

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given of the forthcoming meeting of the 2003 S&T Review and the leadership of the Air Force Materiel Command. The purpose of the meeting is to allow the SAB leadership to advise the commander of the AFMC on the outcome of the 2003 Review. Because classified and contractor-proprietary information will be discussed, this meeting will be closed to the public.

**DATES:** February 18, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Room 4E987, The Pentagon.  
**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Maj John Pernot, Air Force Scientific Advisory Board Secretariat, 1180 Air Force Pentagon, Rm 5D982, Washington DC 20330-1180, (703) 697-4811.

**Pamela D. Fitzgerald,**  
*Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers**

**Intent To Prepare a Joint Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for the Dredged Material Management Plan Feasibility Study, Los Angeles County, CA**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), the Port of Los Angeles, the City of Long Beach, and the County of Los Angeles propose to evaluate options for managing dredge materials in Los Angeles County.

**DATES:** A scoping meeting will be held on February 26, 2003, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Cesar Chavez Community Center located at 401 Golden Avenue in Long Beach, CA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions regarding the scoping process or preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) may be directed to Mr. Paul Rose, Chief, Environmental Resources Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 532711, Los Angeles, CA, 90053-2325, (213) 452-3840.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

1. *Proposed Action:* The Corps estimates that, within the Los Angeles Region, approximately 5 million cubic

meters (m<sup>3</sup>) of sediments deemed suitable for ocean disposal and 2.5 million m<sup>3</sup> of sediments deemed unsuitable for ocean disposal will need to be dredged from the Ports and Harbors of Los Angeles County over the next 10 years. However, there is currently a lack of readily available disposal options for the unsuitable sediments. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, L.A. District has determined that there is a federal interest to participate in a detailed feasibility study to develop a regional dredged material management plan.

2. *Alternatives:* Alternatives that may be considered include: no action, upland disposal, aquatic capping, near shore confined disposal facility (California Department of Fish and Game), shallow water habitat creation, chemical stabilization, washing, blending, physical separation, thermal desorption, construction fill, landfill daily cover, reclamation fill, oil well injections, and geotextile encapsulation. These alternatives, and any additional, reasonable, alternatives recommended through the public scoping process, will be evaluated by the Corps of Engineers.

3. *Scoping Process:* The Corps, the Port of Los Angeles, the City of Long Beach, and the County of Los Angeles are preparing a joint EIS/EIR to address potential impacts associated with the proposed project. The Corps is the lead Federal agency for compliance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the project, and the County of Los Angeles is the Lead State Agency for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the non-Federal aspects of the project. The draft EIS/EIR (DEIS/EIR) document will incorporate public concerns in the analysis of impacts associated with the proposed action and associated project alternatives. The DEIS/EIR will be sent out for a 45-day public review period, during which time both written and verbal comments will be solicited on the adequacy of the document. The final EIS/EIR (FEIS/EIR) will address the comments received on the DEIS/EIR during public review, and will be furnished to all who commented on the DEIS/EIR, and is made available to anyone that requests a copy during the 30-day public comment period. The final steps involves, for the Federal EIS, preparing a record of decision (ROD) and, for the State EIR, certifying the EIR and adopting a mitigation monitoring and reporting plan. The ROD is a concise summary of the decisions made by the Corps from among the alternatives presented in the FEIS/EIR.

The ROD can be published immediately after the FEIS public

comment period ends. A certified EIR indicates that the environmental document adequately assesses the environmental impacts of the proposed project with respect to CEQA. A formal scoping meeting to solicit public comment and concerns on the proposed action and alternatives will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2003 (see **DATES**).

Dated: January 31, 2003.

**Richard G. Thompson,**  
*Colonel, U.S. Army, District Engineer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

[Docket No. IC03-423-000, FERC Form No. 423]

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**Commission Collection Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension**

February 6, 2003.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due by April 9, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained from Michael Miller, Office of the Executive Director, ED-30, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments on the proposed collection of information may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those parties filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filings, the original and 14 copies of such comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426 and should refer to Docket No. 03-423-000.

Documents filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in WordPerfect, MS Word, Portable Document Format, or ASCII format. To file the document, access the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> and click on "Make an E-filing," and then follow the instructions

for each screen. First time users will have to establish a user name and password. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgment to the sender's E-mail address upon receipt of comments. User assistance for electronic filings is available at (202) 502-8258 or by e-mail to [efiling@ferc.gov](mailto:efiling@ferc.gov). Comments should not be submitted to this e-mail address.

All comments may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely via the Internet through FERC's homepage using the FERRIS link. For user assistance, contact [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676 or for TTY, contact (202)502-8659.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 502-8415, by fax at (202) 208-2425 and by E-mail at [michael.miller@ferc.gov](mailto:michael.miller@ferc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The information collected under the requirements of FERC Form No. 423, "Monthly Report of Cost and Quality of Fuels for Electric Plants" (OMB No. 1902-0024) is used by the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing provisions of the Federal Power Act (FPA) as amended by the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA).

The Commission uses the information reported on FERC Form No. 423 to conduct fuel reviews under section 205(a) and (e) of the FPA, and to prepare expert testimony in electric utility rate cases filed with the Commission. The Form 423 data provides the only effective means for assessing the potential impact of new developments on the future utility fuel supply patterns. The Commission's staff compare delivered fuel costs for utilities receiving like fuels of similar quality; detect consistently high cost patterns or irregularities indicative of possible uneconomic fuel purchase practices; evaluate the economic effect of unusual fuel purchases practices, such as buying fuel from affiliate fuel sources, as opposed to selecting buyers by competitive bids, and investigate a broad range of fuel costs and fuel purchase practice issues raised in contested rate proceedings.

With the transition to power markets the data from FERC Form 423, in conjunction with other data sources, allow Commission staff to identify potential out-of-merit dispatch practices by system operators, a quick source for estimating the thermal efficiency of individual plants and when used in conjunction with bid data, indicates the efficiency of markets by identifying the

key components associated with generators' variable costs.

The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR 141.61. The statutory authorities for this mandatory information collection requirement are sections 205, of the Federal Power Act, as amended by section 208 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (49 Stat. 851; 16 U.S.C. 824d).

**Action**

The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date with no changes to the existing collection of data. It should be noted that during OMB's last review of Form 423, the Commission was directed prior to its next submission to OMB, to make a determination as to whether the information reported on Form 423 should be confidential. In order to assist the Commission in making that determination, the Commission seeks comments on how the public disclosure of information contained on Form 423 harms the competitive position of reporting parties and adversely affects the competitiveness of the market. *Burden Statement:* Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as:

| Number of respondents<br>(1) | Annual responses per respondent<br>(2) | Average burden hours per response<br>(3) | Total burden hours<br>(1)×(2)×(3) |
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| 584 .....                    | 12                                     | 1                                        | 7,008                             |

*Estimated Burden:* 7,008 total burden hours, 584 respondents, 12 responses annually, 1.0 hours per response (average). In Order No. 622, 66 FR 67076 (December 28, 2001), the Commission amended its regulations to provide for electronic filing of Form No. 423 commencing with the January 2002 filing. These changes to the reporting requirements resulted in a reduction in burden for all respondents.

Estimated cost burden to respondents is \$394,338; (i.e., 7,008 hours divided by 2,080 hours per full time employee per year multiplied by \$117,041 per year equals \$394,338)(rounded off).

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information;

(3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The estimate of cost for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are costs incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather than anyone particular function or activity.

*Comments are invited on:* (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance

of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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