

1.3 Applicability

The swath data standard for remote sensing supports the development of the NSDI by providing a common framework for the organization of a wide range of remotely sensed data. The standard will be particularly useful for data from scanning, profiling, staring, or push-broom type remote sensing instruments, whether they be ground based, shipboard airborne, or spaceborne.

1.4 Related Standards

The Remote Sensing Swath Data Content Standard integrates with existing standards as much as possible. This standard is an outgrowth of standards work done for the Earth Observing System Data and Information System (EOSDIS), part of the Earth Observing System, under NASA's Mission to Planet Earth. As such, it draws heavily on the NASA EOSDIS concepts and data model for remote sensing swath data (HAIS 1995), which were, themselves, developed from existing standards wherever possible. The NASA model specifies the minimal content requirements for a swath and the relationships among its individual components. The EOSDIS project has developed an encoding mechanism and a set of software tools (HTS 1996, 1997) based on that model. Although those tools are related to this content standard, the standard itself in no way depends upon them. In fact, it is the tools that rely on the existing EOSDIS data model. The Committee on Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS), an international information exchange body, has endorsed the development of data models for remotely sensed swath data, through the Data Subgroup of its Working Group on Information Systems and Services (WGISS).

The Spatial Data Transfer Standard (SDTS) addresses the transfer of geospatial data among computer systems (FIPS 1994). The Raster Profile of SDTS, because it can be used to transfer remote sensing data, is remotely related to the proposed swath standard. However, the SDTS Raster Profile is a transfer standard, while the proposed swath standard is a content standard. So, while the SDTS Raster Profile could probably be adapted to transfer remote sensing swath data, there is no overlap between the standards, because they deal with different aspects of the data standardization described by the FGDC Standards Reference Model.

No other current FGDC, national, or international standard addresses this facet of sharing remote sensing swath data.

1.5 Standards Development Procedures

This standard has been developed by the Imagery subgroup of FGDC's Standards Working Group. This group consists of members from NASA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the U.S. Geological Survey, the University of Illinois, the University of Wisconsin, and the OpenGIS Consortium. An initial working draft, discussed by Di and Carlisle (1998), was reviewed by the full membership of the Imagery Subgroup. The draft was then revised, where appropriate, in accordance with these comments, and the author of the comments either notified that the comments had been incorporated or provided an explanation of why they had not been. The revised draft was then submitted to the Imagery Subgroup, and as there were no further changes recommended, on the Standards Working Group. The development of this standard is guided by the FGDC Standards Reference Model (FGDC 1997). The Standards Reference Model, developed by the Standards Working Group of the FGDC, provides guidance to FGDC subcommittees and working groups for the standards development process. It also defines the expectations for FGDC standards, describes different types of geospatial standards, and documents the FGDC standards process.

1.6 Maintenance Authority

The Earth Science Data and Information System (ESDIS) Program of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) maintains this standard for the Federal Geographic Data Committee. Address questions concerning this standard to: NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Code 505, Greenbelt, MD 20771.

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Richard E. Witmer,
Chief, National Mapping Division, Geological Survey.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Proposed Cooperative Research and Development (CRADA) Negotiations

AGENCY: Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) negotiations.

SUMMARY: The United States Geological Survey (USGS) is contemplating entering into a CRADA with United Technologies Corporation to use surface and borehole geophysical methods to characterize contaminated fractured rock sites and monitor innovative remediation technologies under development by United Technologies Corporation. Information on the proposed CRADA is available to the public upon request at the following location: U.S. Geological Survey, 11 Sherman Place, U-5010, Storrs Mansfield, Connecticut 06269.

Inquiries: For further information, contact F. Peter Haeni, U.S. Geological Survey, Water Resources Division at the address given above; telephone (860) 487-7402, email: phaeni@usgs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is to meet the USGS requirement stipulated in the Survey Manual.

Robert M. Hirsch,
Chief Hydrologist.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-076-1492-00-241A]

Notice of Intent To Amend the Grand Junction Resource Management Plan

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to amend the Grand Junction Resource Management Plan, 1987.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the Bureau of Land Management, Grand Junction Field Office, is proposing to amend the Grand Junction Resource Management Plan, approved in January 1987. The amendment will consider a mineral withdrawal for the Rough Canyon Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). The effect of this change is being analyzed in an environmental assessment (EA). The amendment is being developed as part of the Bangs Canyon Management Plan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bruce Fowler, Grand Junction Field Office, (970) 244-3036.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The affected area includes approximately 2,737 acres of public land in Mesa County located about 6 miles southwest

of Grand Junction, Colorado. The lands include the Rough Canyon ACEC.

Catherine Robertson,

Field Office Manager.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

[USITC SE-99-06]

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: United States International Trade Commission.

TIME AND DATE: February 22, 1999 at 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Room 101, 500 E Street S.W., Washington, DC 20436, Telephone: (202) 205-2000.

STATUS: Open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Agenda for future meeting: none
2. Minutes
3. Ratification List
4. Inv. No. 731-TA-149 (Review (Barium Chloride from China)—briefing and vote. (The Commission will transmit its determination to the Secretary of Commerce on March 4, 1999).
5. Outstanding action jackets:
 - (1) Document No. GC-99-003: Initial determination terminating the investigation on the basis of withdrawal of the complainant in Inv. No. 337-TA-411 (Certain Organic Photoconductor Drums and Products Containing Same).
 - (2) Document No. GC-99-007: Approval of Notice of Privacy Act systems of records; and report to the Office of Management and Budget and Congress.
 - (3) Document No. INV-99-006: Approval of response to Baker & Botts' request for clarification of antitrust question in questionnaires in Inv. Nos. 751-TA-21-27 (Final) (Ferrosilicon from Brazil, China, Kazakhstan, Russia, Ukraine, and Venezuela).

In accordance with Commission policy, subject matter listed above, not disposed of at the scheduled meeting, may be carried over to the agenda of the following meeting.

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Request OMB Emergency Approval; Employment Eligibility Verification.

The Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has submitted the following information collection request (ICR) utilizing emergency review procedures, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the section 1320.13(a)(2)(iii) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The INS has determined that it cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures under this Part because normal clearance procedures are reasonably likely to prevent or disrupt the collection of information. This information collection is needed prior to the expiration of established time periods. Immediate OMB approval has been requested. If granted, the emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. All comments and/or questions pertaining to this pending request for emergency approval must be directed to OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Stuart Shapiro, 202-395-7316, Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20503. Comments regarding the emergency submission of this information collection may also be telefaxed to Mr. Shapiro at 202-395-6974.

During the first 60 days of this same period, a regular review of this information collection is also being undertaken. During the regular review period, the INS requests written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until [Insert date of the 60th day from the date that this notice is published in the Federal Register]. During the 60-day regular review all comments and suggestions, or questions regarding additional information, to include obtaining a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, should be directed to Mr. Richard A. Sloan, 202-514-3291, Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, U.S. Department of Justice, Room 5307, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536.

Your comments should address one or more of the following four points.

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies 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 collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a currently approved information collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Employment Eligibility Verification.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form I-9. Programs Office, IIRIRA Implementation Team, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or Households. This form was developed to facilitate compliance with Section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), as amended by the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), which prohibits the knowing employment of unauthorized aliens. The information collected is used by employers or by recruiters for enforcement of provisions of immigration laws that are designed to control the employment of unauthorized aliens.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 78,000,000 respondents at 9 minutes (.15) hours per response and 20,000,000 record keepers at 4 minutes (0.066) hours per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 13,020,000 annual burden hours.

If additional information is required during the first 60 days of this same regular review period contact Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United