

maritimus), all manatee species (*Trichechus* spp.), and dugongs (*Dugong dugon*) to create cell lines for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management, Anchorage, AK; PRT-039386

The applicant requests renewal of the permit to take up to 6000 walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus*) annually by biopsy darting and up to 50 walrus annually for tagging; to collect unlimited number of specimens from dead animals; to conduct aerial surveys; and to import unlimited number of biological specimens for the purpose of scientific research. The permit was issued on July 15, 2011, for 1 year, prior to the close of the comment period for the notice published June 23, 2011. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over the next 4 years.

Concurrent with publishing this notice in the **Federal Register**, we are forwarding copies of the above applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

Brenda Tapia,

Program Analyst/Data Administrator, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Geological Survey

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Agency Information Collection

Activities: National Geological and Geophysical Data Preservation Program (NGGDPP)

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

ACTION: Notice of an extension of an existing information collection (1028-0087).

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) a new information collection request (ICR) for the extension of the paperwork requirements for the National Geological and Geophysical Data Preservation Program (NGGDPP). This notice provides the public and other Federal agencies an opportunity to comment on

the nature of this collection which is scheduled to expire on July 31, 2012.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before August 27, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Please submit comments on this information collection directly to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior, via email (OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov) or fax 202-395-5806; and identify your submission as 1028-0087.

Please submit a copy of your comments to the USGS Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive MS 807, Reston, VA 20192 (mail); 703-648-7199 (fax); or smbaloch@usgs.gov (email). Please reference Information Collection 1028-0087.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Betty M. Adrian at (303) 202-4828 or by mail at U.S. Geological Survey, Box 25046, Mail Stop 975, Denver, CO 80225. You may also find this information collection request as submitted to OMB at www.reginfo.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This notice concerns the collection of information that is sufficient and relevant to evaluate and select proposals for funding under the NGGDPP. We will accept proposals from State geological surveys requesting funds to inventory and assess the condition of current collections and data preservation needs. Financial assistance will be awarded annually on a competitive basis following the evaluation and ranking of State proposals by a review panel composed of representatives from the Department of the Interior, State geological surveys, academic institutions, and the private sector. To submit a proposal, respondents must complete a project narrative and submit the application via www.grants.gov. Grant recipients must complete a final technical report at the end of the project period. Narrative and report guidance is available through <http://datapreservation.usgs.gov/> and at www.grants.gov.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: 1028-0087.

Title: National Geological and Geophysical Data Preservation Program (NGGDPP).

Respondent Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: 62 State Geological Surveys.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 62 (34 applications and 28 reports).

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: 1,266 hours. We expect to receive approximately 34 applications. It takes each applicant approximately 36 hours to complete the narrative and to present supporting documents. This includes the time for project conception and development, proposal writing and reviewing, and submitting the proposal application through Grants.gov (totaling 1,224 burden hours). We anticipate awarding 28 grants per year. The award recipients must submit a final report. We estimate that it will take approximately 1.5 hours to complete the requirement for the reports (totaling 42 hours).

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden: There are no "non-hour cost" burdens associated with this collection of information.

III. Request for Comments

On March 2, 2012 we published a **Federal Register** notice (77 FR 12871) announcing that we would submit this information collection to OMB for approval. The notice provided a 60-day public comment period ending on May 1, 2012. 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.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. 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 publically available at anytime. 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.

Dated: July 19, 2012.

Betty M. Adrian,

Acting Program Coordinator, National Geological and Geophysical Data Preservation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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Notice of Availability of the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Solar Energy Development in Six Southwestern States

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior; Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Department of Energy (DOE) (the Agencies) as joint lead agencies announce the availability of the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Solar Energy Development in Six Southwestern States (Final Programmatic EIS) (BLM/DES 11-49, DOE/EIS-0403) and associated Proposed BLM Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendments.

DATES: BLM planning regulations state that any person who meets the conditions as described in the regulations may protest the BLM's Final Programmatic EIS and Proposed RMP Amendments. A person who meets the conditions and files a protest must file the protest within 30 days of the date that the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability (NOA) in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Final Programmatic EIS and Proposed RMP Amendments have been sent to affected Federal, state, and local government agencies and to other stakeholders. Copies of the Final Programmatic EIS and Proposed RMP Amendments, references, and additional information regarding solar energy development are available at the project Web site: <http://solareis.anl.gov>. Electronic copies of the Final Programmatic EIS and Proposed RMP Amendments are available through the BLM Web site at <http://www.blm.gov>. The Final Programmatic EIS is also available on the DOE National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Web site at <http://energy.gov/nepa>.

All protests must be in writing and mailed to one of the following addresses:

Regular Mail

BLM Director (210), Attention: Brenda Williams, P.O. Box 71383, Washington, DC 20024-1383.

Overnight Mail

BLM Director (210), Attention: Brenda Williams, 20 M Street SE., Room 2134LM, Washington, DC 20003.

Publication of a Final EIS Notice of Availability does not trigger a formal public comment period. The Agencies, however, may choose to review any comments submitted following the publication of the Final EIS NOA and use them to inform the Records of Decision. Those individuals wishing to submit comments are asked to do so through the Solar Programmatic EIS project Web site (<http://solareis.anl.gov>). Individuals should note that the Agencies will consider such comments only to the extent practicable and will not respond to comments individually.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Shannon Stewart, Solar Energy Program Lead, BLM Washington Office, by email at shannon_stewart@blm.gov, or by telephone at 202-912-7219, to request CDs or printed copies of the Final Programmatic EIS, or for further information. Requests for information related to DOE's proposed action may be directed to Jane Summerson, DOE Solar Programmatic EIS Document Manager, by email at jane.summerson@ee.doe.gov, or by telephone at 202-287-6188. For general information regarding the DOE NEPA process, contact Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance, GC-54, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, by telephone at 202-586-4600, leave a message at 1-800-472-2756, or by email at askNEPA@hq.doe.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Copies of the Final Programmatic EIS and Proposed RMP Amendments are available for public inspection at the following BLM office locations:

- Arizona State Office, One North Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona 85004.
- Caliente Field Office, U.S. Highway 93 Building #1, Caliente, Nevada 89008.
- California Desert District, 22835 Calle San Juan De Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, California 92553.
- California State Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Suite W-1623, Sacramento, California 95825.
- Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street Lakewood, Colorado 80215.
- Cedar City Field Office, 176 East D.L. Sargent Drive Cedar City, Utah 84721.
- El Centro Field Office, 1661 S. 4th Street El Centro, California 92243.
- Lake Havasu Field Office, 2610 Sweetwater Avenue Lake Havasu City, Arizona 86406.
- Las Cruces District Office, 1800 Marquess Street Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.
- Lower Sonoran Field Office, 21605 N. 7th Avenue Phoenix, Arizona 85027.
- Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Boulevard Reno, Nevada 89502.
- New Mexico State Office, 301 Dinosaur Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87508.
- Palm Springs—South Coast Field Office, 1201 Bird Center Drive Palm Springs, California 92262.
- San Luis Valley Public Lands Center, 1803 West Highway 160, Monte Vista, Colorado 81144.
- Southern Nevada District Office, 4701 North Torrey Pines, Las Vegas, Nevada 89130.
- Tonopah Field Office, 1553 South Main Street Tonopah, Nevada 89049.
- Utah State Office, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101.

On December 17, 2010 (75 FR 78980), the Agencies published a Draft Programmatic EIS for Solar Energy Development in Six Southwestern States (Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah). Public comments were accepted through May 2, 2011. More than 80,500 comments were received. The public, as well as many cooperating agencies, offered suggestions on how the Agencies could increase the utility of the document, strengthen the proposed BLM Solar Energy Program, and increase certainty regarding solar energy development on BLM-administered lands.

On October 28, 2011 (76 FR 66958), the Agencies published a Supplement to the Draft Programmatic EIS for Solar Energy Development in Six Southwestern States. Public comments were accepted through January 27, 2012. More than 131,000 comments were received. The Agencies considered all