

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Public input is being sought to help refine the issues that will be examined during the course of the Umatilla Basin Project Phase III Feasibility Study. Public comments may be oral (presented at one of the meetings), written (presented to Reclamation staff at one of the meetings or sent to one of the contacts shown above), or both.

Dated: October 20, 1998

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*Upper Columbia Area Manager, Bureau of Reclamation.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement**

**Notice of Proposed Information Collection**

**AGENCY:** Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

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

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing its intention to request approval for the collection of information under 30 CFR Part 842 which allows the collection and processing of citizen complaints and requests for inspection.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by December 28, 1998, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to John A. Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave., NW., Room 210—SIB, Washington, DC 20240. Comments may also be submitted electronically to [jtreleas@osmre.gov](mailto:jtreleas@osmre.gov)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information and related forms, contact John A. Trelease, at (202) 208-2783.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), 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)]. This notice identifies information collections that OSM will

be submitting to OMB for approval. These collections are contained in 30 CFR Part 842, Federal inspections and monitoring. OSM will request a 3-year term of approval for each information collection activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information. A summary of the public comments will accompany OSM's submission of the information collection request to OMB.

The following information is provided for the information collection: (1) title of the information collection; (2) OMB control number; (3) summary of the information collection activity; and (4) frequency of collection, description of the respondents, estimated total annual responses, and the total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden for the collection of information.

**Title:** Federal inspections and monitoring—30 CFR Part 842.

**OMB Control Number:** 1029-xxxx.

**Summary.** For purposes of information collection, this part establishes the procedures for any person to notify the Office of Surface Mining in writing of any violation which may exist at a surface coal mining operation. The information will be used to investigate potential violations of the Act or applicable State regulations.

**Bureau Form Number:** None.

**Frequency of Collection:** Once.

**Description of Respondents:** Citizens, State governments.

**Total Annual Responses:** 140.

**Total Annual Burden Hours:** 45 minutes.

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**Richard G. Bryson,**

*Chief, Division of Regulatory Support.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree and Motions To Modify Prior Consent Decrees Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act**

In accordance with 28 CFR 50.7 and Section 122 of the Comprehensive

Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9622, the Department of Justice gives notice that a proposed consent decree in *United States v. Akzo Nobel Coatings, et al.*, civil No. 95-CV-71470 (E.D. Mich.), was lodged with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan on September 25, 1998, pertaining to the Metamora Landfill Superfund Site ("Site"), located in Metamora Township, Michigan. The proposed consent decree would resolve the United States' civil claims against two of the five defendants remaining in that CERCLA cost recovery action.

Under the proposed consent decree, Akzo Nobel Coatings, Inc. will pay \$4,111,999, and The Dow Chemical Company will pay \$3,000,000 in partial reimbursement of the costs incurred by the United States in connection with the Site.

As part of the settlement, the United States will covenant not to sue the two settling defendants under Section 7003 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. § 6973, as well as CERCLA Sections 106 and 107, 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607.

The United States also has lodged with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan motions to modify several other consent decrees that have been lodged and/or entered pertaining to the Site. The purpose of the amendments is to add a covenant not to sue under RCRA Section 7003, 42 U.S.C. 6973.

The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, comments relating to the proposed consent decree and to the aforementioned proposed modifications to the previously entered/lodged consent decrees. In accordance with RCRA Section 7003(d), 42 U.S.C. 6973(d), commentors also may request an opportunity for a public meeting in the affected area to discuss the proposed covenants not to sue under RCRA Section 7003, 42 U.S.C. 6973.

All comments, and/or requests for a public meeting under RCRA Section 7003(d), should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resource Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530.

Comments pertaining to only the proposed consent decree involving Akzo Nobel Coatings and The Dow Chemical Company should refer to *United States v. Akzo Nobel Coatings, et al.*, Civil No. 95-CV-71470 (E.D. Mich.) and DOJ Reference No. 90-11-3-289A.

Comments and/or requests for a public meeting regarding only the