DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records


ACTION: Notice of proposed new Privacy Act system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) gives notice of a proposed new system of records entitled “COMMERCE/PAT–TM–23 User Access for Web Portals and Information Requests.” We invite the public to comment on the system announced in this publication.

DATES: Written comments must be received no later than April 20, 2009. The proposed system of records will be effective on April 20, 2009, unless the USPTO receives comments that would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov.
- Fax: (571) 273–0112, marked to the attention of Susan Fawcett.
- Mail: Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Administrative Management Group, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22314–1450.

All comments received will be available for public inspection at the Federal rulemaking portal located at http://www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Administrative Management Group, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is giving notice of a new system of records that is subject to the Privacy Act of 1974. The information in this system of records is used to disseminate information to customers who have made online information requests, registered for access to information available through web portals provided by the USPTO, subscribed to news updates, or have otherwise provided contact information in order to access or receive information from the USPTO.


COMMERCE/PAT–TM–23

SYSTEM NAME:

User Access for Web Portals and Information Requests.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Unclassified.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

United States Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. Records may be located within several business units, including but not limited to the offices under the Commissioner for Patents, Commissioner for Trademarks, General Counsel, Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and the Chief Information Officer.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Individuals who request information from the USPTO, including requests related to access to electronic portals, records, subscription services, and collaborative tools designed to disseminate information to the public.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Records compiled to respond to requests for information, including the name of the requester or subscriber, nature of request, deposit account number or other account tracking number, name of organization, physical mailing address, telephone number, and electronic mail address.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:


PURPOSE(S):

The information in this system of records is used to disseminate information to customers who have registered for access to information available through electronic means, such as web portals, subscribed to news updates or other information alerts, or have otherwise provided contact information in order to access or receive information from the USPTO.

Routine uses of records maintained in the system, including categories of users and the purposes of such uses:

See Prefatory Statement of General Routine Uses Nos. 4–5, 9–10, and 13, as found at 46 FR 63501–63502 (December 31, 1981). The USPTO may use the information contained in this system of records to disseminate patent and trademark business information to customers or to provide customers with access to patent and trademark business information at their request.

DISCLOSURE TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES:

Not applicable.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Electronic records in a computer database stored on magnetic storage media, or paper records.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records may be retrieved by specific data elements, including the account or tracking number, name of the requester, name of organization, subject or type of request, and address.

SAFEGUARDS:

Databases are password-protected and can only be accessed by authorized personnel. Records are maintained in areas accessible only to authorized personnel in buildings protected by security guards.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records retention and disposal is in accordance with the series records schedules.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Each business unit within the USPTO is responsible for the data maintained for their business needs related to communication with individuals. Business units include but are not limited to the offices under the Commissioner for Patents, Commissioner for Trademarks, General Counsel, Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and the Chief Information Officer. Inquiries may be addressed to: System Manager, (Name of business unit), United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Information about the records contained in this system may be obtained by sending a request in writing, signed, to the appropriate System Manager at the address above. When requesting notification of or access to records covered by this notice, requesters should provide their name and electronic mail address in accordance with the inquiry provisions appearing in 37 CFR part 102 subpart B.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Requests from individuals should be addressed as stated in the notification section above.
CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:
The general provisions for access, contesting contents, and appealing initial determinations by the individual concerned appear in 37 CFR part 102 subpart B. Requests from individuals should be addressed as stated in the notification section above.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:
Subject individuals and those authorized by the individual to furnish information.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:
None.

Susan K. Fawcett,
Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Administrative Management Group.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Regional Watershed Supply Project in Wyoming and Colorado

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of a proposed water supply project in Wyoming and Colorado, referred to as the Regional Watershed Supply Project (RWSP). Construction of the proposed RWSP is expected to require a Clean Water Act Section 404 permit. The Project is proposed by Million Conservation Resource Group (MCRG), which is a private water development group. The RWSP proposes to provide approximately 250,000 acre-feet per year of new annual firm yield to meet a portion of the projected water supply needs of southeastern Wyoming and the Front Range of Colorado on a perpetual basis through 2030 and beyond. The water would be obtained from the Green River Basin as part of the unused portion of water allocated to the States of Wyoming and Colorado under the Upper Colorado River Compact. The RWSP would be a non-Federal project constructed, owned, and operated by MCRG.

DATES: See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for meeting addresses.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Questions and comments regarding the proposed action and EIS should be addressed to Ms. Rena Brand, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Denver Regulatory Office, 9307 S. Wadsworth Blvd. Littleton, CO 80128–6901; (303) 979–4120; mcrg.eis@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The COE will be conducting public scoping meetings at six locations to describe the Project, preliminary alternatives, the NEPA compliance process, and to solicit input on the issues and alternatives to be evaluated and other related matters. Written comments for scoping will be accepted until May 19, 2009. The COE has prepared a scoping announcement to familiarize agencies, the public and interested organizations regarding the proposed RWSP and potential environmental issues that may be involved. Copies of the scoping announcement will be made available at the public scoping meetings or can be requested by mail.

Scoping meetings will be held on:
1. April 14, 2009, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Green River High School, 1615 Hitching Post Drive, Green River, WY.
2. April 15, 2009, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Uintah High School, 1880 West 500 North, Vernal, UT.
3. April 16, 2009, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Laramie High School, 1257 North 11th Street, Laramie, WY.
4. April 20, 2009, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Fossil Ridge High School, 5400 Ziegler Road, Fort Collins, CO.
5. April 21, 2009, 6:30 to 9 p.m. West High School, 951 Elati Street, Denver, CO.
6. April 22, 2009, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Risley Middle School, 625 N. Monument Ave., Pueblo, CO.

The proponents of the project, MCRG, proposes the following configuration of the RWSP: Two water withdrawal facilities, one on the east side of Flaming Gorge Reservoir in Wyoming and the other on the east bank of the Green River in Wyoming approximately 200 feet downstream of the Seedskadee National Wildlife Refuge; one water treatment storage reservoir located near the Green River intake system; water pipeline system (approximately 560 miles in length and a diameter of 72 to 120 inches) from the two withdrawal points to southeastern Wyoming and the Front Range of Colorado (Wyoming Colorado State Line to Pueblo); one regulating reservoir located along the western end of the pipeline system; approximately sixteen natural gas-powered pump stations located along the pipeline route; temporary (construction phase) and permanent (operation and maintenance phase) access roads; three water storage/flow-regulation reservoirs (Lake Hattie in Wyoming [available volume of approximately 40,000 acre feet]; proposed Cactus Hill Reservoir near Fort Collins, CO [185,000 acre-foot capacity]; and the proposed T-Cross Reservoir to be constructed near Pueblo, CO [25,000 acre-foot capacity]); outlet structures at each reservoir consisting of water treatment facilities; on-site transformers and overhead power lines from local electrical grids for the water withdrawal and storage reservoir facilities; and water delivery systems from the storage reservoirs to water users.

The potential water users for the proposed project would include agriculture, municipalities, and industries in southeastern Wyoming and the Front Range of Colorado. In Wyoming, approximately 25,000 acre-feet of water would be delivered annually to users in the Platte River Basin. The remaining 225,000 acre-feet of water would be delivered annually to the South Platte River and Arkansas River basins in Colorado.

The EIS will be prepared according to the COE’s procedures for implementing the NEPA of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4232(2)(c), and consistent with the COE’s policy to facilitate public understanding and review of agency proposals. As part of the EIS process, a full range of reasonable alternatives, including the Proposed Action and No Action, will be evaluated. Additional alternatives defined at this time by the applicant include four alternative withdrawal points that would involve withdrawal only from the Green River (two separate points) or Flaming Gorge Reservoir (two separate points). A different pipeline segment would connect each alternative withdrawal point to the mainstream pipeline route. Alternative storage reservoirs in the Front Range of Colorado also may be considered for the Project.

The COE has invited the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to be cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS. Other Federal and State agencies will participate in the EIS review process to ensure