

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4815-N-85]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB: Utility Allowance Adjustments

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

Multifamily project owners are required to advise the Secretary of the need for and request approval of a new utility allowance for tenants.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* December 8, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number (2502-0352) and should be sent to: Lauren Wittenberg, OMB Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; Fax number (202) 395-6974; E-mail Lauren_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, AYO, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Wayne_Eddins@HUD.gov; telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information, as described below, to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The Notice lists the following information: (1) The title of the information collection proposal; (2) the office of the agency to collect the information; (3) the OMB approval number, if applicable; (4) the description of the need for the information and its proposed use; (5) the agency form number, if applicable; (6) what members of the public will be affected by the proposal; (7) how frequently information submissions will be required; (8) an estimate of the total number of hours needed to prepare the

information submission including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response; (9) whether the proposal is new, an extension, reinstatement, or revision of an information collection requirement; and (10) the name and telephone number of an agency official familiar with the proposal and of the OMB Desk Officer for the Department.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Utility Allowance Adjustments.

OMB Approval Number: 2502-0352.

Form Numbers: None.

Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use: Multifamily project owners are required to advise the Secretary of the need for and request approval of a new utility allowance for tenants.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

Reporting Burden: Number of Respondents 1,200; Average response per respondent 1; Total annual response 1,200; Average burden per response 0.5 hrs.

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 600.

Status: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: October 30, 2003.

Wayne Eddins,

*Departmental Reports Management Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of the Final Recovery Plan for the Star Cactus (*Astrophytum asterias*)

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability of the Final Recovery Plan for the star cactus (*Astrophytum asterias*). Star cactus has been documented on one private land site in Starr County, Texas. Additional populations may be found in the United States in Texas, and in Tamaulipas and Nuevo Leon, Mexico.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to receive the Final Recovery Plan can obtain a

copy from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Corpus Christi Ecological Services Field Office, c/o TAMUCC, Box 338, 6300 Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas, 78412. The Final Recovery Plan will also be available through the Fish and Wildlife Region 2 Web site at: <http://southwest.fws.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Field Office Supervisor, Corpus Christi Ecological Services Field Office, at the above address; telephone (361) 994-9005, facsimile (361) 994-8262.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The star cactus (*Astrophytum asterias*) was listed as endangered on November 17, 1993, under authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. The threats facing the survival and recovery of this species include habitat destruction through conversion of native habitat to agricultural land and increasing urbanization, competition with exotic invasive species, genetic vulnerability due to low population numbers, and collecting pressures for the cactus trade. The Final Recovery Plan includes information about the species and provides objectives and actions needed to downlist the species. Recovery activities designed to achieve downlisting objectives include: Protecting known populations; searching for additional populations; performing outreach activities to educate the general public on the need for protection; building partnerships with private landowners who are interested in voluntary conservation of the species on their land; establishing additional populations through reintroduction in the known range of the plant; formalizing a conservation strategy with Mexico; and filling information gaps to guide management decisions and provide a basis for delisting criteria. The Recovery Plan will be reviewed in five years to evaluate management direction and reconsider delisting criteria.

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service is working to prepare Recovery Plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery Plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of species, establish criteria for downlisting or delisting them, and estimate time and cost for

implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires the development of Recovery Plans for listed species unless such a Plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act, as amended in 1988, requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during Recovery Plan development. The Service will consider all information presented during a public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised Recovery Plan. The Service and other Federal agencies will also take these comments into account in the course of implementing Recovery Plans.

The Final Star Cactus Recovery Plan is cosigned by the Director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Authority

The authority for this action is Section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: September 9, 2003.

Bryan Arroyo,

Acting Regional Director, Region 2.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report on the Proposed Amendment of the Water Service Contract Between the United States of America and the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Sacramento, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of cancellation.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Reclamation and the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) are canceling plans to continue work on a joint environmental impact statement/environmental impact report (EIS/EIR) on a proposed amendment of the water service contract between the United States and SMUD. The reason for canceling is that the project will be addressed as part of the environmental review processes for both the Freeport Regional Water Project and the American River Division long-term contract renewal.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Rob Schroeder, Reclamation, at (916) 989-7274.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Reclamation and SMUD had proposed to amend the existing contract to change the point of diversion of 30,000 acre-feet annually of contract water for municipal and industrial uses for Sacramento County Water Agency.

Dated: October 24, 2003.

Frank Michny,

Regional Environmental Officer, Mid-Pacific Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act

Under 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that on September 30, 2003, a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. Alliant Techsystems, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 03-4648, was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

In this action the United States seeks the recovery of response costs incurred regarding the Radiation Technology Superfund Site, in Rockaway Township, New Jersey. The proposed consent decree embodies an agreement with Alliant Techsystems, Inc. (ATK) to perform the groundwater remedy at the Site and to reimburse the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for up to \$249,000 of its past response costs and for all oversight costs in connection with the performance of the remedy. The decree provides ATK with a covenant not to sue under Sections 106 and 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607(a).

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611, and should refer to *United States v. Alliant Techsystems, Inc.*, D.J. No. 90-11-2-07691/1.

The Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, 970 Broad Street, Room 400, Newark, NJ 07102, and at the Region II Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II Records Center, 290 Broadway, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10007-1866. During the

public comment period, the Consent Decree also may be examined on the following Department of Justice Web site, <http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/open.html>. A copy of the Consent Decree may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611, or by faxing or e-mailing a request to Tonia Fleetwood (tonia.fleetwood@usdoj.gov), fax no. (202) 514-0097, phone confirmation number (202) 514-1547. In requesting a copy from the Consent Decree Library, please enclose a check in the amount of \$32.25 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to U.S. Treasury.

Catherine R. McCabe,

Deputy Section Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Filing of Environmental Bankruptcy Settlement in In re Fansteel, Inc. et al.

Notice is hereby given that a proposed settlement entered into by the United States, on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), the Department of the Navy ("Navy"), the Department of the Interior ("DOI") and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ("NOAA"), and Fansteel, Inc. ("Debtor") was filed on September 18, 2003, in *In re Fansteel, Inc. et al.*, No. 02-10109 (Bank. D. Del.) with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware. The proposed settlement is contained in Article XIII(C) of the Debtor's proposed Plan of Reorganization ("Plan") and would resolve certain claims of the United States against the settling party under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA") 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*, relating to the following locations: (1) The Vulcan Louisville Smelter Site/Vacant Lot Site ("Vacant Lot Site"); (2) Pettibone Creek; and (3) the Naval Station Great Lakes including the boat basin, inner harbor, and the outer harbor ("NAVSTA Great Lakes") all in North Chicago, Lake County, Illinois.

Under the settlement, Reorganized Fansteel will contribute \$1,600,000 to North Chicago, Inc. ("NCI"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Fansteel created under the Plan, to perform the response action selected by the EPA ("North Chicago Response Action") at the real