

International Boundary (SIB) river reach bounded by the levees in Arizona and Baja California Norte, Mexico.

The EIS will discuss separately, among other laws and regulations, the requirements of international agreements with Mexico regarding the preservation of the boundary and channel and carrying capacity, and maintenance activities considered for the project, the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, the National Historic Preservation Act and others, as appropriate. Studies will include an analysis of impacts of alternatives for preservation of the boundary and channel and carrying capacity, and maintenance activities in relation to baseline flood flow design capacity, floodplain and channel maintenance, changes in the international boundary channel since 1972, and effects from upstream sediment input. Alternatives could include channel excavation/dredging, channel realignment, and levee improvements, or a combination of these alternatives.

The alternatives are influenced to varying degrees by obligations and rights reserved by the governments of the United States and Mexico in the Treaty for "Utilization of Waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande" signed on February 3, 1944 (1944 Water Treaty), the "Treaty to Resolve Pending Boundary Differences and Maintain the Rio Grande and Colorado Rivers as the International Boundary Between the United States of America and Mexico" dated November 23, 1970, and international agreements concluded thereunder as International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico (IBWC) Minutes.

The EIS will address impacts in the United States of activities in the United States related to alternatives for a long term boundary preservation and carrying capacity improvement project, the LCRBCPP, which is under consideration by the United States and Mexico for the project reach. None of these conditions can be dealt with effectively as a single issue or proposed project. The land and works located between the international boundary and the inside toe of the United States levee are owned, controlled and managed through several arrangements of a domestic, Federal and international nature. A range of options for the domestic and international activities encompassed in the study area of the Colorado River channel and floodway in the United States that could be implemented by the USIBWC will be considered. Operations and maintenance, in part, of the LCRBCPP

fall within the realm of the international agreements governing the project and are therefore not a subject of the EIS. The USIBWC does not have unilateral control of all of the LCRBCPP and thus cannot make commitments which are international and controlled by the IBWC. The international and domestic activities are noted as follows.

Morelos Dam, located 1.1 miles (1.8 km) downstream of NIB, is an international gated structure and weir spanning from levee to levee in the channel and floodplain used for a variety of requirements and agreements. The Colorado River clearing program is an international program and involves bank clearing to facilitate passage of the design flow of 140,000 cubic feet per second (3,960 cubic meters per second). Carrying capacity improvements is an emergency international program to assure deliveries of water to Mexico and consists of sediment removal. The hydrography program is an international program consisting of operations and maintenance of gaging stations. The boundary preservation program is an international floodplain management program designed to preserve and maintain the channel as the international boundary.

United States floodplain features include incidental water systems consisting of a levee, bypass channel, and adjacent lands. Other features include the river floodplain consisting of access roads, water conveyance system components, farmlands, and vegetation in various stages of disturbance. The main channel is a United States floodplain feature which, upstream of Morelos Dam, carries flows which are allocated to Mexico by the 1944 Water Treaty, along with occasional high flows. Downstream of Morelos Dam, the channel carries only surface water from leakage from Morelos Dam and occasional high flows. There is more stream vegetation in the first 5.5 miles (8.9 km) below Morelos Dam than in the downstream portion to the SIB.

The EIS will identify, describe, and evaluate the existing environmental, cultural, hydrological, socioeconomic and recreational resources; describe products for boundary mandates; explain channel carrying capacity, levee improvements and floodplain maintenance; and evaluate impacts associated with the alternatives under consideration. Significant issues which have been identified to be addressed in the EIS include, but are not limited to, affects on: (a) fish and wildlife; (b) endangered species; (c) terrestrial and aquatic habitats; (d) cultural resources; (e) river channel capacity; (f)

international boundary alignment; and (g) water quality.

External coordination will be conducted to include the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to insure compliance with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act. Cultural resources reconnaissance of the project area will be coordinated with the Arizona State Historic Preservation Officer. Coordination for the Clean Water Act will also be conducted, with the appropriate authorities.

The environmental review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of NEPA, CEQ Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), other appropriate federal regulations, and the USIBWC procedures for compliance with those regulations. Copies of the EIS will be transmitted to federal and state agencies and other interested parties for comments and will be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency in accordance with 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508 and USIBWC procedures.

The USIBWC anticipates the Draft EIS will be made available to the public by approximately January, 2001.

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## NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

### Records Schedules; Availability and Request for Comments

**AGENCY:** National Archives and Records Administration, Office of Records Services—Washington, DC.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed records schedules; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) publishes notice at least once monthly of certain Federal agency requests for records disposition authority (records schedules). Once approved by NARA, records schedules provide mandatory instructions on what happens to records when no longer needed for current Government business. They authorize the preservation of records of continuing value in the National Archives of the United States and the destruction, after a specified period, of records lacking administrative, legal, research, or other value. Notice is

published for records schedules in which agencies propose to destroy records not previously authorized for disposal or reduce the retention period of records already authorized for disposal. NARA invites public comments on such records schedules, as required by 44 U.S.C. 3303a(a).

**DATES:** Requests for copies must be received in writing on or before July 6, 1999. Once the appraisal of the records is completed, NARA will send a copy of the schedule. NARA staff usually prepare appraisal memorandums that contain additional information concerning the records covered by a proposed schedule. These, too, may be requested and will be provided once the appraisal is completed. Requesters will be given 30 days to submit comments.

**ADDRESSES:** To request a copy of any records schedule identified in this notice, write to the Life Cycle Management Division (NWML), National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. Requests also may be transmitted by FAX to 301-713-6852 or by e-mail to records.mgt@arch2.nara.gov. Requesters must cite the control number, which appears in parentheses after the name of the agency which submitted the schedule, and must provide a mailing address. Those who desire appraisal reports should so indicate in their request.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marie Allen, Director, Life Cycle Management Division (NWML), National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. Telephone: (301) 713-7110. E-mail: records.mgt@arch2.nara.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Each year Federal agencies create billions of records on paper, film, magnetic tape, and other media. To control this accumulation, agency records managers prepare schedules proposing retention periods for records and submit these schedules for NARA's approval, using the Standard Form (SF) 115, Request for Records Disposition Authority. These schedules provide for the timely transfer into the National Archives of historically valuable records and authorize the disposal of all other records after the agency no longer needs to conduct its business. Some schedules are comprehensive and cover all the records of an agency or one of its major subdivisions. Most schedules, however, cover records of only one office or program or a few series of records. Many of these update previously approved

schedules, and some include records proposed as permanent.

No Federal records are authorized for destruction without the approval of the Archivist of the United States. This approval is granted only after a thorough consideration of their administrative use by the agency of origin, the rights of the Government and of private persons directly affected by the Government's activities, and whether or not they have historical or other value.

Besides identifying the Federal agencies and any subdivisions requesting disposition authority, this public notice lists the organizational unit(s) accumulating the records or indicates agency-wide applicability in the case of schedules that cover records that may be accumulated throughout an agency. This notice provides the control number assigned to each schedule, the total number of schedule items, and the number of temporary items (the records proposed for destruction). It also includes a brief description of the temporary records. The records schedule itself contains a full description of the records at the file unit level as well as their disposition. If NARA staff has prepared an appraisal memorandum for the schedule, it too, includes information about the records. Further information about the disposition process is available on request.

#### Schedules Pending

1. Department of Agriculture, National Appeals Division (N1-16-98-1, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Correspondence, hearing notices, reports, authorizations for representation, and other supporting materials accumulated in connection with administrative appeal hearings and reviews. Actions arise from adverse decisions affecting beneficiaries of USDA programs.

2. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (N1-145-98-1, 32 items, 29 temporary items). Facilitative records pre-dating 1962 that relate to such matters as acreage allotments, commodities' sales, loan rates, subsidies, cost surveys, and price supports. Records were accumulated primarily in the 1950s and 1960s. Procedural issuances and files relating to the development of milk industry regulation are proposed for permanent retention as are records pertaining to a multi-million dollar claim stemming from the spoilage of stored grain.

3. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau (N1-29-99-4, 2 items, 2 temporary items). Completed

questionnaires in paper and electronic format of the Survey of Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprises. The final survey data in electronic form was previously approved for permanent retention.

4. Department of Defense, Office of the Inspector General (N1-509-99-2, 3 items, 3 temporary items). Memoranda of Understanding or Agreement Files consisting of agreements with other Defense agencies regarding audit procedures and related matters and with non-Defense agencies and non-Federal entities regarding training and other services. Included are electronic copies of documents created using electronic mail, word processing, and other office automation applications.

5. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education (N1-441-98-1, 5 items, 5 temporary items). Paper and electronic records (CD-ROM) relating to the evaluation of applications from governmental and non-governmental entities seeking Department of Education recognition as accrediting agencies. Included are accreditation case files for agencies recommended for approval or disapproval, containing applications for accreditation, interim reports, and other correspondence, and CD-ROM copies of case files for agencies recommended for approval. Also included are working papers, consisting of drafts, notes, and other background materials, and electronic copies of documents created using electronic mail and word processing.

6. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health (N1-443-99-4, 4 items, 4 temporary items). Records relating to clinical care including PET (Positron Emission Topography) files, records which identify and describe blood products received from other collection facilities, laboratory testing records, and records associated with patient testing, donor testing, or blood product manufacturing, which contain documentation related to validation, maintenance and quality assurance of equipment, supplies, reagents and processes.

7. Department of Justice, U.S. Parole Commission (N1-438-98-1, 1 item, 1 temporary item). District of Columbia Board of Parole Case Files which include data on sentence and information concerning the prisoner's background and behavior during incarceration and while on parole. Also included are parole hearings on individual prisoners.

8. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (N1-59-99-19, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Designated Exchange Visitor Case Files

dating from 1950 to 1973 that pertain to applications for the establishment, revision, or cancellation of exchange programs. More recent records accumulated after the Bureau was transferred to the United States Information Agency were previously approved for disposal.

9. Department of State, Bureau of European Affairs, (N1-59-99-20, 11 items, 8 temporary items). Administrative files relating to the logistics of organizing the 1998 Washington Conference on Holocaust-Era Assets. Included are electronic copies of records created using electronic mail and word processing. Proposed for permanent retention are the record-keeping copies of files relating to the substantive issues addressed by the Conference.

10. Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of the Inspector General (N1-266-99-1, 7 items, 5 temporary items). Files relating to investigations and audits including correspondence, reports, notes, attachments, drafts, and background papers. Also included are electronic copies of documents created using electronic mail and word processing. Recordkeeping copies of significant investigative files and final audit reports are proposed for permanent retention.

11. Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration (N1-15-98-3, 4 items, 4 temporary items). Means test verification records used to determine individual veterans' fiscal eligibility for health care provided by the VA. Included are paper records and records on optical disk and other electronic media. Records also include computer tapes provided by the Internal Revenue Service and the Social Security Administration.

12. Tennessee Valley Authority, Communications Program (N1-142-99-4, 2 items, 1 temporary item). Electronic copies of documents created using word processing pertaining to Inside TVA, a newspaper for employees that has limited external distribution. Recordkeeping copies of these files are proposed for permanent retention.

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## NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

### Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress; Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Archives and Records Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) announces a meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. The committee advises NARA on the full range of programs, policies, and plans for the Center for Legislative Archives in the Office of Records Services.

**DATES:** June 14, 1999, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** United States Capitol Building, Room S-211.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael L. Gillette, Director, Center for Legislative Archives, (202) 501-5350.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Agenda

Update—Legislative Information Systems  
Update—Archives I Renovation Five-Year Report to Congress  
Update—Center for Legislative Archives  
Other current issues and new business  
The meeting is open to the public.

Dated: May 17, 1999.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Documents Containing Reporting or Recordkeeping Requirements: Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

**ACTION:** Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

1. Type of submission, new, revision, or extension: Revision.
2. The title of the information collection: Proposed Rule, 10 CFR part

52, Appendix C, Design Certification Rule for the AP600 Design.

3. The form number if applicable: Not applicable.

4. How often the collection is required: On occasion.

5. Who will be required or asked to report: Designers of commercial nuclear power plants, electric power utilities, and any person eligible under the Atomic Energy Act to apply for a construction permit for a nuclear power plant.

6. An estimate of the number of responses: No applications are expected during the next three years.

7. The estimated number of annual respondents: No applications are expected during the next three years.

8. An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request: Approximately 24 additional burden hours (8 hours each for 3 additional reports that result from changing the requirement to an annual to quarterly report). No reports are expected during the next three years.

9. An indication of whether section 3507(d), Public Law 104-13 applies: Applicable.

10. Abstract: The proposed rule would add appendix C to 10 CFR part 52 to allow interested parties to reference a certified AP600 design in an application for a construction permit or combined license. In general, the information collection requirements are the same as those contained in 10 CFR part 52. The addition of appendix C to 10 CFR part 52 adds a small incremental reporting burden.

The NRC will use the reported information to monitor changes to the facility and gain an understanding of how the as-built facility conforms to the certified design.

Submit, by June 21, 1999, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the burden estimate accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the submittal may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW (lower level), Washington, DC. The proposed rule indicated in "The title of the information collection" is or has been published in the **Federal Register** within several days of the publication