

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is to announce the availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on resident Canada goose management. We published the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in March 2002. We considered over 2,700 public comments in revising the document.

**DATES:** The public inspection period for the FEIS will last 30 days and will end on December 19, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** The document is available from the Division of Migratory Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop 4107—MBSP, Arlington, Virginia 22203–1610. It is also available on the Division of Migratory Bird Management Web page at <http://migratorybirds.fws.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ron W. Kokel, Division of Migratory Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, at 703–358–1967.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FEIS evaluates alternative strategies to reduce, manage, and control resident Canada goose populations in the continental United States and to reduce goose-related damages. The objective of the FEIS is to provide a regulatory mechanism that would allow State and local agencies, other Federal agencies, and groups and individuals to respond to damage complaints or damages by resident Canada geese. The FEIS is a comprehensive programmatic plan intended to guide and direct resident Canada goose population growth and management activities in the conterminous United States. The FEIS analyzes seven management alternatives: (1) No Action (Alternative A); (2) Increase Use of Nonlethal Control and Management (excludes all permitted activities) (Alternative B); (3) Increase Use of Nonlethal Control and Management (continued permitting of those activities generally considered nonlethal) (Alternative C); (4) Expanded Hunting Methods and Opportunities (Alternative D); (5) Control and Depredation Order Management (consisting of an Airport Control Order, a Nest and Egg Depredation Order, an Agricultural Depredation Order, and a Public Health Control Order) (Alternative E); (6) Integrated Damage Management and Population Control (PROPOSED ACTION) (Alternative F); and (7) General Depredation Order (Alternative G). Alternatives were analyzed with regard to their potential impacts on resident Canada geese, other wildlife species, natural resources, special status species, socioeconomics,

historical resources, and cultural resources.

Our proposed action (Alternative F) would establish a new regulation with three main program components. The first component would be targeted to address resident Canada goose depredation, damage, and conflict management by authorizing or establishing specific resident Canada goose Control and Depredation Orders. The second component would be targeted to increase the sport harvest of resident Canada geese by providing new regulatory options to State wildlife management agencies and Tribal entities by authorizing the use of additional hunting methods. The third component would consist of a new regulation authorizing a resident Canada goose population control program, or management take. Management take is defined as a special management action that is needed to reduce certain wildlife populations when traditional management programs are unsuccessful in preventing overabundance of the population. The management take program would be implemented under the authority of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to reduce and stabilize resident Canada goose populations. The intent of the program is to reduce resident Canada goose populations in order to protect personal property and agricultural crops, protect other interests from injury, resolve or prevent injury to people, property, agricultural crops, or other interests from resident Canada geese, and contribute to potential concerns about human health.

On March 1, 2002 (67 FR 9448), the Environmental Protection Agency published a Notice of Availability of our DEIS. On March 7, 2002 (67 FR 10431), we published our own Notice of Availability of the DEIS. We published a Notice of Meetings on the DEIS on March 26, 2002 (67 FR 13792). Initial comments were accepted until May 30, 2002. We subsequently published another Notice of Availability reopening the comment period on August 21, 2003 (68 FR 50546). Also on August 21, 2003, we published a proposed rule regarding control and management of resident Canada goose populations (68 FR 50496). Comments were accepted on both the DEIS and the proposed rule until October 20, 2003.

We received public comments on the DEIS from 2,657 private individuals, 33 State wildlife resource agencies, 37 nongovernmental organizations, 29 local governments, 5 Federal or State legislators, 4 Flyway Councils, 4 Federal agencies, 3 tribes, 3 businesses, and 2 State agricultural agencies. Of the 2,657 comments received from private

individuals, 56% opposed the preferred alternative and supported only nonlethal control and management alternatives, while 40% supported either the proposed alternative or a general depredation order.

We modified the DEIS to respond to concerns and issues expressed by individuals, agencies, and organizations. Most notably, we excluded States in the Pacific Flyway from some of the available management components and shifted implementation and responsibility on some of the program components from the State to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Our proposed action remains Alternative F. A Record of Decision and final rule will be published after the inspection period (see **DATES** section).

Dated: October 17, 2005.

**Matt Hogan,**

*Deputy Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

**[WO–350–1430–EY–24 1A; OMB Control Number 1004–0153]**

#### Information Collection Submitted to the Office Of Management and Budget Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has submitted the proposed collection of information listed below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). On June 9, 2004, the BLM published a notice in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 32365) requesting comments on this proposed collection. The comment period ended on August 9, 2004. The BLM received no comments. You may obtain copies of the proposed collection of information by contacting the BLM Information Collection Clearance Officer at the telephone number listed below.

The OMB is required to respond to this request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. For maximum consideration your comments and suggestions on the requirement should be made within 30 days directly to the Office of Management and Budget, Interior Department Desk Officer (1004–0153), at OMB–OIRA via facsimile to (202) 395–6566 or e-mail to [OIRA\\_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov). Please provide a copy of your comments to the Bureau Information Collection Clearance Officer (WO–630), Bureau of

Land Management, Eastern States Office, 7450 Boston Blvd., Springfield, Virginia 22153.

*Nature of Comments:* We specifically request your comments on the following:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the BLM, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the BLM's estimate of the burden of collecting the information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. How to minimize the burden of collecting the information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

*Title:* Conveyance of Federally-Owned Mineral Interest (43 CFR Part 2720).

*OMB Control Number:* 1004-0153.

*Bureau Form Number:* Nonform information.

*Abstract:* The Bureau of Land Management uses the information to determine if private surface estate land owners seeking conveyance of the Federally-owned mineral interests lying beneath the surface meet the statutory requirements of 43 CFR part 2720.

*Frequency:* Once.

*Description of Respondents:* Privately owned surface estate owners.

*Estimated Completion Time:* 10 hours.

*Annual Responses:* 12.

*Application Fee Per Response:* \$50.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 120.

*Bureau Clearance Officer:* Ian Senio, (202) 452-5033.

Dated: July 18, 2005.

**Ian Senio,**

*Bureau of Land Management, Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## **INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION; UNITED STATES AND MEXICO**

**United States Section; Notice of Availability for the Record of Decision on the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, Clean Water Act Compliance at the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant, Located in San Diego County, CA**

**AGENCY:** United States Section, International Boundary and Water

Commission (USIBWC), United States and Mexico.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability for the Record of Decision (ROD).

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Final Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508); and the USIBWC's Operational Procedures for Implementing Section 102 of NEPA, published in the **Federal Register** September 2, 1981, (46 FR 44083); the USIBWC hereby gives notice that the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, *Clean Water Act Compliance at the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant*, located in San Diego County, California is available. The ROD was signed and made available via the USIBWC website on September 30, 2005. A Notice of Availability of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) dated July 14, 2005, provided a thirty (30)-day comment period. The Notice was published in the **Federal Register** on July 22, 2005 (70 FR 42379).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gilbert Anaya, Environmental Management Division; United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission; 4171 N. Mesa, C-100; El Paso, Texas 79902. Telephone: (915) 832-4702, email: [gilbertanaya@ibwc.state.gov](mailto:gilbertanaya@ibwc.state.gov).

### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Proposed Action**

The United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) has prepared the Record of Decision on the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Clean Water Act Compliance at the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant (Final SEIS). The South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant (SBIWTP) is an existing international wastewater treatment plant located in San Diego County at the United States-Mexico border. The SBIWTP and its associated facilities capture and treat to the advanced primary level an average of 25 million gallons per day (mgd) of raw sewage originating from the Tijuana region of Mexico and discharge the treated effluent approximately 3.5 miles offshore into the Pacific Ocean through the South Bay Ocean Outfall (SBOO). The SBIWTP and its system of canyon collectors prevent millions of gallons of dry weather flows of raw sewage from

flowing daily into the United States from Mexico and polluting the Tijuana River, the Tijuana River Valley and Estuary, and south San Diego beaches.

The Final SEIS analyzed existing and new alternatives that would enable the USIBWC to bring the SBIWTP into compliance with the Clean Water Act (CWA) and with the SBIWTP's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit either by providing secondary treatment at the SBIWTP; or by having another entity, either private or public, provide secondary treatment of the SBIWTP's effluent in Mexico; or by achieving CWA compliance by some other means. The Final SEIS also evaluated new information on the current discharges of advanced primary effluent from the SBIWTP through the SBOO, as well as potential interim actions that would allow continued operations of the SBIWTP until the SBIWTP achieves CWA compliance. The Record of Decision was prepared in compliance with 40 CFR 1505.2 to document the USIBWC's decision on the project. The decision is based on the Final SEIS development process (40 CFR part 1502) and public involvement (40 CFR part 1500).

On July 22, 2005, USIBWC made the Final SEIS available for public review and comment. A Notice of Availability of the Final SEIS was published in the **Federal Register** by the USIBWC on July 22, 2005 (70 FR 42379), and by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on July 29, 2005 (70 FR 43867). USIBWC invited written comments on the Final SEIS to be submitted on or before August 24, 2005. USIBWC received one comment letter on the Final SEIS. The comments on the Draft and Final SEIS along with USIBWC responses are discussed in Sections VI and VII of the Record of Decision, respectively.

### **Availability**

Single hard copies of the Record of Decision may be obtained by request at the above address. Electronic copies may also be obtained from the USIBWC Home Page at <http://www.ibwc.state.gov>.

Dated: November 7, 2005.

**Susan Daniel,**

*General Counsel.*

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