

completed within a period of 180 days from the date of publication of Resolution No. 24/86, which was February 23, 1986. For various reasons, the stockpiles of *Eunectes notaeus* skins were not exported within the deadline imposed by Resolution No. 24/86.

Recognizing this fact, the CITES Management Authority of Argentina consulted with the CITES Animals Committee to determine how to resolve the situation in order to allow the exportation of these stockpiles. The CITES Animals Committee recommended that the CITES Management Authority of Argentina should make an inventory of all legal stocks of *Eunectes notaeus* specimens. The CITES Management Authority of Argentina announced that it has completed this inventory and registration of *Eunectes notaeus* specimens through the issuance of Resolution No. 333/96, and in so doing, has authorized the exportation of these specimens. On June 2, 1997, the CITES Secretariat issued Notification to the Parties No. 977, which recommended to the Parties that the prohibition of trade with Argentina on specimens of *Eunectes notaeus* be lifted.

The subject of this notice is as follows:

*A. Subject:* Argentina: ban on imports of specimens of *Eunectes notaeus* from Argentina.

*Source of Foreign Law Information:* Argentina Resolution No. 333/96.

*Action by the Fish and Wildlife Service:* Since the publication of Notice of Information No. 13 (52 FR 10955), the Government of Argentina has issued Resolution No. 333/96, to effectively implement the recommendations of the CITES Animals Committee regarding the inventory and registration of all legal stocks of specimens of *Eunectes notaeus*.

The Service is satisfied that Argentina has initiated the action necessary to sufficiently implement the recommendations of the CITES Animals Committee. Therefore, shipments of specimens of *Eunectes notaeus* of Argentine origin may now be imported into the United States provided that such shipments are accompanied by valid CITES reexport certificates from the country of reexport and a copy of the CITES export permit issued by the Management Authority of Argentina indicating that the specimens of *Eunectes notaeus* were legally exported from Argentina in accordance with Resolution No. 333/96.

Dated: August 6, 1997.

**Donald Barry,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

#### Request for Public Comments on Information Collection To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

A request extending the collection of information listed below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information and related forms may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's Clearance Officer at the phone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the requirement should be made within 60 days directly to the Bureau Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 208 National Center, Reston, VA 20192.

As required by OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), the U.S. Geological Survey solicits specific public comments regarding the proposed information collection as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The utility, quality, and clarity of the information to be collected; and,
4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

*Title:* Lime.

*OMB approval number:* 1028-New.

*Abstract:* Respondents supply the U.S. Geological Survey with domestic production, values, end-use data, and capacity information on the domestic lime industry. This information will be published as an Annual Report for use by Government agencies, industry, and the general public.

*Bureau form number:* 6-1221-A.

*Frequency:* Annual.

*Description of respondents:* Commercial and captive producers of

quicklime, hydrated lime, and dead-burned dolomite.

*Annual Responses:* 107.

*Annual burden hours:* 160.5.

*Bureau clearance officer:* John E. Cordyack, Jr., 703-648-7313.

**John H. DeYoung, Jr.,**

*Acting Chief Scientist, Minerals Information Team.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Operation and Maintenance Rate Adjustment: Flathead Indian Irrigation Project, Montana

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed operation and maintenance rate increase.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Indian Affairs proposes to change the assessment rates for operating and maintaining the Flathead Indian Irrigation Project for 1998 and subsequent years from the current rate of \$18.45 per acre to \$19.95 per acre, an increase of \$1.50 per acre. The assessment rates are based on a prepared estimate of the cost of normal operation and maintenance of the irrigation project. Normal operation and maintenance means the expenses we incur to provide direct support or benefit to the project's activities for administration, operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation. We must include at least:

- (a) Personnel salary and benefits for the project engineer/manager and our employees under his management control;
- (b) Materials and supplies;
- (c) Major and minor vehicle and equipment repairs;
- (d) Equipment, including transportation, fuel, oil, grease, lease and replacement;
- (d) Capitalization expenses;
- (e) Acquisition expenses; and
- (f) Other expenses we determine necessary to properly perform the activities and functions characteristic of an irrigation project.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Portland Area Office, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4169, telephone (503) 231-6702.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before September 15, 1997.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The authority to issue this document is vested in the Secretary of the Interior by 5 U.S.C. 301 and the Act of August 15, 1914 (38 Stat. 583, 25 U.S.C. 385). The