References

A complete list of the references used in this proposed rule is available upon request (see **ADDRESSES**).

Classification

National Environmental Policy Act

The 1982 amendments to the ESA, in section 4(b)(1)(A), restrict the information that may be considered when assessing species for listing. Based on this limitation of criteria for a listing decision and the opinion in *Pacific Legal Foundation* v. *Andrus,* 675 F. 2d 825 (6th Cir. 1981), NMFS has concluded that ESA listing actions are not subject to the environmental assessment requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (See NOAA Administrative Order 216–6).

Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: May 5, 2015.

Samuel D. Rauch III,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NOAA, Department of Commerce DOC.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), intends to grant to Handix, LLC of Boulder, Colorado, an exclusive global license to manufacture and distribute its ''PRINTED OPTICAL SPECTROMETER (POPS), and its ''PORTABLE AEROSOL GENERATOR''.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 5, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to NOAA Technology Partnerships Office, SSMC4 Room 7605, 1305 East West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Derek Parks, NOAA Technology Transfer Program Manager, at: *derek.parks@noaa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's rights in this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Commerce. It is in the public interest to so license this invention, as Handix, LLC of Boulder, Colorado, has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within thirty (30) days from the date of this published Notice, the NOAA Technology Partnerships Office receives written evidence and argument which establishes the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Dated: May 4, 2015.

Jason Donaldson,

Chief Financial Officer, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. PTO–P–2015–0031]

Extension of the Period for Comments on Enhancing Patent Quality

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Extension of the comment period.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) recently launched a comprehensive and enhanced quality initiative. This initiative began with a request for public comments on a set of proposals for enhancing patent quality through submission of written comments. Public input on this initiative was also received through discussion at a two-day ''Quality Summit,'' held on March 25 and 26, 2015, at the USPTO headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia. The USPTO is extending the comment period to ensure that all stakeholders have sufficient opportunity to submit comments on its new enhanced quality initiative.

DATES: To be assured of consideration, written comments must be received on or before May 20, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent by electronic mail message over the Internet addressed to: *WorldClassPatentQuality@uspto.gov.* Comments may also be submitted by postal mail addressed to: Mail Stop Comments—Patents, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313–1450, marked to the attention of Michael Cygan, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Patent Legal Administration, Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy.

Although comments may be submitted by postal mail, the USPTO prefers to receive comments by electronic mail message over the Internet in order to facilitate sharing the received comments with the public. Electronic comments are preferred to be submitted in plain text, but also may be submitted in ADOBE® portable document format or MICROSOFT® WORD format. Comments not submitted electronically should be submitted on paper in a format that facilitates convenient digital scanning into ADOBE® portable document format.

The comments will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Commissioner for Patents, currently located in Madison East, Tenth Floor, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, Virginia. Comments also will be available for viewing via the USPTO's Internet Web site (*http://www.uspto.gov/patent/initiatives/enhanced-patent-quality-initiative.html*). Because comments will be made available for public inspection, information that the submitter does not desire to make public, such as an address or phone number, should not be included in the comments. It would be helpful to the USPTO if written comments included information about: (1) The name and affiliation of the individual responding; and (2) an indication of whether comments offered represent views of the respondent's organization or are the respondent's personal views.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael T. Cygan, Senior Legal Advisor, at (571) 272–7700; Maria Nuzzolillo, Legal Advisor, at (571) 272–8150; or Jeffrey R. West, Legal Advisor, at (571) 272–2226.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The USPTO is extending the period for public comment on its Enhanced Patent Quality Initiative. The USPTO launched a comprehensive and enhanced quality initiative beginning with a request for public comments on a set of six proposals outlined in a **Federal Register** Notice, *Request for Comments on Enhancing Patent Quality,* 80 FR 6475 (Feb. 5, 2015). The new enhanced quality initiative continued with a two-

day ''Quality Summit'' with the public to discuss the outlined proposals, which was held on March 25 and 26, 2015, at the USPTO headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia.

In view of the substantial public interest in this initiative, the number and complexity of the issues involved, and requests from the public for an extension of the time to submit comments, the USPTO is now extending the period for submission of public comments until May 20, 2015.

Members of the public are invited to submit written comments that address the proposals outlined in the February 5, 2015, **Federal Register** Notice or that provide input on other programs or initiatives not reflected in the proposals that the public believes may enhance patent quality. Based upon the stakeholder feedback received, the USPTO plans to refine the proposals as needed and to continue its engagement with the public about these proposals through a series of additional events. Through such continued engagement with the public, the USPTO can take the correct next steps in its continued efforts toward enhancing patent quality.

Dated: May 5, 2015.

Michelle K. Lee,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2015–ICCD–0023]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Roads to Success in North Dakota: A Randomized Study of a College and Career Preparation Curriculum

AGENCY: Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education (OCTAE), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is proposing a new information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 10, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at *http://www.regulations.gov* by selecting Docket ID number ED–2015–ICCD–0023 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the regulations.gov site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at *ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted; ED will ONLY accept comments during the comment period in this mailbox when the regulations.gov site is not available.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Mailstop L–OM–2–2E319, Room 2E115, Washington, DC 20202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Braden Goetz, 202–245–7405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Roads to Success in North Dakota: A Randomized Study of a College and Career Preparation Curriculum.

OMB Control Number: 1830–NEW.

Type of Review: A new information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 88.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 22.

Abstract: The Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education in the U.S. Department of Education is supporting an evaluation that will examine the impact of a college and career preparation curriculum for students in the 11th and 12th grades on students' college and career aspirations, planning for postsecondary transitions and adult life, and attitudes toward education and careers. The evaluation has an experimental design with school-level random assignment; this Information Collection Request includes surveys of students, instructors, and principals and protocols for site visits.

Dated: May 5, 2015.

Tomakie Washington,

Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric corporate filings:

Docket Numbers: EC15–66–000.

Applicants: Osage Wind, LLC.

Description: Supplement to January 29, 2015 Application for Authorization Under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act, Request for Expedited Consideration and Confidential Treatment of Osage Wind, LLC.

Filed Date: 4/27/15.

Accession Number: 20150427–5553.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 5/7/15.

Docket Numbers: EC15–130–000.

Applicants: CPV Maryland, LLC, MC St. Charles LLC, OG St. Charles LLC, Osaka Gas USA Corporation.

Description: Application for Authorization under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act and Request for Waivers, Request for Confidential Treatment, and Request for Expedited Consideration of CPV Maryland, LLC, et. al.

Filed Date: 4/27/15.

Accession Number: 20150427–5551.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 5/18/15.

Take notice that the Commission received the following exempt wholesale generator filings: