

Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Those individuals requesting a hearing on an application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the permit action summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

#### Species Covered in This Notice

The following species and evolutionarily significant units (ESU's) are covered in this notice:

##### *Sea Turtles*

##### *Fish*

Shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*).

#### New Applications Received

*Application 1273:* The North Carolina Aquarium Division proposes to continue to maintain 17 endangered shortnose sturgeon for the purposes of public education through species enhancement as identified in the Final Recovery Plan for Shortnose Sturgeon.

#### Permits and Modifications Issued

*Permit 1254:* Notice was published on June 28, 2000 (65 FR 39869) that Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation/Dynergy Danskammer, L.L.C. & Dynergy Roseton, L.L.C. applied for a scientific research permit (1254). The applicant has requested a scientific research permit to conduct a monitoring study as part of an incidental take permit for the operation of the Roseton and Danskammer Point power plants. The applicant will be collecting larvae, juvenile and adult shortnose sturgeon in various location in the Hudson River between the estuary and River mile 65. Permit 1254 was issued on November 29, 2000, authorizing take of listed species. Permit 1254 expires August 31, 2005.

Dated: December 1, 2000.

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*Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Corps of Engineers; Grant of Partially Exclusive License

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 37 CFR 404.7(b)(1)(i), announcement is made of a prospective partially exclusive license of U.S. Patent No. 5,202,034 entitled "Apparatus and Method for Removing Water from Aqueous Sludges," issued April 13, 1993.

**DATES:** Written objections must be filed not later than February 5, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** United States Army Corps of Engineers Research and Development Center, Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory, ATTN: CEERD-RV-1 (Ms. Sharon Borland), 72 Lyme Road, Hanover, NH 03755-1290.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Sharon Borland, ATTN: CEERD-RV-1; (603) 646-4735, FAX (603) 646-4448; Internet

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Patent No. 5,202,034 entitled "Apparatus and Method for Removing Water from Aqueous Sludges," issued April 13, 1993. The concrete armor unit was invented by Dr. C. James Martel. The United States of America owns the rights to this technology. The United States of America as represented by the Secretary of the Army intends to grant a partially exclusive license for all fields of use, in the manufacture, use, and sale of the patented technology in the territories and possessions of the U.S.A. and Canada, and in the field of use in the pulp and paper industry globally, to 3131807 Canada, Inc., a consortium comprising two companies: Le Groupe STEICA, Inc. of Sherbrooke, Quebec, and BESTH20, Inc. of La Prairie, Quebec, with principal offices at 170, rue des Pivoines, Le Prairie, Quebec, Canada J5R 5J6. Pursuant to 37 CFR

404.7(b)(1)(i), any interested party may file a written objection to this prospective exclusive license agreement.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 8, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Lauren Wittenberg, Acting Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address *Lauren\_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 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 Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, 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