

Dated: December 23, 1997.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
Administration**

[I.D. 121897A]

**Marine Mammals; Scientific Research  
Permit No. 875-1401**

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

**ACTION:** Scientific research permit  
amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a  
request for amendment of scientific  
research permit no. 875-1401 submitted  
by Dr. Christopher W. Clark, Cornell  
University, Ithaca, New York 14850, has  
been granted.

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

Permits Division, Office of Protected  
Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West  
Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring,  
MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Director, Southwest Region, NMFS,  
501 West Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA  
90802-4213 (562/980-4001).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On  
November 14, 1997, notice was  
published in the **Federal Register** (62  
FR 61093) that an amendment of permit  
no. 875-1401, issued September 8, 1997  
(62 FR 48611) had been requested by the  
above-name individual. The requested  
amended permit has been issued under  
the authority of the Marine Mammal  
Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16  
U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations  
Governing the Taking and Importing of  
Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216); the  
Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973,  
as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the  
Regulations Governing the Taking,  
Importing, and Exporting of Endangered  
Fish and Wildlife (50 CFR part 222); and  
the Fur Seal Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C.  
1151-1175). Issuance of this permit, as  
required by the ESA, was based on a  
finding that such permit: (1) Was  
applied for in good faith; (2) will not  
operate to the disadvantage of the  
endangered species which is the subject  
of this permit; and (3) is consistent with  
the purposes and policies set forth in

section 2 of the ESA. The requested  
amendment has been issued 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).

Permit No. 875-1401 currently  
authorizes the harassment of several  
species of marine mammals during the  
conduct of research to study the effects  
of low-frequency sound produced by the  
Navy's Surface Towed Array  
Surveillance System Low Frequency  
Active (SURTASS LFA) system on the  
behavior of blue whales (*Balaenoptera  
musculus*) and fin whales (*Balaenoptera  
physalus*) feeding in the Southern  
California Bight during September/  
October of 1997 and/or 1998. The  
permit has been amended to provide for:  
1) the conduct of playback experiments  
using a SURTASS LFA sound source to  
study behavioral responses of gray  
whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*) to  
SURTASS LFA signals and related  
stimuli; and 2) radio tagging via suction  
cup attachment of up to 14 gray whales.  
Individuals of several other species of  
cetaceans, pinnipeds, and possibly sea  
turtles, may be taken (*i.e.*, by  
harassment or auditory temporary  
threshold shift) during during the  
proposed experiments.

In compliance with the National  
Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42  
U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an EA examining  
the environmental consequences of  
issuing the requested amended permit  
has been prepared. Based upon this EA,  
NMFS has concluded that issuance of  
the requested permit will not have a  
significant effect on the human  
environment.

Dated: December 30, 1997.

**Ann D. Terbush**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**GENERAL SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION**

**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND  
SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0134]

**Submission for OMB Review;  
Comment Request Entitled  
Environmentally Sound Products**

**AGENCIES:** Department of Defense (DOD),  
General Services Administration (GSA),

and National Aeronautics and Space  
Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice of request for an  
extension to an existing OMB clearance.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the  
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44  
U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal  
Acquisition Regulation (FAR)  
Secretariat has submitted to the Office  
of Management and Budget (OMB) a  
request to review and approve an  
extension of a currently approved  
information collection requirement  
concerning Environmentally Sound  
Products. A request for public  
comments was published at 62 FR  
55788, October 28, 1997. No comments  
were received.

**DATES:** Comments may be submitted on  
or before February 5, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Ralph DeStefano, Federal Acquisition  
Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-1758.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding this  
burden estimate or any other aspect of  
this collection of information, including  
suggestions for reducing this burden,  
should be submitted to: FAR Desk  
Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB,  
Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to  
the General Services Administration,  
FAR Secretariat, 1800 F Street, NW,  
Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405.  
Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0134,  
Environmentally Sound Products, in all  
correspondence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. Purpose**

This information collection complies  
with Section 6002 of the Resource  
Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)  
(42 U.S.C. 6962). RCRA requires the  
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
to designate items which are or can be  
produced with recovered materials.  
RCRA further requires agencies to  
develop affirmative procurement  
programs to ensure that items composed  
of recovered materials will be purchased  
to the maximum extent practicable.  
Affirmative procurement programs  
required under RCRA must contain, as  
a minimum (1) a recovered materials  
preference program and an agency  
promotion program for the preference  
program; (2) a program for requiring  
estimates of the total percentage of  
recovered materials used in the  
performance of a contract, certification  
of minimum recovered material content  
actually used, where appropriate, and  
reasonable verification procedures for  
estimates and certifications; and (3)  
annual review and monitoring of the  
effectiveness of an agency's affirmative  
procurement program.

In accordance with RCRA, the information collection applies to acquisitions requiring minimum percentages of recovered materials, when the price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or when the aggregate amount paid for the item or functionally equivalent items in the preceding fiscal year was \$10,000 or more.

Contracting officers use the information to verify offeror/contractor compliance with solicitation and contract requirements regarding the use of recovered materials. Additionally, agencies use the information in the annual review and monitoring of the effectiveness of the affirmative procurement programs required by RCRA.

### B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: Respondents, 64,350; responses per respondent, 1; total annual responses, 64,350; preparation hours per response, .5; and total response burden hours, 32,175.

*Obtaining Copies of Proposals:* Requester may obtain a copy of the justification from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), Room 4037, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB control No. 9000-0134, Environmentally Sound Products, in all correspondence.

Dated: December 31, 1997.

**Sharon A. Kiser,**  
FAR Secretariat.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0014]

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request Entitled Statement and Acknowledgment (Standard Form 1413)

**AGENCIES:** Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension of an existing OMB clearance (9000-0014).

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Statement and Acknowledgment (Standard Form 1413). The clearance currently expires on April 30, 1998.

**DATES:** Comments may be submitted on or before March 9, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jack O'Neill, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-3856.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, should be submitted to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat, 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0014, Statement and Acknowledgment (Standard Form 1413), in all correspondence.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### A. Purpose

Standard Form 1413, Statement and Acknowledgment, is used by all Executive Agencies, including the Department of Defense, to obtain a statement from contractors that the proper clauses have been included in subcontracts. The form includes a signed contractor acknowledgment of the inclusion of those clause in the subcontract.

#### Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .15 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: Respondents, 14,000; responses per respondent, 1.5; total annual responses, 21,000; preparation hours per response, .15; and total response burden hours, 3,150.

*Obtaining Copies of Proposals:* Requester may obtain a copy of the justification from the General Services

Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0014, Statement and Acknowledgment, Standard Form 1413, in all correspondence.

Dated: December 31, 1997.

**Sharon A. Kiser,**

FAR Secretariat.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans; Meeting

**AGENCY:** President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans, ED.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting of executive board.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Executive Board of the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans (Commission). Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is intended to notify the public of their opportunity to attend. Less than fifteen-day notice is given because of administrative misunderstandings regarding the Executive Board's meeting guidelines.

**DATES AND TIMES:** Friday, January 9, 1997, 9:00 a.m.-5:45 p.m. (est) and Saturday, January 10, 1997, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (est).

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Ave., SW., Room 2145, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Edmundo DeLeon, Special Assistant, White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans (Initiative) at 202-401-1411 (telephone), 202-401-8377 (FAX), ed\_DeLeon@ed.gov (e-mail) or mail: U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Ave. SW., room 2115; Washington, DC 20202-3601.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commission was established under Executive Order 12900 (February 22, 1994) to provide the President and the Secretary of Education with advice on: (1) The progress of Hispanic Americans toward achievement of the National Goals and other standards of educational accomplishment; (2) the development, monitoring, and education for Hispanic Americans; (3)