

SUMMARY: The proposed action to be addressed in the DEIS is to evaluate the environmental acceptability of the project design. The project is located along the south-central Texas Coast on the southern portion of Mustang Island. It will provide storm damage reduction and environmental restoration by creating an opening between the Gulf of Mexico and Corpus Christi Bay, and placing excavated material in front of the Padre Island Seawall. The project channel will extend from the Gulf of Mexico through a jettied entrance and a channel through Mustang Island, east and adjacent to John F. Kennedy Causeway, therein to the existing Packery Channel, joining the main channel of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway in the vicinity of mile 553.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the proposed action and DEIS can be answered by: Mr. Carl Anderson, (409) 766-3914, Project Manager, Project Management Branch, or Mr. John C. Baker, (409) 766-3037, Environmental Lead, Environment Section, Planning and Environmental Branch, P.O. Box 1229, Galveston, Texas 77553-1229.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 1. The study process began with the Water Resources Development Act of 1999, Section 556, providing contingent authorization to construct the North Padre Island Storm Damage Reduction and Environmental Restoration Project, Texas, if the Secretary of the Army determined that the locally preferred plan (LPP) was technically sound and environmentally acceptable.

2. A "No Action" alternative will be evaluated and presented for comparison purposes in evaluating the various construction alternatives.

3. Scoping: The scoping process will involve Federal, State, and local agencies, and other interested persons and organizations. A series of scoping workshops will be conducted to discuss various issues associated with the channel improvements and placement of dredged material. Separate Scoping Notices will be issued for the various workshops. Issues to be considered in this process include beneficial uses of dredged material, changes in bay salinity and circulation, water and sediment quality, erosion along the channel, and threatened and endangered species impacts.

Any person or organization wishing to provide information on issues or concerns should contact the Corps of Engineers at the above address.

4. Coordination: Further coordination with environmental agencies will be conducted under the Fish and Wildlife

Coordination Act, Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, National Historic Preservation Act, Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Essential Fish Habitat), and the Coastal Zone Management Act (Texas Coastal Management Program).

5. DEIS Preparation: It is estimated that the DEIS will be available to the public for review and comment in November 2001.

Luz D. Ortiz,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Idaho Operations Office; Industry Materials of the Future (Industry Specific and Crosscutting Technologies)

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, DOE

ACTION: Notice of availability of financial assistance solicitation.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office is seeking applications for cost-shared research and development of materials or materials processing methods, in accordance with the Program Plan for the Industrial Materials for the Future Program, available at www.oit.doe.gov. This will be a national effort to research, design, develop, engineer, and test new and improved materials to achieve improvements in energy efficiency, emissions and waste reduction, productivity, product quality, and global competitiveness.

DATES: The issuance date of Solicitation Number DE-PS07-01ID13985 will be on April 26, 2001. The deadline for receipt of applications will be approximately on May 31, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The solicitation in its full text will be available on the Internet at the following URL address: <http://www.id.doe.gov/doeid/PSD/proc-div.html> or <http://e-center.doe.gov>. Applications should be submitted to: Seb Klein, Procurement Services Division, U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, Mail Stop 1221, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401-1563.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Seb Klein, Contract Specialist, kleinsm@id.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The statutory authority for the program is the Federal Non-Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-577). The Catalog of Federal

Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number for this program is 81.086.

R.J. Hoyles,

Director, Procurement Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC01-566-000, FERC Form 566]

Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

May 2, 2001.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

DATES: Consideration will be given to comments submitted on or before July 9, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained from and written comments may be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Attn: Michael Miller, Office of the Chief Information Officer, CI-1, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 208-2425, and by e-mail at mike.miller@ferc.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected under the requirements of FERC-566 "Annual Report of a Utility's Twenty Largest Purchasers" (OMB No. 1902-0114) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of the Federal Power Act section 305(c)(2) (FPA) as amended by Title II, Section 211 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) (16 U.S.C. 825d). EPA section 305—Officials Dealing in Securities—Interlocking Directorates defines the annual reporting requirements for public utility officers and directors to report officer and director positions they hold with, among other entities, a public utility's top twenty customers of electric energy. FPA section 305(c)(2) states "each

public utility shall publish a list, pursuant to rules prescribed by the Commission * * *. This statutory requirement to publish customers list allows the public the opportunity to compare the customers listed with the interlocking directorate information filed in FERC Form 561, by public utility officers and directors, for the identification of positions where the relationship may be employed, for example, for the director's own benefit

or profit, or for the benefit or profit of any other person or persons and to the detriment of the utility's, or the public interest. The required public utility filers, the necessary filing information, the requirement to publish the information and the filing deadline are all mandated by the FPA. The Commission is not empowered to amend or waive these statutory requirements. Requirements the Commission has the authority to amend,

such as the format of the filing itself and the number of required copies are found at 18 CFR 46.3.

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection of data.

Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as:

Number of respondents annually	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours
(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)×(2)×(3)
175	1	6	1,050

The estimated total cost to respondents is \$59,083 (1,050 hours divided by 2,080 hours per year per employee times \$117,041 per year per average employee=\$59,083). The cost per respondent is \$338.

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The estimate of cost for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are costs incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather than one particular function or activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the

methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways 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 technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC01-561-000; FERC Form 561]

Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

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ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection and request for comments.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected under the requirements of FERC Form 561 "Annual Report of Interlocking Positions" (OMB No. 1902-0099) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of the Federal Power Act section 305 (FPA) as amended by Title II, Section 211 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) (16 U.S.C. 825d). Submission of FERC Form 561 satisfies the FPA section 305(b) and (c) annual reporting requirements for public utility officers and directors to report officer and director positions they hold with financial institutions, insurance companies, utility equipment providers, utility fuel providers, and a utility's top twenty customers of electric energy. FPA section 305(c)(3)(A) defines the public utilities who are required to file. FPA section 305(c)(2) requires that the filed information be made available to the public. FPA section 305(c)(1) requires an annual filing deadline of April 30th. The necessary filing information, the required filers, the requirement to make the information available to the public and the filing deadline are all mandated by the FPA. The Commission is not empowered to amend or waive these statutory requirements. Requirements the Commission has the authority to amend, such as the format of the filing itself and