

United States portion of the LRGFCP as required by NEPA. The plaintiffs also alleged that the USIBWC had not entered into formal consultation with the USFWS pursuant to section 7 of the ESA with respect to the impacts of the United States portion of the LRGFCP on federally-listed threatened or endangered species.

In a 1990 Consent Decree administered by the United States District Court of the District of Columbia, the USIBWC agreed to enter into formal consultation with the USFWS regarding the impacts of all vegetation clearing activities of the LRGFCP on federally listed species. The consultation process resulted in an issuance by the USFWS of a Biological Opinion (BO) on May 6, 1993. The USFWS has recently reissued a new BO. In addition to formal consultation with USFWS, USIBWC agreed to the preparation of this EIS, which specifically addresses alternative vegetation maintenance practices.

This DEIS presents and analyzes the impacts of current and alternative USIBWC vegetation maintenance practices to fulfill commitments under the IBWC Minutes, the Consent Decree, and the new BO. The pertinent elements of the LRGFCP vegetation maintenance program are based on the need to:

- Maintain channel banks to provide adequate flood conveyance.
- Equitably divert flood flows into interior floodways.
- Remove brush and other obstructions within floodways.
- Maintain a wildlife corridor per the USFWS BO and the 1994 LRGFCP Off-River Wildlife Travel Corridor Plan.

Four potential vegetation maintenance alternatives, including the current USIBWC maintenance program, are considered and analyzed in the DEIS. The Preferred Alternative is the Continued Maintenance Alternative (No-Action), representing the continuation of the current USIBWC vegetation maintenance program.

A copy of the DEIS has been filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with 40 CFR parts 1500–1508 and USIBWC procedures. Written comments concerning the DEIS will be accepted at the address provided above until August 29, 2003.

Dated: July 2, 2003.

Mario Lewis,
General Counsel.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meetings

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: National Science Foundation, National Science Board.

PLACE: The National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard—Room 130, Arlington, VA 22230, <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb>.

CONTACT FOR INFORMATION: Robert Webber (703) 292–7000.

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Teleconference of the NSB Education and Human Resources Committee Undergraduate Working Group.

Open

Discussion of Undergraduate Working Group plans and activities.

Robert Webber,

Policy Analyst, NSBO.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to OMB and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for review of continued approval of information collections under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. *The title of the information collection:* 10 CFR part 71, “Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Material.”

2. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150–0008.

3. *How often the collection is required:* Applications for package certification may be made at any time. Required reports are collected and evaluated on a continuing basis as events occur.

4. *Who is required or asked to report:* All NRC specific licensees who place byproduct, source, or special nuclear material into transportation, and all persons who wish to apply for NRC

approval of package designs for use in such transportation.

5. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 250 licensees.

6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 42,301 hours (37,301 hours for reporting requirements and 5,000 for recordkeeping requirements).

7. *Abstract:* NRC regulations in 10 CFR part 71 establish requirements for packing, preparation for shipment, and transportation of licensed material, and prescribe procedures, standards, and requirements for approval by NRC of packaging and shipping procedures for fissile material and for quantities of licensed material in excess of Type A quantities.

Submit, by September 9, 2003, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the burden estimate accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O–1 F21, Rockville, MD 20852. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide Web site: (<http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment/omb/index.html>). The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, T–6 E6, Washington, DC 20555–0001, by telephone at (301) 415–7233, or by Internet electronic mail at INFOCOLLECTS@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of July, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Beth St. Mary,

Acting NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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