

coverage level for the fishery). The modification increased the proposed numbers of turtles to be handled, measured, tagged and have samples collected by observers on longline vessels to: 40 green turtles; 100 leatherback turtles; 600 loggerhead turtles; 40 hawksbill turtles and 100 olive ridley turtles. The increases in maximum takes requested are proportional to the increase in observer coverage required.

The purpose of the research is to document and evaluate the incidental take of pelagic turtles by the longline fishery, to help estimate the impact of the fishery on listed turtles as individuals and as populations, and to determine methods to reduce that impact. Research will evaluate how incidental captures affect sea turtle anatomy and physiology as a function of season, location of take, water temperature, species, size, time of day, and gear configuration. The results of the research will help NMFS to better meet the goals and objectives of the Pacific Sea Turtle Recovery Plans, the Hooking Mortality Workshop, and the requirements of Section 7 Biological Opinions developed for this fishery, and ultimately, to fulfill ESA responsibilities to protect, conserve, and recover listed species.

Modification #2 to Permit #1190 was issued on February 20, 2001, authorizing take of listed species. Permit 1190 expires March 31, 2004.

Dated: March 2, 2001.

Margaret Lorenz,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D.022701C]

Marine Mammals; File No.775-1600

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Micheal P. Sissenwine, Northeast Fisheries Science Center, NMFS, 166 Water Street, Woods Hole, Massachusetts 02543-1026, has been issued a permit to take harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), gray seals (*Halichoerus grypus*), harp seals (*Phoca*

groenlandica), and hooded seals (*Cystophora cristata*) for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before April 9, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (508)281-9250; fax (508)281-9371.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tammy Adams or Ruth Johnson, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 27, 2000, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 64432) that a request for a scientific research permit to take seven species of baleen whale, twenty species of odontocetes, and four species of pinnipeds had been submitted by the above-named organization.

The requested permit has been issued for the four species of pinniped only under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Dated: March 6, 2001.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

U.S. Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group; Meeting

AGENCY: USSTRATCOM, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) will meet in closed session on April 16 and 27, 2001. The mission of the SAG is to provide timely advice on scientific, technical, and policy-related issues to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Strategic Command, during the development of the nation's strategic war plans. At this meeting, the SAG will

discuss strategic issues that relate to the development of the Single Integrated Operational Plan (SIOP). Full development of the topics will require discussion of information classified in accordance with Executive Order 12958, April 15, 1995. Access to this information must be strictly limited to personnel having requisite security clearances and specific need-to-know. Unauthorized disclosure of the information to be discussed at the SAG meeting could have exceptionally grave impact upon national defense.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, (5 U.S.C. App 2), it has been determined that this SAG meeting concerns matters listed in 5 USC 552b(c) and that, accordingly, this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: March 1, 2001.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, DoD.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Army Science Board; Open Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following Committee Meeting:

Name of Committee: Army Science Board (ASB).

Date of Meeting: 13, 14, and 15 March 2001.

Time of Meeting: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Place: Main Conference Room, SAIC, 1710 Solutions Dr., McLean, VA.

Agenda: The Army Science Board's (ASB) Objective Force Soldier/Soldier Teams study will meet for the second of three Plenary Meeting to receive updates from panel breakouts, receive presentations of various subject topics as it pertains to the study, and discuss/plans for forthcoming meetings. This meeting will be open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the committee at the time and in the manner permitted by the committee. For further information, please contact Mr. Mike Hendricks on (703) 617-7048.

Wayne Joyner,

Program Support Specialist, Army Science Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission

[Docket No. RP01-235-000]

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation;
Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC
Gas Tariff

March 2, 2001.

Take notice that on February 26, 2001, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, Third Revised Sheet No. 434 and Fourth Revised Sheet No. 435, with a proposed effective date of March 28, 2001.

National Fuel states that the purpose of the instant filing is to facilitate compliance with Order No. 637 and the revised reporting requirements in Section 161.3(1)(2) of the Commission's Regulations.

National Fuel states that copies of this filing were served upon its customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY

[FRL-6950-3]

Agency Information Collection
Activities: Proposed Collection;
Comment Request; National Oil and
Hazardous Substance Contingency
PlanAGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan, EPA ICR No. 1463.05, OMB No. 2050-0096, expiring on July 3, 2001. 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 8, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted to the Community Involvement and Outreach Center, Office of Emergency and Remedial Response, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Ariel Rios Building, Washington, DC 20460, Mail Code: 5204-G, 703-603-8889. Persons interested in obtaining a copy of the ICR without charge may call the telephone number above to request a free copy.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lois Gartner, telephone number: 703-603-8889, facsimile number: 703-603-9100, e-mail address: gartner.lois@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those states and members of the public that voluntarily participate in the remedial phase of the Superfund process and those members of the public that voluntarily participate in community involvement activities during some or all phases of the Superfund process.

Title: National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (OMB Control No. 2050-0096, EPA ICR No. 1463.05) expiring on July 3, 2001.

Abstract: The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA or Superfund; 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*), as amended, establishes broad Federal authority to undertake removal and remedial actions in response to

releases or threats of releases of hazardous substances and certain pollutants and contaminants into the environment. The National Contingency Plan sets forth requirements for carrying out the response authorities established under CERCLA. In addition, the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA) requires EPA to determine and report to Congress on its effectiveness, including community involvement activities.

For states, this ICR addresses the recordkeeping and reporting provisions of the NCP that affect those states that voluntarily participate in the remedial phase of the Superfund program. (Recordkeeping and reporting requirements of the pre-remedial phase—except those tied to community involvement—have been addressed in the ICR prepared for the revisions to the Hazard Ranking System (HRS) (OMB Control No. 2050-0095). Recordkeeping and reporting provisions for the removal program—except, again, those tied to community involvement—also are not included in this ICR because the Federal government has the lead for removal actions.) Remedial responses under the Superfund program fall into the pre-remedial phase (during which the extent of site contamination is assessed) and the remedial phase (during which investigations are conducted to identify and characterize contaminants present and to determine viable remedies for a site, the remedy is chosen and the cleanup or construction is completed). The NCP includes the following reporting and recordkeeping provisions for the remedial phase of the Superfund program:

(1) States that voluntarily take the lead in remedial activities at Superfund sites must conduct the activities in a manner consistent with CERCLA (40 CFR 300.515(a)). Therefore, at a state-lead site, the state must: develop a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS); prepare a Proposed Plan; issue a Record of Decision (ROD); complete community interviews; prepare a Community Involvement Plan (CIP), and provide information to the public; and

(2) States must identify and communicate potential state applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements (ARARs) at all Superfund sites within the state (40 CFR 300.400(g)).

In addition, this ICR addresses the recordkeeping and reporting provisions of the NCP that affect communities voluntarily providing their concerns to the lead agency about the Superfund process. This ICR also addresses the recordkeeping and reporting provisions