

"eLibrary" link. Follow the directions for accessing information in paragraph n. Depending on the extent of comments received, a Scoping Document 2 (SD2) may or may not be issued.

Site Visit

MHC will conduct a tour of the proposed project on Tuesday, July 26, 2005, starting at 1:30 p.m. All participants interested in attending should meet at the north parking lot for the Gorge Metro Park on Front Street. Anyone in need of directions should contact Mr. Clifford Phillips of MHC at (330) 869-8451.

Scoping Meeting Objectives

At the scoping meetings, staff will: (1) Present a proposed list of issues to be addressed in the EA; (2) review and discuss existing conditions and resource agency management objectives; (3) review and discuss existing information and identify preliminary information and study needs; (4) review and discuss the process plan and schedule for pre-filing activity that incorporates the time frames provided for in Part 5 of the Commission's regulations and, to the extent possible, maximizes coordination of Federal, State, and tribal permitting and certification processes; and (5) discuss requests by any Federal or State agency or Indian tribe acting as a cooperating agency for development of an environmental document.

Meeting participants should come prepared to discuss their issues and/or concerns. Please review the Pre-Application Document in preparation for the scoping meetings. Directions on how to obtain a copy of the PAD and SD1 are included in item n. of this document.

Scoping Meeting Procedures

The scoping meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal Commission record on the project.

Study Request and Process Plan Workshop

To assist parties in the development of their study requests (pertaining to format and the study criteria outlined in the Commission's regulation 18 CFR 5.8), and further development of the project's process plan, MHC will be hosting a workshop on July 26, 2005, at the Sheraton Suites Akron/Cuyahoga Falls, 1989 Front Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. The workshop will begin at 9 a.m. (EST). For directions, please contact

Clifford Phillips of MHC at (330) 869-8451.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OA-2005-0001, FRL-7926-8]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Economic Valuation of Avoiding Exposure to Arsenic in Drinking Water, EPA ICR Number 2191.01

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 a proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This is a request for a new collection. 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 6, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing docket ID number OA-2005-0001, to EPA online using EDOCKET (our preferred method), by e-mail to oei.docket@epa.gov, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Information Docket, Mail Code 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Kelly Maguire, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, National Center for Environmental Economics, Mail Code 1809T, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 566-2273; fax number: (202) 566-2339; e-mail address: maguire.kelly@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID number OA-2005-0001, which is available for public viewing at the Office of Environmental Information Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket

Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the Office of Environmental Information Docket is (202) 566-1752. An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA Dockets (EDOCKET) at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>. Use EDOCKET to obtain a copy of the draft collection of information, submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select Asearch," then key in the docket ID number identified above.

Any comments related to this ICR should be submitted to EPA within 60 days of this notice. EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing in EDOCKET as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, CBI, or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute. When EPA identifies a comment containing copyrighted material, EPA will provide a reference to that material in the version of the comment that is placed in EDOCKET. The entire printed comment, including the copyrighted material, will be available in the public docket. Although identified as an item in the official docket, information claimed as CBI, or whose disclosure is otherwise restricted by statute, is not included in the official public docket, and will not be available for public viewing in EDOCKET. For further information about the electronic docket, see EPA's **Federal Register** notice describing the electronic docket at 67 FR 38102 (May 31, 2002), or go to <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>.

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are households in the State of Maine.

Title: Economic Valuation of Avoiding Exposure to Arsenic in Drinking Water.

Abstract: The purpose of this information collection request is to conduct 4 focus groups of no more than nine individuals and to conduct a survey of 2,000 households in the State of Maine regarding their willingness to pay to avoid exposure to arsenic in drinking water. Groundwater is an important source of drinking water in the United States. In Maine about half of the population depends on private wells for drinking water and about three-quarters of these wells are drilled

into bedrock where arsenic may occur naturally. Recent testing of well water indicates that about 10 percent of the private wells in Maine have arsenic concentrations above the Federal drinking water standard of 0.10 mg/l.

Although people on public water supplies are protected from elevated levels of arsenic in their tap water, households with private wells are not afforded such protection. Chronic exposure to low concentrations of arsenic through drinking water causes cancer, and arsenic is the only carcinogen with a demonstrated causal link between drinking-water exposure and bladder cancer. Households with elevated levels of arsenic in their well water can undertake a variety of actions to avoid exposure. They can purchase bottled water to drink or install point-of-use (e.g., kitchen sink) or point-of-entry (e.g., complete household) systems. This study will scrutinize the behavioral response of households to information regarding levels of arsenic in drinking water from private wells.

To fully assess behavioral responses to exposure to arsenic in drinking water, this study will combine the results of three analyses: a hedonic property-value study, an averting behavior study, and a conjoint analysis. One survey instrument, with two versions, will be used to collect data for the averting behavior and conjoint studies. This instrument is the subject of this information collection request. The survey will focus on public support for government programs aimed at reducing arsenic levels in drinking water and household decisions to avoid risks associated with arsenic in drinking water. The results of this research will facilitate the estimate of value of statistical life and value of statistical cancer estimates which will assist in assessing the value households place on programs aimed at reducing such exposure. Responses to both the focus groups and full survey are voluntary and will be kept confidential. This project is being conducted in conjunction with the University of Maine via a cooperative agreement.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations in 40 CFR are listed in 40 CFR part 9.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including

whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) Evaluate 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;

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through 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.

Burden Statement: The public reporting burden for this information collection request is estimated to average 2 hours per response for the focus groups and 24 minutes per response for the full survey.

Estimated Number of Focus Group Respondents: 36.

Estimated Reporting Burden for Focus Group Respondents: 2 hours.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Focus Group Respondents: 72 hours.

Estimated Number of Survey Respondents: 2000.

Estimated Reporting Burden for Survey Respondents: 0.4 hours.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Survey Respondents: 800 hours.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 872 hours.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Dated: June 30, 2005.

Al McGartland,

Director, National Center for Environmental Economics, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6665-2]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at 202-564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 1, 2005 (70 FR 16815).

Draft EISs

EIS No. 20050030, ERP No. D-NPS-K61160-CA, Non-Native Deer Management Plan of Axis Deer (Axis axis) and Fallow Deer (Dama dama), Implementation, Point Reyes National Seashore (PRNS) and Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Marin County, CA.

Summary: EPA had no objections to this project.

Rating LO

EIS No. 20050096, ERP No. D-NRC-F06026-IL, Early Site Permit (ESP) at the Exelon ESP Site, Application for ESP on One Additional Nuclear Unit, within the Clinton Power Station (CPS), NUREG-1815, DeWitt County, IL.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns due to impacts to wetlands and impaired water bodies. EPA also requested clarification of the purpose and need and radiation issues.

Rating EC2

EIS No. 20050105, ERP No. D-AFS-F65050-MI, Huron-Manistee National Forests, Proposed Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Several Counties, MI.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns regarding potential impacts to water quality from the restoration of 58,000 acres of large-scale (500+ acres) clearings and from mining. EPA also requested clarification of potential impacts to wildlife and habitat from the proposed increase in snowmobile trails.

Rating EC2

EIS No. 20050107, ERP No. D-AFS-F65051-IL, Shawnee National Forest Proposed Land and Resource Management Plan Revision, Implementation, Alexander, Gallatin, Hardin, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Union and Williamson Counties, IL.