

services for victims; offer interim housing for VAWA victims waiting for emergency transfers; provide a waitlist preference for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking; have a VAWA service coordinator or someone who functions as a VAWA service coordinator; and conduct outreach activities to organizations that assist or provide resources to VAWA victims. HUD declines to collect all of the information suggested by commenters, as the form must prioritize collection of certain emergency transfer information to maximize the utility of the data collected while balancing concerns about burden on covered housing providers. HUD thanks commenters for these suggestions and will consider other ways to issue guidance on these and related matters.

Respondents: Public housing agencies, private multifamily housing owners and management agents, state and local agencies, and grant recipients.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 293,176.

Estimated Number of Responses: 5,044,764.

Frequency of Responses: Varies. For the HUD-5380, there are approximately 3,918 Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher respondents with 65 responses per respondent. For Multifamily Housing, there are approximately 23,000 respondents with 34 responses per respondent. For HOME, there are 1,874 respondents with approximately 44 responses per respondent. For HOPWA, there are 255 respondents with 50 responses per respondent. For Homelessness programs (CoC, ESG, Rural Housing Stability) there are 6,350 respondents with 7 responses per respondent.

Each respondent indicated will have to complete an emergency transfer plan using the HUD-5381 or other format. For the HUD-5382 certification for documentation by survivor and emergency transfer request, there are approximately 231,965 responses.

Average Hours per Response: Varies depending on form (0.44 based on total burden hours/total responses).

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 2,230,480.58.

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

(1) 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;

(2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

(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 through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

(5) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comments in response to these questions.

C. Authority

Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507.

Colette Pollard,

Department Reports Management Officer,
Office of Policy Development and Research,
Chief Data Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-R3-ES-2024-0070;
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Draft Environmental Assessment and Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan; Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit; Alliant Energy, Iowa and Minnesota

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comment and information.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have received an application from Alliant Energy's Interstate Power and Light Company and Wisconsin Power and Light Company (Alliant; applicant), for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act, for wind facilities in Iowa and Minnesota (project). The applicant requests the ITP for the take of four bat species incidental to the otherwise lawful activities associated with the project. The applicant proposes a conservation program to minimize and mitigate for the unavoidable incidental take as

described in their habitat conservation plan (HCP). The Service requests public comment on the application, which includes the applicant's proposed HCP, and the Service's draft environmental assessment, prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. The Service provides this notice to seek comments from the public and Federal, Tribal, State, and local governments.

DATES: We will accept comments received or postmarked on or before August 15, 2024.

ADDRESSES:

Obtaining Documents: Electronic copies of the documents this notice announces, along with public comments received, will be available online in Docket No. FWS-R3-ES-2024-0070 at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Submitting Comments: If you wish to submit comments on any of the documents, you may do so in writing by one of the following methods:

- **Online:** <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Follow the instructions for submitting comments on Docket No. FWS-R3-ES-2024-0070.

- **U.S. mail:** Public Comments

Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-R3-ES-2024-0070; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: PRB/3W; Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kraig McPeck, Field Supervisor, Illinois-Iowa Ecological Services Field Office, by email at kraig_mcpeek@fws.gov or by telephone at 309-757-5800, extension 202; or Andrew Horton, Regional HCP Coordinator, by email at andrew_horton@fws.gov or by telephone at 612-713-5337. 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: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have received an application from Alliant Energy's Interstate Power and Light Company and Wisconsin Power and Light Company (Alliant; applicant), for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), for its eight wind facilities in Iowa and one facility in Minnesota (project). The applicant requests the ITP, which would be for a 30-year period, for the take of the four covered bat species in table 1, incidental to the otherwise lawful activities associated with the project.

TABLE 1—COVERED SPECIES

Common name	Scientific name	Federal listing status
Indiana bat	<i>Myotis sodalis</i>	Endangered.
Northern long-eared bat	<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	Endangered.
Tricolored bat	<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>	Proposed endangered.
Little brown bat	<i>Myotis lucifugus</i>	Under review for listing.

The applicant proposes a conservation program to minimize and mitigate for the unavoidable incidental take as described in their habitat conservation plan (HCP). The Service requests public comment on the application, which includes the applicant’s proposed HCP, and the Service’s draft environmental assessment, prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). The Service provides this notice to seek comments from the public and Federal, Tribal, State, and local governments.

Background

Section 9 of the ESA and its implementing regulations prohibit the “take” of animal species listed as endangered or threatened. Take is defined under the ESA as to “harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect [listed animal species], or to attempt to engage in such conduct” (16 U.S.C. 1532(19)). However, under section 10(a) of the ESA, we may issue permits to authorize incidental take of listed species. “Incidental take” is defined by the ESA as take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, carrying out an otherwise lawful activity. Regulations governing incidental take permits for endangered and threatened species, respectively, are found in the Code of Federal Regulations at 50 CFR 17.22 and 50 CFR 17.32.

Applicant’s Proposed Project

The applicant requests a 30-year ITP for take of the four covered species in table 1. The applicant determined that the covered activities (operation, refurbishment, and repowering) of the wind projects are reasonably certain to result in incidental take of these covered species. The authorized level of take from the covered activities over the 30-year project duration is expected to be 123 Indiana bats; 246 northern long-eared bats; 2,520 tricolored bats; and 3,536 little brown bats.

The proposed conservation strategy in the applicant’s proposed HCP is designed to avoid, minimize, and mitigate the impacts of the covered activities on the covered species. The biological goals and objectives are to

minimize potential take of the covered species through on-site minimization measures and to provide habitat conservation measures for the covered species to offset the impact of the taking. On-site minimization measures have been designed based on the apparent risk level of each project, and include feathering turbines when wind is below manufacturer’s cut-in speed, below 4.0 meters per second (m/s), and below 5.0 m/s during periods of highest bat risk, as described in table 5.1 in the HCP. Minimization measures will be implemented nightly from sunset to sunrise. To offset the impacts of the taking, the applicant proposes to protect and restore known maternity colony habitat for the covered species. The Service requests public comments on the permit application, which includes a proposed HCP, and an EA prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*).

The applicant’s HCP describes the activities that will be undertaken to implement the project, as well as the mitigation and minimization measures proposed to address the impacts to the covered species. Pursuant to NEPA, the EA analyzes the impacts the ITP issuance would have on the covered species and the environment.

National Environmental Policy Act

The issuance of an ITP is a Federal action that triggers the need for compliance with NEPA. We prepared a draft EA that analyzes the environmental impacts on the human environment resulting from three alternatives: A no-action alternative, the applicant’s proposed action, and a more restrictive alternative consisting of feathering at a rate of wind speed that results in less impacts to bats.

Next Steps

The Service will evaluate the permit application and the comments received to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the ESA. We will also conduct an intra-Service consultation pursuant to section 7 of the ESA to evaluate the effects of the proposed take. After considering the above findings, we will determine whether the permit issuance

criteria of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA have been met. If met, the Service will issue the requested ITP to the applicant.

Request for Public Comments

The Service invites comments and suggestions from all interested parties during a 30-day public comment period (see **DATES**). In particular, information and comments regarding the following topics are requested:

- The direct, indirect, or cumulative effects that implementation of any alternative could have on the human environment.
- Whether or not the significance of the impact on various aspects of the human environment has been adequately analyzed.
- Any other information pertinent to evaluating the effects of the proposed action on the human environment.

Availability of Public Comments

You may submit comments by one of the methods shown under **ADDRESSES**. We will post on <https://regulations.gov> all public comments and information received electronically or via hardcopy. All comments received, including names and addresses, will 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. 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.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22) and NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*) and its implementing

regulations (40 CFR 1506.6; 43 CFR part 46).

Lori Nordstrom,

Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

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Draft National Spatial Data Infrastructure Strategic Plan

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) is soliciting public comments on the draft strategic plan for the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI).

DATES: Comments must be received by August 6, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Information about the FGDC is available at www.fgdc.gov. The draft strategic plan, along with instructions for submitting comments, is posted at: www.fgdc.gov/nsdi-plan. You may provide comments by either of the following methods:

- Electronically to nsdicomments@fgdc.gov.
- By mail to Federal Geographic Data Committee, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Mail Stop 590, Reston, VA 20192.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joshua Delmonico, U.S. Geological Survey (703–648–5752).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FGDC is the interagency committee that serves as the lead entity in the executive branch for the development, implementation, and review of policies, practices, and standards relating to geospatial data. The FGDC operates under the authority of the Geospatial Data Act of 2018 (GDA) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A–16. One of the FGDC’s responsibilities under the GDA is to “prepare and maintain a strategic plan for the development and implementation of the NSDI in a manner consistent with national security, national defense, and emergency preparedness program policies regarding data accessibility.” The GDA describes the NSDI as “the technology, policies, criteria, standards, and employees necessary to promote geospatial data sharing throughout the Federal Government, State, Tribal, and

local governments, and the private sector (including nonprofit organizations and institutions of higher education).”

The draft NSDI strategic plan has been developed with inputs from a variety of sources, including FGDC member agencies, the National Geospatial Advisory Committee, and geospatial partner organizations. The plan describes a broad national vision for the NSDI and includes goals and objectives for the sustainable development of the NSDI. Following the public comment period, a revised draft of the plan will be prepared for final review and adoption by the FGDC Steering Committee. Following adoption of the strategic plan, the FGDC will develop more detailed project plans for the goals and objectives in the strategic plan.

Kenneth M. Shaffer,

Deputy Executive Director, Federal Geographic Data Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

[Docket ID BSEE–2024–0002; EEEE50000245E1700D2 ET1SF0000.EAQ000; OMB Control Number 1014–0017]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Safety and Environmental Management Systems

AGENCY: Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) proposes to renew an information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 16, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by either of the following methods listed below:

- Electronically go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the Search box, enter BSEE–2024–0002 then click search. Follow the instructions to submit public comments and view all related materials. We will post all comments.

- Email nikki.mason@bsee.gov, fax (703) 787–1546, or mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the

Interior; Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement; Regulations and Standards Branch; ATTN: Nikki Mason; 45600 Woodland Road, Sterling, VA 20166. Please reference OMB Control Number 1014–0017 in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Nikki Mason by email at nikki.mason@bsee.gov or by telephone at (703) 787–1607.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the PRA 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 through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of