

near U.S. Highway 95, northwest of the Facility. The proposed natural gas transmission pipeline would be subject to an independent NEPA review as part of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission licensing process. The Facility's new natural gas pipeline would parallel the existing Wellton-Mohawk Canal right-of-way for its full length of 12 miles.

The first phase of the Facility would interconnect at Western's Ligturta Substation. In response to Dome Valley's proposal, Western conducted a transmission system impact study and determined that upgrades and additions to the existing transmission system were needed to accommodate the Facility. Western's proposed actions would include upgrading the existing Ligturta Substation, upgrading Western's existing 12.7-mile Ligturta to Gila transmission line, adding 75 megavolt-ampere transformer capacity between the 161-kilovolt (kV) side and the 69-kV side in Western's Gila Substation near Yuma, constructing a new 18-mile transmission line between the Ligturta Substation and Arizona Public Service's North Gila Substation north of Yuma, and interconnecting this line at the North Gila Substation. The new Ligturta to North Gila transmission line would parallel the existing Wellton-Mohawk Canal for most of its length. In addition, Western would require that primary and secondary communication systems be installed to ensure reliable operation of the transmission system. Because the facility would be a major new source of generation and electricity generated by the Facility would be integrated into Western's transmission system, Western has determined that an EIS is required in accordance with DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures, 10 CFR part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix D, class of action D6. The EIS will address the proposed action, a no-action alternative, and any action alternatives defined as a result of the EIS scoping process. Western will be the lead Federal Agency, as defined at 40 CFR 1501.5.

Portions of the transmission line upgrades and additions and a proposed natural gas pipeline for the Facility would cross lands managed by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Yuma Field Office (BLM). Since BLM would require rights-of-way grants for portions of the transmission line additions and new natural gas pipeline, BLM will participate as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS.

The proposed Facility would be located on land currently owned by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (BOR). Title to this

property would be transferred by BOR to Wellton-Mohawk. The EIS will address the proposed property transfer, and the BOR will participate in the EIS review of the project as a cooperating agency.

Western, in consultation with the cooperating agencies, will carefully examine public health and safety, environmental impacts, and engineering aspects of the proposed Facility, the proposed transmission system upgrades and facilities, and the proposed natural gas pipeline. Even though only portions of the proposed Facility and its components would be addressed by Western, the BLM, or the BOR decisions, the EIS will address all components of the proposed Facility.

The EIS will be prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA Implementing Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508) and DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021). Western will invite tribal, local, and State agencies with special expertise or jurisdiction over the Project to be cooperating agencies on the EIS. Full public participation, including information prepared in both English and Spanish, and disclosure are planned for the entire EIS process. It is anticipated that the EIS process will take about 1 year and will include public information and scoping meetings; consultation and involvement with appropriate Federal, State, local, and tribal government agencies; public review and hearings on the published draft EIS; a published final EIS; a review period; and publication of a record of decision (ROD). Publication of the ROD is anticipated in 2004.

The scoping meetings will be structured as open houses, and provide interested parties an opportunity to view Facility and EIS process exhibits, and provide comments to Western and cooperating agency representatives. The meetings will be held June 3 and 4, 2003, between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. at the Wellton Elementary School Gymnasium and the Yuma Civic and Convention Center, respectively. The meeting locations are handicapped accessible, and an interpreter for the hearing-impaired will be available to provide information for the hearing impaired. The scoping period expires on June 30, 2003.

Dated: May 8, 2003.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Agency Information Collection Activities: Continuing Collection; Comment Request; Land Disposal Restrictions No-Migration Variances

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Land Disposal Restrictions No-Migration Variances, EPA ICR No.1353.07, OMB No. 2050–0062, expires on September 30, 2003. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before July 18, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by mail, through hand delivery/courier, or electronically. Follow the detailed instructions as provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

The mailing address, referencing Docket ID No. RCRA–2003–0010, is: OSWER Docket (5305T) EPA Docket Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. Hand deliveries of comments should be made to the EPA Docket Center, (EPA/DC) EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. Comments may also be submitted electronically through the Internet to: [rcra-docket@epa.gov](mailto:rcra-docket@epa.gov). Comments in electronic format should also be identified by the Docket ID No. RCRA–2003–0010.

Commenters should not submit any confidential business information (CBI) electronically. An original and two copies of CBI must be submitted under separate cover to: RCRA CBI Document Control Officer, Office of Solid Waste (5303W), U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

Hand deliveries must be brought to the OSWER Docket in the EPA Docket Center, (EPA/DC) EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The Docket is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays.