

Resource Conservation District; and additional lands identified in the San Joaquin Basin Action Plan; and

- The Tulare Basin, covering the Kern and Pixley National Wildlife Refuges.

Persons requiring special assistance services should contact Matt Franck, CH2M HILL, at (916) 920-0212 ext. 272. Please notify Mr. Franck as far in advance of the particular meeting as possible, but no later than 3 working days prior to the meeting to enable Reclamation to secure the services. If a request cannot be honored, the requester will be notified.

Dated: November 23, 1999.

Frank Michny,

Regional Environmental Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Notice of Proposed Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing its intention to request approval for the collection of information for 30 CFR part 783, Underground Mining Permit Applications—Minimum Requirements for Information on Environmental Resources.

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by January 31, 2000, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to John A. Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave., NW, Room 210-SIB, Washington, DC 20240. Comments may also be submitted electronically to jtreleas@osmre.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information and related forms, contact John A. Trelease, at (202) 208-2783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an

opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8 (d)). This notice identifies an information collection activity that OSM will be submitting to OMB for extension. This collection is contained in 30 CFR part 783, Underground Mining Permit Applications—Minimum Requirements for Information on Environmental Resources.

OSM has revised burden estimates, where appropriate, to reflect current reporting levels or adjustments based on reestimates of burden or respondents. OSM will require a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information. A summary of the public comments will accompany OSM's submission of the information collection request to OMB.

This notice provides the public with 60 days in which to comment on the following information collection activity:

Title: Underground Mining Permit Applications—Minimum Requirements for Information on Environment Resources—30 CFR Part 783.

OMB Control Number: 1029-0038.

Summary: Applicants for underground coal mining permits are required to provide adequate descriptions of the environmental resources that may be affected by proposed underground coal mining activities.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency of Collection: Once, at time of application submission.

Description of Respondents: Underground coal mining applicants and State regulatory authorities.

Total Annual Responses: 105.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 16,918 hours.

Dated: November 24, 1999.

Andrew F. DeVito,

Acting Chief, Division of Regulatory Support.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act

In accordance with the policy of the Department of Justice, notice is hereby given that a proposed consent decree in *United States v. Western Processing Co., et al.*, Civ. No. C83-252M, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington, on November 23, 1999. That action was brought against defendants pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) for payment of past costs incurred, and future costs to be incurred, by the United States at the Western Processing Superfund Site in Kent, Washington. (The site is being cleaned up and some past costs have already been recovered pursuant to several prior settlements.) This decree requires Union Oil Company of California (d/b/a Unocal) ("Unocal") to pay \$879,593 in satisfaction of the United States' claims against it for response costs incurred in connection with the site between January 1, 1992 and December 31, 1996. Unocal remains liable for response costs incurred after that date. The United States is also continuing to pursue other defendants to recover past and future costs.

The Department of Justice will receive comments relating to the proposed consent decree for a period of 30 days from the date of this publication. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530. All comments should refer to *United States v. Western Processing Co., et al.*, D.J. Ref. 90-7-1-233.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Washington, 3600 Seafirst 5th Avenue Plaza, 800 5th Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98104; and at the Region X office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101. A copy of the proposed consent decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Department of Justice Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check in the amount of \$4.00 (25 cents per page reproduction costs) payable to the Consent Decree Library. When requesting a copy, please refer to *United States v. Western*