

granted in FE Order No. EA-225. Consequently, DOE believes that it has adequately satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 through the documentation of a categorical exclusion in the FE Docket EA-225 proceeding.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above or by accessing the FE home page at <http://www.fe.de.gov>. Upon reaching the FE home page, select "Electricity Regulation" and then "Pending Proceedings" from the options menus.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket No. PP-85-2]

### Application To Transfer Presidential Permit; Westmin Resources, Inc. and Boliden Westmin (Canada) Limited

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Westmin Resources, Inc. (WRI) and Boliden Westmin (Canada) Limited (BWCL) jointly applied to transfer Presidential Permit PP-85-A from WRI to BWCL.

**DATES:** Comments, protests, or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before April 7, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests, or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Import/Export, FE-27, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rosalind Carter (Program Office) at 202-586-7983 or Michael T. Skinker (Program Attorney) at 202-586-2793.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of facilities at the international border of the United States for the transmission of electric energy between the United States and a foreign country is prohibited in the absence of a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 10485, as amended by EO 12038.

Existing Presidential permits are not transferable or assignable. However, in the event of a proposed voluntary transfer of facilities, in accordance with the regulations at 10 CFR 205.323, the existing permit holder and the transferee are required to file a joint application for transfer of the permit that includes a statement of reasons for the transfer.

On October 5, 1988, DOE issued Presidential Permit PP-85 to WRI for a 35,000-volt alternating current transmission line which crosses the U.S. international border from British Columbia, Canada, passes through the State of Alaska, and re-enters British Columbia at a second point on the U.S. international border. On November 13, 1989, at the request of WRI, DOE reissued the Presidential permit (PP-85-A) in the name of Westmin Mines, Inc.

On October 22, 2002, WRI and BWCL jointly filed an application to transfer Presidential Permit PP-85-A from WRI to BWCL. BWCL is a Canadian corporation and an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Boliden Mineral AB, a Swedish corporation. BWCL will own and operate the U.S. portion of the transmission facilities.

**Procedural Matters:** Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the FERC's rules of practice and procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each petition and protest should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above.

Additional copies of such petitions to intervene or protests also should be filed directly with: W.S. Garton AND James Lemoine, Bull, Housser & Tupper, 3000-1055 West George Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6E 3R3, Canada.

Before a Presidential permit may be issued or amended, the DOE must determine that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system. In addition, DOE must consider the environmental impacts of the proposed action (*i.e.*, granting the Presidential permit, with any conditions and limitations, or denying the permit) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. DOE also must obtain the concurrence of the Secretary

<sup>1</sup> In the application for transfer of Presidential Permit PP-85-A, the applicants submitted information indicating that on June 14, 1993, Westmin Mines, Inc. changed its name to Westmin Resources, Inc.

of State and the Secretary of Defense before taking final action on a Presidential permit application.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above. In addition, the application may be reviewed or downloaded from the Fossil Energy home page at: <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy home page, select "Electricity Regulation" from the options menu, and then "Pending Proceedings."

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Investigations Into Possible Noncompliance of Motor Vehicles

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3051 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Investigations into Possible Noncompliance of Motor Vehicles, EPA ICR Number 0222.06, OMB 2060-0086, expires 31 August 2003. 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 May 20, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Follow the detailed instructions in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard W. Nash, Certification and Compliance Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 2000 Traverwood Dr, Ann Arbor MI 48105, (734) 214-4412, [nash.dick@epa.gov](mailto:nash.dick@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EPA has established a public docket for this ICR