

functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information:

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Crime Mapping Survey.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* Form: none. Office of Research and Evaluation, National Institutes of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be as or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Law enforcement Agencies. Other: None. This national survey is designed to determine the extent to which police departments, specifically crime analysts, are using computerized crime mapping. Surveys will be mailed to randomly select sample of police departments. The questionnaire will determine the level of crime mapping within departments, both in terms of hardware and software resources, as well as the types of maps that are produced and how they are used. The information collection from this survey will be used to advise the activities of the Crime Mapping Research Center.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply:* 2,798 respondents for an average of 33 minutes per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 652 burden hours.

If additional information is required contact: Ms. Brenda E. Dyer, Deputy, Clearance Office, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: August 11, 1999.

Brenda E. Dyer,

Department Deputy Clearance Officer, United States, Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of the date and location of the next meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (NACOSH), established under section 7(a) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 656) to advise the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on matters relating to the administration of the Act. NACOSH will hold a meeting on September 21 and 22, 1999, in Room N 3437 A-D of the Department of Labor Building located at 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. The meeting is open to the public and will begin at 1:00 p.m. lasting until approximately 5:00 p.m. the first day, September 21. On September 22, the meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and last until approximately 4:00 p.m.

During its November 1998 meeting, NACOSH decided that one of its areas of activity over the next two years would be to study OSHA's standards development process. The Committee plans to continue this study at its September meeting by studying the role of professional associations and consensus standards setting organizations in the standards development process. NACOSH has invited five consensus standards setting organizations and five professional associations related to occupational safety and health to participate in panel discussions on OSHA's standards development process. Members of the public are invited to submit written comments.

Other agenda items will include: an overview of current activities of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), a discussion of NIOSH surveillance activities and a discussion of OSHA training, in addition to workgroup reports.

Written data, views or comments for consideration by the committee may be submitted, preferably with 20 copies, to

Joanne Goodell at the address provided below. Any such submissions received prior to the meeting will be provided to the members of the Committee and will be included in the record of the meeting. Because of the need to cover a wide variety of subjects in a short period of time, there is usually insufficient time on the agenda for members of the public to address the committee orally. However, any such requests will be considered by the Chair who will determine whether or not time permits. Any request to make an oral presentation should state the amount of time desired, the capacity in which the person would appear, and a brief outline of the content of the presentation. Individuals with disabilities who need special accommodations should contact Theresa Berry (phone: 202-693-1999; FAX: 202-693-1634) one week before the meeting.

An official record of the meeting will be available for public inspection in the OSHA Technical Data Center (TDC) located in Room N2625 of the Department of Labor Building (202-693-2350). For additional information contact: Joanne Goodell, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA); Room N-3641, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC, 20210 (phone: 202-693-2400; FAX: 202-693-1641; e-mail joanne.goodell@osha.gov; or at www.osha.gov).

Signed at Washington, DC, this 11th day of August, 1999.

Charles N. Jeffress,

Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION, UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

United States Section; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Rio Grande Canalization Project, Sierra and Doña Ana Counties, New Mexico and El Paso County, TX

AGENCY: United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico.

ACTION: Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that pursuant to section 102(2) (c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the United States Section, International Boundary and

Water Commission (USIBWC) proposes to gather information necessary to analyze and evaluate the impacts of a River Management Plan by the USIBWC on the existing Rio Grande Canalization Project in Sierra and Doña Ana counties, New Mexico and El Paso County, Texas and prepare an EIS to document those effects. This notice is being provided as required by the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR 1501.7) and the USIBWC's Operational Procedures for Implementing Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, published in the **Federal Register** September 2, 1981 (46 FR 44083-44094) to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Public meetings will be held to obtain community input to ensure all concerns are identified and addressed in the EIS.

DATES: The USIBWC will conduct two public scoping meetings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. MST on Tuesday, October 5, 1999 at the Las Cruces Hilton, 705 South Telshor Boulevard, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and on Wednesday, October 6, 1999 at the EL Paso Airport Hilton, 2027 Airways Boulevard, El Paso, Texas. Full public participation by interested federal, state, and local agencies as well as other interested organizations and the general public is encouraged during the scoping process which will end 60 days from the date of this notice. Public comments on the scope of the EIS, reasonable alternatives that should be considered, anticipated environmental problems, and actions that might be taken to address them are requested.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Comments will be accepted for 60 days following the date of this notice by Mr. Douglas Echlin, Environmental Protection Specialist, Environmental Management Division, USIBWC, 4171 North Mesa Street, C-310, EL Paso, Texas 79902. Telephone: 915/832-4741, Facsimile: 915/832-4167. E-mail: dougechlin@ibwc.state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Proposed Action

The Rio Grande Canalization Project (Canalization Project) extends for about 106 miles along the Rio Grande from Percha Diversion Dam, located downstream from Caballo Dam in Sierra County, New Mexico, to the vicinity of American Diversion Dam in El Paso County, Texas. The Canalization Project was constructed between 1938 and 1943 in compliance with the convention between the United States and Mexico

concluded May 21, 1906, to provide for the equitable division of the waters of the Rio Grande for use in the two countries. The project included acquisition of right of way for the river channel and adjoining floodways and improvement of the alignment and efficiency of the river channel to convey deliveries to Mexico, as well as conveyance of deliveries to the United States Bureau of Reclamation Rio Grande Project in the El Paso valley of Texas. The Canalization Project also controls floods in the river reach which extends through the Rincon and Mesilla valleys of New Mexico. Proposed construction activities that will be studied in this EIS include but may not be limited to raising and strengthening existing levees, channel improvements such as widening or armoring with riprap, and installation of grade control structures. In addition, the EIS will study the environmental effects of a long-range maintenance plan that will be developed.

2. Alternatives

The USIBWC as lead agency proposes to collect information necessary for the preparation of an EIS; to analyze flood protection measures and alternatives to current management, including watershed-oriented and non-structural alternatives and collaborative measures with other agencies and landowners; to determine to what extent project management can support restoration of native riparian and aquatic habitats, as well as the restoration of natural fluvial processes such as channel meanders and overbank flooding. The EIS will consider a range of alternatives, including the no action alternative, based on issues and concerns associated with the project.

The EIS will identify, describe, and evaluate the existing environmental, cultural, sociological and economical, and recreational resources; explain the flood protection project; and evaluate the 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 impacts to water resources, water quality, cultural and biological resources, threatened and endangered species, and recreation.

Coordination with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service will ensure compliance with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act and section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. Cultural resources reconnaissance for the project area will be coordinated with both the New Mexico State Historic Preservation

Officer and the Texas State Historic Preservation Officer. Other federal and state agencies, as required, will also be consulted to ensure compliance with federal and state laws and regulations.

The USIBWC has invited several agencies including the United States Bureau of Reclamation and United States Fish and Wildlife Service to participate as cooperating agencies pursuant to 40 CFR 1501.6, to the extent possible. Other agencies may be invited to become cooperators as they are identified during the scoping process.

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 March 2001.

Dated: August 10, 1999.

William A. Wilcox, Jr.,

Legal Advisor.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (P.L. 95-541)

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permit applications received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, P.L. 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act at Title 45 Part 670 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to these permit applications by September 13, 1999. Permit applications may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755,