

and hydropower generated by the Army Corps of Engineers on the Missouri River to supply power to Western. This study applies only to Western's Upper Great Plains Region (UGPR).

DATES: An entity interested in commenting on the Draft WHFS report must submit written comments to Western's Upper Great Plains Office at the address below. Western must receive written and/or electronic comments by 4 p.m., Mountain Daylight Time, on February 13, 2009. Western reserves the right to not consider any comments received after the prescribed date and time.

Western will hold a public meeting on the Draft Feasibility Study Report associated with the WHFS. The public meeting date is: January 13, at 1 p.m., Mountain Standard Time. The public meeting location is the Best Western Ramkota Hotel, 2111 N. LaCrosse Street, Rapid City, SD.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Mr. Robert J. Harris, Regional Manager, Upper Great Plains Region, Western Area Power Administration, 2900 4th Avenue North, Billings, MT 59101-1266, or e-mail UGPWindHydroFS@wapa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael A. Radecki, Energy Services Specialist, Upper Great Plains Region, Western Area Power Administration, 2900 4th Avenue North, Billings, MT 59101-1266, telephone (406) 247-7442, or e-mail radecki@wapa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Energy Policy Act of 2005, Public Law 109-58 amended Title XXVI of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to, *inter alia*, add a new Section 2606 (25 U.S.C. 3506). Section 2606 requires that the Secretary of Energy, in coordination with the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary [of the Interior], shall conduct a study of the cost and feasibility of developing a demonstration project that uses wind energy generated by Indian tribes and hydropower generated by the Army Corps of Engineers on the Missouri River to supply firming power to the Western Area Power Administration.

25 U.S.C. 3506(a) also directed the formation of a study team to include an independent tribal engineer and a Western customer representative. In March 2007, through written correspondence, Western requested nominations for an independent tribal engineer from each of the 25 Indian tribes in the UGPR. Three Indian tribes and one tribal organization responded and served as WHFS study team members. Western solicited non-tribal customer representation through the

Mid-West Electric Consumers Association, which represents the majority of Western's customers in the UGPR. Three UGPR customers served as customer representative project team members.

Western requested public comment on the draft WHFS work plan through notice published in the **Federal Register** / Vol. 72 No. 181, pg. 53560-53561, on Wednesday, September 19, 2007. Additionally, a public meeting was held in Bismarck, North Dakota, on September 27, 2007. The final WHFS work plan was issued on November 5, 2007.

Objectives

Section 2606 (25 U.S.C. 3505 (c)), required that a report describing the results of the study be prepared and include an analysis and comparison of the potential energy cost or benefits to the customers of the Western Area Power Administration through the use of combined wind and hydropower; an economic and engineering evaluation of whether a combined wind and hydropower system can reduce reservoir fluctuation, enhance efficient and reliable energy production, and provide Missouri River management flexibility; if found feasible, recommendations for a demonstration project to be carried out by the Western Area Power Administration, in partnership with an Indian tribal government or tribal energy resource development organization, and Western Area Power Administration customers to demonstrate the feasibility and potential of using wind energy produced on Indian land to supply firming energy to the Western Area Power Administration; and an identification of the economic and environmental costs of, or benefits to be realized through, a Federal-tribal-customer partnership; and the manner in which a Federal-tribal-customer partnership could contribute to the energy security of the United States.

WHFS Draft Report

Western seeks public comment on the Draft WHFS report.

The Draft WHFS report has been structured to address the requirements of section 2606, as well as incorporate and make best use of previous wind integration and transmission studies. In particular, the study has incorporated the results of the Dakota Wind Transmission study, October 2005, to the extent appropriate. The WHFS report also documents efforts undertaken to fulfill the objectives identified in the WHFS work plan.

Availability of Information

The Draft WHFS report is available for inspection and copying at the UGPR office located at 2900 4th Ave. North, Billings, Montana. Comments and responses to comments on the Draft WHFS report will be available for inspection and copying at this location after the comment period closes. The Draft WHFS report and future WHFS documents are/will be available for viewing at <http://www.wapa.gov/ugp/PowerMarketing/WindHydro/Default.htm>.

WHFS Report Procedure Requirements

Environmental Compliance

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*); Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508); and DOE NEPA Implementing Procedures and Guidelines (10 CFR part 1021), Western has determined the WHFS is encompassed within a class of action listed in Appendix A to Subpart D (10 CFR 1021.410) which lists actions not normally requiring the preparation of either an Environmental Impact Statement or an Environmental Assessment. Specifically, the WHFS action met the categorical exclusion listed under A9 of Appendix A to Subpart D of part 1021 "Information gathering/data analysis/document preparation/dissemination," which specifically includes feasibility studies.

Dated: December 3, 2008.

Timothy J. Meeks,
Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0255; FRL-8751-7]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Foreign Purchaser Acknowledgment Statement of Unregistered Pesticides; EPA ICR No. 0161.11, OMB Control No. 2070-0027

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA)(44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that an Information Collection Request (ICR) has been

forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This is a request to renew an existing approved collection. The ICR, which is abstracted below, describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated burden and cost.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before January 14, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0255, to (1) EPA online using <http://www.regulations.gov> (our preferred method), by mail—Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Regulatory Public Docket (7502P), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, and (2) OMB by mail to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nathanael R. Martin, Field and External Affairs Division, Office of Pesticide Programs, 7506P, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 703-305-6475; fax number: 703-305-5884; e-mail address: martin.nathanael@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has submitted the following ICR to OMB for review and approval according to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12. On June 11, 2008 (73 FR 33081) EPA sought comments on this ICR pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). EPA received one comment on this ICR during the 60-day comment period and addressed them in the ICR. Any additional comments on this ICR should be submitted to EPA and OMB within 30 days of this notice.

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0255, which is available for online viewing at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or in person viewing at the OPP Regulatory Public Docket in Rm. S-4400, One Potomac Yard (South Building), 2777 S. Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA. The hours of operation of this Docket Facility are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

Use EPA's electronic docket and comment system at <http://www.regulations.gov>, to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the docket, and to access those documents in the docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "docket search," then key in the docket ID number identified

above. Please note that EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing at <http://www.regulations.gov> as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, Confidential Business Information (CBI), or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute. For further information about the electronic docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Title: Foreign Purchaser Acknowledgment Statement of Unregistered Pesticides

ICR numbers: EPA ICR No. 0161.11, OMB Control No. 2070-0027.

ICR Status: This ICR is scheduled to expire on February 28, 2009. Under OMB regulations, the Agency may continue to conduct or sponsor the collection of information while this submission is pending at OMB. An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations in title 40 of the CFR, after appearing in the **Federal Register** when approved, are listed in 40 CFR part 9, are displayed either by publication in the **Federal Register** or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable. The display of OMB control numbers in certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

Abstract: This information collection program is designed to enable EPA to provide notice to foreign purchasers of unregistered pesticides exported from the United States that the pesticide product cannot be sold in the United States. Section 17(a)(2) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) requires an exporter of any pesticide not registered under FIFRA section 3 or sold under FIFRA section 6(a)(1) to obtain a signed statement from the foreign purchaser acknowledging that the purchaser is aware that the pesticide is not registered for use in, and cannot be sold in, the United States. A copy of this statement must be transmitted to an appropriate official of the government in the importing country. The purpose of the purchaser acknowledgment statement requirement is to notify the government of the importing country that a pesticide judged hazardous to human health or the environment, or for which no such hazard assessment has been made, will be imported into that country. This information is submitted in the form of annual or per-shipment statements to

EPA, which maintains original records and transmits copies thereof to appropriate government officials of the countries which are importing the pesticides. Pursuant to 40 CFR part 168, responses to this collection of information are mandatory.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.06 hours per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements which have subsequently changed; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Manufacturers of pesticides and other agricultural chemicals, exporters of unregistered pesticide products.

Estimated No. of Respondents: 50.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 24,492 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Labor Costs: \$1,574,306.

Changes in Burden Estimates: The total estimated annual respondent burden for this ICR renewal is 24,492 hours, a reduction of 208 hours from the 24,700 total estimated burden hours in the currently-approved ICR. This change is an adjustment and reflects a decrease in the estimated average annual number of Foreign Purchaser Acknowledgment Statements that will be submitted to EPA.

Dated: December 8, 2008.

John Moses,

Acting Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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