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(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, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

#### Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for Premium Processing Services.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection:* I-907; USCIS.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals and households. USCIS uses the information provided on Form I-907 to provide petitioners the opportunity to request faster processing of certain employment-based petitions and applications.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:*

- Filing by Mail: 199,714 responses at 30 minutes (.50 hours) per response.
- Electronically: 2,108 responses at 20 minutes (.333 hours) per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 100,559 annual hour burden.

If you need a copy of the information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please visit the Federal eRulemaking Portal site at: <http://www.regulations.gov>. We may also be contacted at: USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529-2140, Telephone number 202-272-8377.

Dated: July 17, 2014.

**Laura Dawkins,**

*Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R4-ES-2014-N150; 40120-1112-0000-F2]

#### Incidental Take Permit for Hydrocarbon Test Well Drilling Pad Construction; Greene County, Mississippi

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Endangered Species Act, we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announce the receipt and availability of a proposed low-effect habitat conservation plan and accompanying incidental take permit for take of the gopher tortoise incidental to construction of a hydrocarbon test well drilling pad in Greene County, Mississippi. We invite public comments on these documents.

**DATES:** We must receive any written comments at our Mississippi Field Office (see **ADDRESSES**) on or before August 21, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Obtaining Documents:* Documents are available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the Fish and Wildlife Service's Mississippi Field Office, 6578 Dogwood View Parkway, Jackson, MS 39213. Please submit comments by U.S. mail to the Fish and Wildlife Service's Mississippi Field Office.

*Submitting Comments:* For how to submit comments, see Public Comments in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. David Felder, Fish and Wildlife

Biologist (see **ADDRESSES**); telephone: 601-321-1131.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Introduction

We announce the availability of the proposed low-effect habitat conservation plan (HCP) which analyzes the take of the threatened gopher tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*) incidental to construction of a hydrocarbon test well drilling pad. The applicant (Petro-Chem Operating Company, Inc.) requests a 5-year incidental take permit (ITP) under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (Act; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). If we approve the ITP, the applicant anticipates the taking of up to three individual gopher tortoises over the 5-year span of the ITP.

#### Applicant's Proposal

The applicant proposes to minimize and mitigate the take of up to three gopher tortoises by relocating the tortoises impacted by test well drilling pad construction to the Chickasawhay Conservation Bank in Greene County, Mississippi, using Service-approved relocation methods. The Chickasawhay Conservation Bank is a Service-approved gopher tortoise relocation site that is conserved and managed in perpetuity for gopher tortoises. All fees associated with the relocation of tortoises and conservation bank management will be paid by Petro-Chem Operating Company, Inc.

#### Service's Preliminary Determination

The Service has made a preliminary determination that the applicant's project, including the proposed mitigation and minimization measures, will individually and cumulatively have a minor or negligible effect on the species covered in the HCP. Therefore, issuance of the ITP is a "low-effect" action and qualifies as a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR 1506.6), as provided by the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 2 Appendix 1 and 516 DM 6 Appendix 1), and as defined in our Habitat Conservation Planning Handbook (November 1996).

We base our determination that issuance of the ITP qualifies as a low-effect action on the following three criteria: (1) Implementation of the project would result in minor or negligible effects on federally listed, proposed, and candidate species and their habitats; (2) Implementation of the project would result in minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources; and

(3) Impacts of the plan, considered together with the impacts of other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable similarly situated projects, would not result, over time, in cumulative effects to environmental values or resources that would be considered significant. As more fully explained in our environmental action statement and associated Low-Effect Screening Form, the applicant's proposed project qualifies as a "low-effect" project. This preliminary determination may be revised based on our review of public comments that we receive in response to this notice.

### Public Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of several methods. Please reference TE40185B-0 in such comments. You may mail comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service's Mississippi Field Office (see **ADDRESSES**). You may also comment via the internet to [david\\_felder@fws.gov](mailto:david_felder@fws.gov). Please include your name and return address in your internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from us that we have received your internet message, contact us directly at either telephone number listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to the office listed under **ADDRESSES**.

### Covered Area

The area encompassed by the HCP and ITP application is the 2.46 acre hydrocarbon test well drilling pad and associated access road, located at latitude 31.319229, longitude 7 - 88.783426, Greene County, Mississippi.

### Next Steps

We will evaluate the ITP application, including the HCP and any comments we receive, to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act. We will also evaluate whether issuance of a section 10(a)(1)(B) ITP complies with section 7 of the Act by conducting an intra-Service section 7 consultation. We will use the results of this consultation, in combination with the above findings,

in our final analysis to determine whether or not to issue the ITP. If we determine that the requirements are met, we will issue the ITP for the incidental take of gopher tortoises.

### Authority

We provide this notice under Section 10 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: July 15, 2014.

### Cary Norquist,

Assistant Field Supervisor, Mississippi Field Office.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-R9-ES-2011-0099; FF09E40000 145 FXES1115090000]

RIN 1018-AY29

### Policy Regarding Voluntary Prelisting Conservation Actions

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Announcement of draft policy and solicitation of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announce a draft policy on crediting voluntary conservation actions taken for species prior to their listing under the Endangered Species Act. The proposed policy seeks to give landowners, government agencies, and others incentives to carry out voluntary conservation actions for nonlisted species by allowing the benefits to the species from a voluntary conservation action undertaken prior to listing under the Act to be used—either by the person who undertook such action or by a third party—to mitigate or to serve as a compensatory measure for the detrimental effects of another action undertaken after listing. This policy will help us further our efforts to protect native species and conserve the ecosystems on which they depend.

### DATES:

**General Comments:** We will accept comments from all interested parties until September 22, 2014. Please note that if you are using the Federal eRulemaking Portal (see **ADDRESSES** below), the deadline for submitting an electronic comment is 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on this date.

**Comments on the Information Collections Aspects of this Proposal:** Comments on the information collection aspects of the proposed policy will be

considered if received by August 21, 2014.

### ADDRESSES:

**General Comments:** You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the Search box enter the Docket number for the proposed policy, which is FWS-R9-ES-2011-0099. You may enter a comment by clicking on "Comment Now!". Please ensure that you have found the correct document before submitting your comment.

- **U.S. mail or hand delivery:** Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-R9-ES-2011-0099; Division of Policy and Directives Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, PDM-2042; Arlington, VA 22203.

We will post all comments on <http://www.regulations.gov>. This generally means that we will post any personal information you provide us (see Request for Information below for more information).

**Comments on the Information Collection Aspects of this Proposal:** Send comments specific to the information collection aspects of this proposed policy to Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at OMB—OIRA at (202) 395-5806 (fax) or [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov) (email). Please provide a copy of your comments to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 2042-PDM, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (mail), or [hope\\_grey@fws.gov](mailto:hope_grey@fws.gov) (email).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Serfis, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Branch of Communication and Candidate Conservation, 4401 N Fairfax Drive, Suite 420, Arlington, VA 22203, telephone 703/358-2171; facsimile 703/358-1735.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service or FWS) is charged with implementing the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) (Act); the goal of the Act is to provide a means to conserve the ecosystems upon which listed species depend and a program for listed species conservation. Through its Candidate Conservation program, the Service encourages the public to take conservation actions for species prior to them being listed under the Act. Doing so may result in precluding the need to list a species, may result in listing a