

o. *Notice of Intent*: A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

p. *Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit*: A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

q. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene*: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

r. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*: Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers.

Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

s. *Agency Comments*: Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

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Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

August 5, 2002.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CAR 385.2201(h), of the receipt of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or a prohibited off-the-record

communication relevant to the merits of a contested on-the-record proceeding, to deliver a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication, to the Secretary.

Prohibited communications will be included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such requests only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication should serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CAR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications will be included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CAR 1501.6, made under 18 CAR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications recently received in the Office of the Secretary. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. The documents may be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

EXEMPT

Docket No.	Date filed	Presenter or requester
1. Project No. 1494-215	7-01-02	Jim Burroughs (B. Peter Yarrington).
2. Project No. 1494-215	7-01-02	B. Peter Yarrington.
3. Project Nos. 1494-232, -237 amd -240	7-2-02	Jack and Cheryl Lenhart.
4. CP01-361-000	7-30-02	Alex Brady.
5. Project No. 1864-016	7-31-02	Wayne Borseth.
6. CP02-396-000 PF01-1-000	7-31-02	Kenneth Frye /Tony Froonjian.
7. CP02-396-000	8-2-02	Kenneth Frye (Dana Beegle).

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Deputy Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FR L-7256-4]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Construction Grants Program.

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Construction Grants Program Information Collection Request, EPA ICR No. 0827.06, OMB Control Number 2040-0027, current expiration date March 31, 2003.

Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 11, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Gajindar Singh, Office of Wastewater Management, Mail Code 4204M, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the ICR without charge by writing to the preceding address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gajindar Singh, Telephone Number: (202) 564-0634, Facsimile Number: (202) 501-2396, e-mail: singh.gajindar@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments: Comments shall be submitted to Gajindar Singh, Mail Code 4204M, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Wastewater Management, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. Commenters who want EPA to acknowledge receipt of their comments should enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. Comments may also be submitted electronically to singh.gajindar@epa.gov or faxed to (202) 501-2396.

Electronic comments must be submitted as a Corel Word Perfect or Word file. Electronic comments must be identified by the use of words

“Construction Grants Program Comments.” No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in Corel Word Perfect or Word file. The record for this proposed ICR renewal has been established in the Office of Wastewater Management, Municipal Assistance Branch, and includes supporting documentation. It does not include any information claimed as CBI. The record is available for inspection from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, at the Municipal Assistance Branch, 1201 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20004. For access to the docket materials, please call (202) 564-0634 to schedule an appointment.

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are States which administer elements of the construction grants program under a delegation agreement with EPA and municipalities which receive construction grants from EPA.

Title: Construction Grants Program Information Collection Request, OMB Control No. 2040-0027, EPA ICR No. 0827.06, expiring 3/31/2003.

Abstract: The purpose of this ICR is to revise and extend the current clearance for the collection of information under the EPA Construction Grants Program, 40 CFR part 35, subpart I, and Title II of the Clean Water Act (CWA). While the Construction Grants Program is being phased out and replaced by the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) program, collection activities for the Construction Grants Program must continue until program completion. The program includes reporting, monitoring, and program requirements for municipalities and States.

In order to obtain a construction grant, a municipality must submit information describing the project and its ability to manage it. Municipal managers use the information to plan, design, build, operate, and maintain treatment works that protect public health and the environment. In addition, the appropriate State or EPA Regional office reviews the information to determine if the project is necessary, reasonable, in accordance with sound planning principles, and a prudent use of Federal funds.

EPA collects information from the State to meet statutory and administrative program management requirements. Under this ICR, the only requirement for States is the listing of projects for funding in priority order. State program managers would develop this type of list for their own administrative needs. EPA reviews the information to determine if the State's

program meets CWA requirements and evaluates the effectiveness of the State's program management. Under Title II, construction grant programs may be administered by EPA or delegated States. The requirements for the construction grants program are at 40 CFR part 35, subpart I, and Title II of the CWA. These provisions require grantees to submit information to EPA or delegated States, and also require States that award construction grants to submit information to EPA. Authority for collecting this information comes from the Construction Grants Information Collection Request (OMB No. 2040-0027, ICR 0827.06).

EPA is currently phasing out the Construction Grants Program. The program is being replaced by the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) Program (Title VI of the Clean Water Act). Established in the 1987 amendment to the CWA, the SRF program provides a continuous source of funding for publicly owned treatment works (POTWs). Because most States are now funding construction projects through the SRF program rather than the Construction Grants Program, the burden associated with the Construction Grants Program has decreased significantly.

The information collection activities described in this ICR are authorized under Section 205(g) of the Clean Water Act as amended, and under 40 CFR part 35 subpart I. The requested information provides the minimum data necessary for the Federal government to maintain appropriate fiscal accountability for use of construction grant funds. The information is also needed to assure an adequate management overview of those State project review activities that are most important to fiscal and project integrity, design performance, Federal budget control, and attainment of national goals.

Managers at the State and Federal levels both rely on the information described in this ICR. State managers rely on the information for their own program and project administration. Federal managers rely on this information to assess, control, and predict the impacts of the construction grants program on the Federal Treasury. Federal managers also use this information to respond to OMB and Congressional requests and to maintain fiscal accountability. In addition, builders of wastewater treatment plants may use the information discussed in this ICR.

EPA is also revising ICR for Construction Grants Delegation to