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**DATES:** *Comments Due Date: May 6, 2011.*

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2502-0029) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; e-mail OIRA-Submission@omb.eop.gov fax: 202-395-5806.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Colette Pollard at *Colette.Pollard@hud.gov*; or telephone (202) 402-3400. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents

submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the Information collection described below. This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate 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) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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.

This notice also lists the following information:

*Title of Proposal:* Multifamily Project Applications and Construction Prior to Initial Endorsement.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2502-0029.  
*Form Numbers:* HUD-92466 R3, HUD-92408M, HUD-92264 R1, HUD-92466 R2, HUD-92466 R4, HUD-92466M, HUD-92452, HUD-1006, HUD-2880, HUD-91708, HUD-92013, HUD-92013-SUPP, HUD-92013-E, HUD-92264, HUD-92264-A, HUD-92273, HUD-92274, HUD 92329, HUD 92331, HUD 92447, HUD 92326, HUD 92485, HUD 92415, HUD-92010.

*Description of the Need for the Information and its Proposed Use:*

The information from sponsors and general contractors, and submitted by a HUD-approved mortgagee, is needed to determine project feasibility, mortgagee/contractor acceptability, and construction cost. Documentation from operators/managers of health care facilities is also required as part of the application for firm commitment for mortgage insurance. Project owners/sponsors may apply for permission to commence construction prior to initial endorsement.

*Frequency of Submission:* On occasion, Other Required with each project application.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
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*Total Estimated Burden Hours:* 3,432.

*Status:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

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

Dated: March 30, 2011.

**Colette Pollard,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement**

**Record of Decision (ROD) for Authorizing the Use of Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Sand Resources in National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Wallops Flight Facility Shoreline Restoration and Infrastructure Protection Program**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE), Interior.

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

**SUMMARY:** BOEMRE has issued a ROD to authorize the use of OCS sand resources in National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA's) Wallops Flight Facility (WFF) Shoreline Restoration and Infrastructure Protection Program (SRIPP). The ROD documents the Bureau's decision in selecting the Preferred Alternative described in NASA's Final Programmatic Environmental Impact

Statement (PEIS) for the WFF SRIPP (October 2010). BOEMRE will enter into a negotiated agreement with NASA for the purpose of making sand available from a shoal on the OCS for placement on the beach in support of the WFF SRIPP's initial beach fill, following the mandated 30-day wait period from the date of the issuance of the ROD. BOEMRE is announcing the availability of this ROD, in accordance with the regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Associate Director for Offshore Energy and Minerals Management in BOEMRE signed the ROD on March 2, 2011.

**Authority:** This NOA of the ROD is published pursuant to the regulations (40 CFR 1506.6) implementing the provisions of the NEPA of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Description of NASA's WFF SRIPP and BOEMRE's Connected Action**

NASA has proposed the SRIPP to reduce the potential for damage to, or loss of, NASA, U.S. Navy, and Commonwealth of Virginia assets on Wallops Island from storm-induced

wave impacts and coastal erosion. Under the SRIPP, NASA will extend an existing seawall and implement an initial beach fill in late 2011 with re-nourishment projects about every 5 years. The goal of SRIPP is to provide long-term protection of essential assets, including facilities and infrastructure on the WFF (such as rocket launch pads, runways, and launch control centers) valued at over \$1 billion. The purpose of BOEMRE's connected action is to respond to a request for use of OCS sand in the initial beach fill, under the authority granted to the Department of the Interior by the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA) (43 U.S.C. 1337(k)(2)). Under OCSLA, BOEMRE can convey, on a noncompetitive basis, the rights to use OCS sand, gravel, or shell resources for use in a program for shoreline protection or beach restoration undertaken by a Federal, State, or local government agency (43 U.S.C. 1337(k)(2)). The Proposed Action is necessary because BOEMRE has a directive to authorize the use of OCS sand resources for the purpose of shore protection and beach restoration. The Secretary of the Interior delegated the authority granted in the OCSLA to BOEMRE.

#### Record of Decision

BOEMRE's decision is supported by the comprehensive analysis presented in NASA's Final PEIS, which was published in October 2010. NASA published their ROD in December 2010. BOEMRE and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) served as cooperating agencies in preparing the PEIS. Due to the specialized expertise of the USACE, USACE is acting as a technical partner for NASA.

The PEIS assessed the physical, biological, and social/human impacts of the proposed project and considered a wide range of structural and non-structural alternatives, including a no-action alternative, as well as impacts from proposed mitigation. The PEIS was developed cooperatively to fulfill all three Federal agencies' obligations under NEPA and the environmental impacts of their connected actions were encompassed in the analysis. As NASA is the lead agency and BOEMRE is a cooperating agency for the proposed action, BOEMRE independently reviewed and adopted the PEIS prepared by NASA (43 CFR 46.120).

The ROD summarizes the alternatives considered by BOEMRE, the decision BOEMRE made, the basis for the decision, the environmentally preferred alternative, required mitigation measures, and the process NASA, as the lead Federal agency, and the USACE

and BOEMRE as cooperating agencies, undertook to involve the public and other Federal and State agencies. The decision identifies and adopts mitigation measures and monitoring requirements enforceable by BOEMRE and deemed practicable to avoid or minimize the environmental harm that could result from the project. In NASA's ROD, NASA and USACE committed to implement the mitigation measures and monitoring requirements also identified in BOEMRE's ROD. This action is taken with the understanding that any proposed use of OCS sand in future beach re-nourishment activities by NASA will require a new negotiated agreement and an updated environmental analysis.

#### Availability of the ROD

To obtain a printed copy of the ROD, you may contact BOEMRE, Environmental Division (MS 4042), 381 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia 20170. An electronic copy of the ROD is available at BOEMRE's Web site at: [<http://www.boemre.gov/sandandgravel/MarineMineralProjects.htm>].

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James F. Bennett, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, Environmental Division, 381 Elden Street, MS 4042, Herndon, Virginia 20170, (703) 787-1660, [jfbennett@boemre.gov](mailto:jfbennett@boemre.gov).

Dated: March 10, 2011.

#### Robert P. LaBelle,

*Acting Associate Director for Offshore, Energy and Minerals Management.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

##### U.S. Geological Survey

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#### National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council (NEPEC)

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Public Law 96-472, the National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council (NEPEC) will hold a 1-day meeting on April 16, 2011. The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Memphis Downtown, 300 North Second Street, Memphis, Tennessee 38105. The Council is comprised of members from academia and the Federal Government. The Council shall advise the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey on proposed earthquake

predictions, on the completeness and scientific validity of the available data related to earthquake predictions, and on related matters as assigned by the Director. Additional information about the Council may be found at: <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/aboutus/nepec/>.

At the meeting, the Council will receive a report from the Independent Expert Panel on New Madrid Seismic Zone Earthquake Hazards, a subcommittee charged with commenting on the level of hazard posed by future large earthquakes in the region and on priorities for future research to better constrain that hazard. The Council may also receive briefings on other topics relating to earthquakes in the Central U.S., on earthquake swarms recently active in Arkansas, on communication of seismic hazard in the Pacific Northwest, on the project intended to deliver an updated Uniform California Earthquake Rupture Forecast (UCERF3) in summer 2012, on the recent earthquake and tsunami in Japan, and on other topics.

Workshops and meetings of the NEPEC are open to the public. A draft workshop agenda is available on request (contact information below). In order to ensure sufficient seating and hand-outs, it is requested that visitors pre-register by April 13. Members of the public wishing to make a statement to the Council should provide notice of that intention by April 13 so that time may be allotted in the agenda.

**DATES:** April 16, 2011, commencing at 8:30 a.m. and adjourning at 5:30 p.m. Times are approximate; guests are encouraged to contact the Executive Secretary for a copy of the agenda.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Michael Blanpied, Executive Secretary, National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council U.S. Geological Survey, MS 905, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, (703) 648-6696, E-mail: [mblanpied@usgs.gov](mailto:mblanpied@usgs.gov).

Dated: March 30, 2011.

#### David J. Newman,

*USGS Federal Register Liaison.*

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