining to the proposed action will be accepted throughout the EIS planning process. However, to ensure proper consideration in preparation of the draft EIS, scoping comments should be received by November 4, 2005. The draft EIS is planned for publication and distribution in early 2006.

Individual commenters may request confidentiality. If you wish us to

withhold your name and/or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. Anonymous comments will not, however, be considered. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

**Authority:** This notice is published in accordance with Sections 1501.7, 1506.6, and 1508.22 of the Council of Environmental Quality Regulations 40 CFR, Parts 1500 through 1508 implementing the procedural requirements of the NEPA of 1969, as amended 42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*, and the BIA NEPA Handbook.

Dated: September 21, 2005.

**Philip N. Hogen,**  
Chairman.

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## NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** National Mediation Board (NMB).

**SUMMARY:** The Director, Office of Administration, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments within 30 days from the date of this publication.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Director, Office of Administration, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, *e.g.* new, revision

extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Record keeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Currently, the National Mediation Board is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the Application for Investigation of Representation Dispute and is interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the agency; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the agency enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the agency minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: September 26, 2005.

**June D. W. King,**

*Director, Office of Administration, National Mediation Board.*

#### **Application for Investigation of Representation Dispute**

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Application for Investigation of Representation Dispute.

*OMB Number:* 3140-0001.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* Carrier and Union Officials, and employees of railroads and airlines.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 68 annually.

*Burden Hours:* 17.00.

*Abstract:* When a dispute arises among a carrier's employees as to who will be their bargaining representative, the National Mediation Board (NMB) is required by Section 2, Ninth, to investigate the dispute, to determine who is the authorized representative, if any, and to certify such representative. The NMB's duties do not arise until its services have been invoked by a party to the dispute. The Railway Labor Act is silent as to how the invocation of a representation dispute is to be accomplished and the NMB has not promulgated regulations requiring any specific vehicle. Nonetheless, 29 CFR 1203.2, provides that applications for the services of the NMB under Section 2, Ninth, to investigate representation disputes may be made on printed forms secured from the NMB's Office of Legal Affairs or on the Internet at <http://www.nmb.gov/representation/>

[apply.html](http://www.nmb.gov/representation/apply.html). The application requires the following information: the name of the carrier involved; the name or description of the craft or class involved; the name of the petitioning organization or individual; the name of the organization currently representing the employees, if any; the names of any other organizations or representatives involved in the dispute; and the estimated number of employees in the craft or class involved. This basic information is essential in providing the NMB with the details of the dispute so that it can determine what resources will be required to conduct an investigation.

The extension of this form is necessary considering the information is used by the Board in determining such matters as how many staff will be required to conduct an investigation and what other resources must be mobilized to complete our statutory responsibilities. Without this information, the Board would have to delay the commencement of the investigation, which is contrary to the intent of the Railway Labor Act.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://www.nmb.gov> or should be addressed to Denise Murdock, NMB, 1301 K Street NW., Suite 250 E, Washington, DC 20005 or addressed to the e-mail address [murdock@nmb.gov](mailto:murdock@nmb.gov) or faxed to 202-692-5081. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to June D. W. King at 202-692-5010 or via Internet address [king@nmb.gov](mailto:king@nmb.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD/TTY) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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#### **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket No. 50-184]

#### **National Institute of Standards and Technology, National Bureau of Standards Reactor; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Conduct Scoping Process**

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), formerly known as the National Bureau of Standards, has submitted an application for renewal of Facility Operating License No. TR-5 for

an additional 20 years of operation at the National Bureau of Standards Reactor (NBSR). The NBSR is located in Montgomery County in Maryland, about 20 miles northwest of Washington, DC. The operating license for the NBSR expired on May 16, 2004. The application for license renewal, which included an environmental report (ER), was received on April 9, 2004. A notice of receipt and availability of the application was published in the **Federal Register** on May 12, 2004 (69 FR 26414). A notice of acceptance for docketing of the application and a notice of opportunity for hearing regarding renewal of the facility operating licenses was published in the **Federal Register** on September 21, 2004 (69 FR 56462). The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will be preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) in support of the review of the license renewal application and to provide the public an opportunity to participate in the environmental scoping process, as defined in 10 CFR 51.29. In addition, as outlined in 36 CFR 800.8, "Coordination with the National Environmental Policy Act," the NRC plans to coordinate compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act in meeting the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).

In accordance with 10 CFR 50.20 and 10 CFR 51.45, NIST submitted the ER as part of the application. The ER was prepared pursuant to 10 CFR part 51 and is available for public inspection at the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland 20852, or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>, which provides access through the NRC's Electronic Reading Room link. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS, or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC's PDR Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, or (301) 415-4737, or by e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

This notice advises the public that the NRC intends to gather the information necessary to prepare an EIS documenting the staff's environmental review of the application for renewal of the NBSR operating license for an additional 20 years. Alternatives to the proposed action (license renewal), including the no-action alternative will be considered. The NRC is required by