

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0029]

**Federal Acquisition Regulation;
Information Collection; Extraordinary
Contractual Action Requests**

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning extraordinary contractual action requests. The clearance currently expires on April 30, 2008.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before March 17, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VIR), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ed Loeb, Contract Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-0650.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Purpose**

This request covers the collection of information as a first step under Public

Law 85-804, as amended by Public Law 93-155 and Executive Order 10789 dated November 14, 1958, that allows contracts to be entered into, amended, or modified in order to facilitate national defense. In order for a firm to be granted relief under the Act, specific evidence must be submitted which supports the firm's assertion that relief is appropriate and that the matter cannot be disposed of under the terms of the contract.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 100
Responses Per Respondent: 1.
Annual Responses: 100.
Hours Per Response: 16.
Total Burden Hours: 1600.
Obtaining Copies of Proposals:

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VIR), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0029, Extraordinary Contractual Action Requests, in all correspondence.

Dated: January 10, 2008

Al Matera,

Director, Office of Acquisition Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army****Availability for Non-Exclusive,
Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive
Licensing of U.S. Patent Application
Concerning Arthropod Repellent
Pharmacophore Models, Compounds
Identified as Fitting the
Pharmacophore Models, and Methods
of Marking and Using Thereof**

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6 and 404.7, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/701,565 entitled "Arthropod Repellent Pharmacophore Models, Compounds Identified as Fitting the Pharmacophore Models, and Methods of Marking and Using Thereof," filed November 6, 2003. Foreign rights are also available (PCT/US03/35424). The United States Government, as represented by the Secretary of the Army, has rights in this invention.

ADDRESSES: Commander, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, ATTN: Command Judge

Advocate, MCMR-ZA-J, 504 Scott Street, Fort Detrick, Frederick, MD 21702-5012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For patent issues, Ms. Elizabeth Arwine, Patent Attorney, (301) 619-7808. For licensing issues, Dr. Paul Mele, Office of Research & Technology Assessment, (301) 619-6664, both at telefax (301) 619-5034.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Disclosed herein is a pharmacophore model for arthropod repellent activity and methods of making and using thereof. The pharmacophore comprises two hydrophobic aliphatic functions, one aromatic function and one hydrogen bond acceptor function. The pharmacophore model was made using a test set of arthropod repellent compounds. Also disclosed are arthropod repellent compounds identified by screening databases with the pharmacophore model. Also disclosed are methods of repelling arthropods from a surface or area. Compositions and formulations comprising the compounds of the present invention as well as objects having the compounds of the present invention are disclosed.

Brenda S. Bowen,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army; Corps of
Engineers****Intent To Prepare a Draft
Environmental Impact Statement for
the Construction and Operation of a
300-MW Coal-Fired Electric Generating
Unit Proposed by Wisconsin Power
and Light Company near Cassville in
Grant County, WI**

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WPL) has applied to the St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers (Corps) for a permit to conduct work below the ordinary high water mark of the Mississippi River, a navigable water of the U.S., and to discharge dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S. to facilitate the construction and operation of a 300 megawatt (MW) baseload coal-fired electric generating unit, referred to as NED 3, near Cassville in Grant County, WI. Specifically, the WPL is proposing an atmospheric circulating fluidized bed boiler and steam turbine

generator unit at a site adjacent to the existing Nelson Dewey Generating Station (NED) Units 1 and 2 on the Mississippi River at River Mile 607.7. In addition to the new power generating unit, the following associated facilities would be constructed and operated: A new lateral collector well to supply cooling water; additional barge unloading capacity including three additional barge moorings in the Mississippi River, a new barge unloading tower foundation, and a temporary equipment barge unloading ramp; a new storm water detention pond and pipe outfall structure; 1.7-mile-long off-site parallel industrial railroad tracks, including a sheet pile retaining wall, adjacent to the existing BNSF railroad mainline tracks; new railroad bridges over two creeks for the off-site parallel industrial railroad tracks; and two new coal pile runoff ponds to replace the existing coal pile runoff pond adjacent to the railroad tracks.

The project would require the discharge of dredged or fill material into the Mississippi River and two creeks that are tributaries to the Mississippi River. The Mississippi River is a navigable water of the U.S. The discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S. requires a permit issued by the Corps under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Construction work conducted below the ordinary high water mark of a navigable water of the U.S. requires a permit issued by the Corps under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. The final environmental impact statement will be used as a basis for the permit decision and to ensure compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

ADDRESSES: Questions concerning the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) can be addressed to Mr. Jon K. Ahlness, Regulatory Branch by letter at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 190 Fifth Street East, Suite 401, St. Paul, MN 55101-1638, by telephone or by e-mail at jon.k.ahlness@usace.army.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jon K. Ahlness, (651) 290-5381.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Corps and the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) will jointly prepare the federal/state DEIS. The Corps is the lead federal agency and the PSCW is the lead state agency. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) is participating in the preparation of the DEIS. The Corps and the PSCW will jointly conduct two public scoping meetings to identify issues that will be addressed in the

DEIS. The first public scoping meeting will be held at the Cassville Elementary School Gym, 412 Crawford St., Cassville, Wisconsin on January 30, 2008 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The second public scoping meeting will be held at the City of Portage Municipal Building Community Room, 115 West Pleasant St., Portage, Wisconsin, on February 11, 2008 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

We anticipate that the DEIS will be made available to the public in April of 2008. The DEIS will assess impacts of the proposed action and reasonable alternatives, identify and evaluate mitigation alternatives, and discuss potential environmental monitoring. Significant issues and resources to be identified in the DEIS will be determined through coordination with responsible federal, state, and local agencies; the general public; interested private organizations and parties; and affected Native American Tribes. Anyone who has an interest in participating in the development of the DEIS is invited to contact the St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers. Significant issues that will be addressed in the DEIS include:

1. Fish, wildlife, and ecologically sensitive resources.
2. Water resources, including: Surface water hydrology; groundwater hydrology; and waters of the U.S., including wetlands.
3. Water quality, including: Surface water runoff; and storm water management.
4. Air quality, including: Mercury emissions; and carbon dioxide emissions.
5. Cumulative impacts, including: Wildlife habitat loss; water quality; and air quality.

Additional issues of interest may be identified through the public scoping process.

Our environmental review will be conducted to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, Endangered Species Act of 1973, Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, and other applicable laws and regulations.

Dated: January 10, 2008.

Jon L. Christensen,

Colonel, Corps of Engineers District Engineer.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplement to the Hawaii Range Complex Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS/OEIS) for a Proposal To Enhance Training, Testing, and Operational Capability Within the Hawaii Range Complex (HRC)

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy (DON) announces its intent to prepare a Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS/OEIS) for the Hawaii Range Complex (HRC). This SDEIS/OEIS will be focused on the methodology used to analyze potential marine mammal behavioral effects related to mid-frequency active sonar exposure. In addition, DON may make adjustments to the alternatives.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 29, 2006, pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and Executive Order 12114 (Environmental Effects Abroad of Major Federal Actions), the DON announced its intent to prepare an EIS/OEIS for the HRC and invited the public to comment on the scope of the EIS/OEIS (71 FR 51188). A DEIS/OEIS was subsequently released on July 27, 2007, (72 FR 41324), which evaluated the potential environmental effects of increasing usage and enhancing the capabilities of the HRC to achieve and maintain Fleet readiness and to conduct current, emerging, and future training and research, development, test, and evaluation (RDT&E) activities. As described in the DEIS/OEIS at section 4.1.2.4.9, a dose function approach was used to evaluate potential behavioral harassment of marine mammals incidental to the use of mid-frequency active sonar during Navy training and testing within the HRC. Since the release of the DEIS/OEIS in July 2007, the DON, in cooperation with NMFS, has further refined the dose function approach. Given the nature of these refinements, the Navy has decided to prepare a SDEIS/OEIS to provide opportunity for public review of the methodology. In addition, DON may make adjustments to the alternatives.