

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from public disclosure, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold a respondent's identity from public disclosure, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Copies of the NEPA Handbook may also be requested from Theresa Taylor at the above address, via the Internet at nepa@do.usbr.gov, or by calling (303) 445-2826. The entire document is available at <http://www.usbr.gov/nepa> on the Internet.

Copies of the NEPA Handbook are available for public inspection and review at the following locations:

- Bureau of Reclamation, Reclamation Service Center Library, Building 67, Room 167, Denver Federal Center, 6th and Kipling, Denver, Colorado 80225; telephone: (303) 445-2072
- Natural Resources Library, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW., Main Interior Building, Washington DC 20240-0001

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Theresa Taylor, Bureau of Reclamation, Office of Policy, at (303) 445-2826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Requests for the document have depleted our supply. To accommodate requests, more copies are being printed for distribution. Reclamation's goal is to give the public a reasonable opportunity to review and offer comments on the content of this handbook. The NEPA Handbook was developed to assist Reclamation employees who are required to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act and various other environmental laws as part of their daily work. Reclamation's NEPA Handbook was first published in 1984, not in 1991 as previously reported on April 20, 2000. After Reclamation was re-organized in 1994 to reflect a de-centralization of decision making and authority, the NEPA Handbook needed major revisions to reflect the re-organization and to update the content. The handbook was extensively revised and has gone through various stages of review both internally and with the

Council on Environmental Quality. At the commencement of the extended public review period, comments received will be considered as part of a final revision of the handbook.

Dated: May 25, 2000.

Wayne O. Deason,

Associate Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Notice of Proposed Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing its intention to request approval for the collection of information for Requirements for Permits and Permit Processing, 30 CFR part 773.

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by August 1, 2000, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to John A. Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave, NW, Room 210-SIB, Washington, DC 20240. Comments may also be submitted electronically to jtreleas@osmre.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information and related forms, contact John A. Trelease at the address listed in **ADDRESSES**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities [see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)]. This notice identifies information collection that OSM will be submitting to OMB for extension. This collection is contained in 30 CFR part 773, Requirements for Permits and Permit Processing.

OSM has revised burden estimates, where appropriate, to reflect current

reporting levels or adjustments based on reestimates of burden or respondents. OSM will request a 3-year term of approval for each information collection activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information. A summary of the public comments will accompany OSM's submission of the information collection request to OMB.

This notice provides the public with 60 days in which to comment on the following information collection activity:

Title: Requirements for Permits and Permit Processing, 30 CFR Part 773.

OMB Control Number: 1029-0041.

Summary: The collection activities for this part ensure that the public has the opportunity to review permit applications prior to their approval, and that applicants for permanent program permits or their associates who are in violation of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act do not receive surface coal mining permits pending resolution of their violations.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency of Collection: Once.

Description of Respondents:

Applicants for surface coal mining and reclamation permits and State governments and Indian Tribes.

Total Annual Responses: 310.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,909.

Dated: May 30, 2000.

Richard G. Bryson,

Chief, Division of Regulatory Support.

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OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

AGENCY: Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), agencies are required to publish a Notice in the **Federal Register** notifying the public that the Agency has prepared an information collection request for OMB review and approval