

Application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
ES99051B .....	Goniela Iskali, Bloomington, IN.	Add new species—tricolored bat ( <i>Perimyotis subflavus</i> )—to existing authorized species: Indiana bat ( <i>Myotis sodalis</i> ), gray bat ( <i>M. grisescens</i> ), northern long-eared bat ( <i>M. septentrionalis</i> ).	AL, AR, CT, DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KY, KS, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, VA, VT, WI, WV, WY.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, and evaluate impacts.	Capture with mist nets, handle, identify, radiotag, band, collect non-intrusive measurements, release.	Amend.

**Public Availability of Comments**

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative record associated with this action. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Moreover, all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

**Next Steps**

If we decide to issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

**Authority**

We publish this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

**Sean Marsan,**

*Acting—Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Midwest Region.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Office of the Secretary**

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 Number 1094–0001]

**Agency Information Collection  
 Activities; The Alternatives Process in  
 Hydropower Licensing**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, Department of the Interior, is requesting comments on the proposed renewal of an information collection request related to the alternatives process in hydropower licensing. This notice is being issued in coordination with the Department of Commerce and the Department of Agriculture.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 6, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to: National Environmental Policy Act and Environmental Coordination Division, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, U.S. Department of the Interior, MS 2629–MIB, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240; or by email to [Environmental\\_Review@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Environmental_Review@ios.doi.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1094–0001 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Shawn Alam, National Environmental Policy Act and Environmental Coordination Division by email at [Environmental\\_Review@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Environmental_Review@ios.doi.gov), or by telephone at 771–216–5846. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), all information collections require approval

under the PRA. We may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we invite the public and other Federal agencies to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

- (1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- (2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this 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) How might the agency minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of response.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment

to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

*Abstract:* The OMB regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, which implement the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8 (d)).

On November 23, 2016, the Departments of Agriculture, the Interior, and Commerce published a final rule, at 7 CFR part 1, 43 CFR part 45, and 50 CFR part 221, to implement section 241 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EP Act), Public Law 109–58, enacted on August 8, 2005, (81 FR 84389). Section 241 of the EP Act added a new section 33 to the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 823d, that allows the license applicant or any other party to the license proceeding to propose an alternative to a condition or prescription that one or more of the Departments develop for inclusion in a hydropower license issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) under the FPA. The final regulations require the Department of Agriculture, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Commerce to collect the information that is covered under this ICR, 1094–0001.

Under FPA section 33, the Secretary of the Department involved must accept the proposed alternative if the Secretary determines, based on substantial evidence provided by a party to the license proceeding or otherwise available to the Secretary, (a) that the alternative condition provides for the adequate protection and utilization of the reservation, or that the alternative prescription will be no less protective than the fishway initially proposed by the Secretary, and (b) that the alternative will either cost significantly less to implement or result in improved operation of the project works for electricity production.

In order to make this determination, the regulations require that all of the following information be collected: (1) a description of the alternative, in an equivalent level of detail to the Department's preliminary condition or prescription; (2) an explanation of how the alternative: (i) if a condition, will provide for the adequate protection and utilization of the reservation; or (ii) if a prescription, will be no less protective than the fishway prescribed by the bureau; (3) an explanation of how the alternative, as compared to the preliminary condition or prescription,

will: (i) cost significantly less to implement; or (ii) result in improved operation of the project works for electricity production; (4) an explanation of how the alternative or revised alternative will affect: (i) energy supply, distribution, cost, and use; (ii) flood control; (iii) navigation; (iv) water supply; (v) air quality; and (vi) other aspects of environmental quality; and (5) specific citations to any scientific studies, literature, and other documented information relied on to support the proposal.

This notice of proposed renewal of an existing information collection is being published by the Department of the Interior, on behalf of all three Departments, and the data provided below covers anticipated responses (alternative conditions/prescriptions and associated information) for all three Departments.

*Title of Collection:* 7 CFR part 1; 43 CFR part 45; 50 CFR part 221; The Alternatives Process in Hydropower Licensing.

*OMB Control Number:* 1094–0001.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Business or for-profit entities

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 5.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 5.

*Estimated Completion Time per Response:* 500 hours.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 2,500 hours.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Frequency of Collection:* Once per alternative proposed

*Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:* None.

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 authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

**Stephen G. Tryon,**

*Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of the Secretary

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### National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures for the Bureau of Reclamation

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Interior (Department), Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) proposes to revise seven categorical exclusions (CE) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) in Reclamation's NEPA implementing procedures, Departmental Manual (DM) at part 516, chapter 14. The proposed revisions would clarify existing CEs on certain financial assistance funding, water-related contracting, and use authorization actions to allow for more consistent interpretation and more efficient review of appropriate actions based on Reclamation's experience implementing these CEs. The Department, on behalf of Reclamation, invites public comment on the proposed revisions.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before July 8, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments electronically to [usbr\\_ce@usbr.gov](mailto:usbr_ce@usbr.gov), or by mail to Bureau of Reclamation, Attn: USBR CE, 1849 C Street NW, Suite 7069, Washington, DC 20240. Supporting documentation used in preparing the proposed CE revisions is available for public inspection at [www.usbr.gov/nepa](http://www.usbr.gov/nepa). The public can also view the CE substantiation report at [www.usbr.gov/nepa](http://www.usbr.gov/nepa). The web address for Reclamation's current procedures, at series 31, part 516, chapter 14, is <https://www.doi.gov/document-library/departmental-manual/516-dm-14-managing-nepa-process-bureau-reclamation>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shane Hunt (he/him) via phone at 916–202–7158, or via email at [usbr\\_ce@usbr.gov](mailto:usbr_ce@usbr.gov). Individuals who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**