

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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**Draft Environmental Assessment and
Draft Habitat Conservation Plan;
CEMEX Balcones Quarry Northeast
Area in Comal County, Texas**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request
for public comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), make available the draft Environmental Assessment (dEA) for the draft CEMEX Balcones Quarry Northeast Area Habitat Conservation Plan (CEMEX dHCP) and the CEMEX dHCP. CEMEX Construction Materials South, LLC (Applicant), has applied to the Service for an incidental take permit (ITP) under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended. The requested permit, which would be in effect for a period of 15 years, if granted, would authorize incidental take of the federally listed golden-cheeked warbler (*Setophaga chrysoparia*, GCWA). The proposed take would occur on 199.4 acres (Permit Area) within the CEMEX Balcones Quarry Northeast Area tract in Comal County, Texas, as a result of activities associated with the Applicant's proposed clearing and implementation of quarrying activities (Covered Activities).

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be received or postmarked on or before July 13, 2015.

ADDRESSES:*Availability of Documents:*

Internet: You may obtain copies of all of the documents on the Internet at the Service's Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/AustinTexas/>.

U.S. Mail: A limited number of CD-ROM and printed copies of the draft EA and draft HCP are available, by request, from Mr. Adam Zerrenner, Austin Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78758-4460; telephone 512-490-0057; fax 512-490-0974. Please note that your request is in reference to the CEMEX dHCP.

The ITP application is available by mail from the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Room 6034, Albuquerque, NM 87103.

• *In-Person:* Copies of the dEA and dHCP are also available for public inspection and review at the following

locations, by appointment and written request only, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.:

○ U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 500 Gold Avenue SW., Room 6034, Albuquerque, NM 87102.

○ U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78758.

Comment submission: You may submit written comments by one of the following methods:

• *Electronically:* Submit electronic comments to FW2_AUES_Consult@fws.gov. Please note that your request is in reference to the CEMEX dHCP.

• *By hard copy:* Mr. Adam Zerrenner, Austin Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78758-4460; telephone 512-490-0057; fax 512-490-0974. Please note that your request is in reference to the CEMEX dHCP.

Please refer to permit number TE58612B when submitting comments. We request that you send comments by only the methods described above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Adam Zerrenner, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78758 or (512) 490-0057.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, make available the draft Environmental Assessment (dEA) for the CEMEX Balcones Quarry Northeast Area Habitat Conservation Plan (CEMEX dHCP) and the dHCP. In accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), we advise the public that:

1. We have gathered the information necessary to determine impacts and formulate alternatives for the dEA related to potential issuance of an ITP to the Applicant; and

2. The Applicant has developed a dHCP as part of the application for an ITP, which describes the measures the Applicant has agreed to take to minimize and mitigate the effects of incidental take of GCWAs to the maximum extent practicable pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act.

The applicant has applied for an ITP that would be in effect for 15 years, if granted, and would authorize incidental take of the federally endangered GCWA. As described in the dHCP, the proposed incidental take would occur on 199.4 acres in Comal County, Texas, and would result from activities associated with otherwise lawful activities, including the clearing and implementation of quarrying activities (Covered Activities). The dEA considers the direct, indirect, and cumulative

effects of implementation of the dHCP, including the measures that will be implemented to minimize and mitigate, to the maximum extent practicable, the impacts of the incidental take of the GCWA.

Proposed Action

The proposed action involves the issuance of an ITP by the Service for the Covered Activities in the Permit Area, pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act. The ITP would cover "take" of the GCWA associated with the clearing and implementation of quarrying activities within the Permit Area.

The requested term of the permit is 15 years. To meet the requirements of a section 10(a)(1)(B) ITP, the Applicant has developed and proposes to implement its dHCP, which describes the conservation measures the Applicant has agreed to undertake to minimize and mitigate for the impacts of the proposed incidental take of the GCWA to the maximum extent practicable, and ensures that incidental take will not appreciably reduce the likelihood of the survival and recovery of the species in the wild.

The Applicant proposes to mitigate with the purchase of 147.44 acres of high-quality habitat, likely from a Service-approved conservation bank with Comal County in its service area.

Alternatives

The only alternative to the proposed action we are considering as part of this process is the No Action alternative, in which no ITP would be issued. Under a No Action alternative, the Service would not issue the requested ITP for the CEMEX Balcones Northeast Area Tract, and, therefore, the Applicant would not implement the conservation measures described in the dHCP.

Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the public record associated with this action. 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 request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. We will not consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be

made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32) and NEPA and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: April 16, 2015.

Joy E. Nicholopoulos,

Acting Regional Director, Southwest Region, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Comment Request for Information Collection for OMB 1205-0009, Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed (ETA 203), Extension Without Revisions

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (Department), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, ETA is soliciting comments concerning the collection of data on characteristics of the insured unemployed, the current expiration date of December 31, 2015.

DATES: Submit written comments to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before July 13, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Thomas Stengle, Office of Unemployment Insurance, Room S-4524, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210. Telephone number: 202-693-2991 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with hearing or speech impairments may

access the telephone number above via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-877-889-5627 (TTY/TDD). Email: Stengle.Thomas@dol.gov. To obtain a copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR), please contact the person listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The ETA 203, Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed, is a monthly snapshot of the demographic composition of the claimant population in the Unemployment Insurance system. It is based on those who file a claim in the week containing the 19th day of the month, which reflects unemployment during the week containing the 12th day of the month. This corresponds with the sample frame used by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the production of labor force statistics they produce. This report serves a variety of socio-economic needs because it provides aggregate data reflecting unemployment insurance claimants' sex, race/ethnic group, age, industry, and occupation.

II. Review Focus

The Department is particularly interested in comments which:

- 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;
- evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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 submissions of responses.

III. Current Actions

Type of Review: Extension without revision.

Title: Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed, ETA 203.

OMB Number: 1205-0009.

Affected Public: State Workforce Agencies.

Total Annual Respondents: 53.

Annual Frequency: Monthly.

Total Annual Responses: 636.

Average Time per Response: 20 minutes (0.33 hours).

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 210 Hours.

Total Annual Burden Cost for Respondents: There is no burden cost.

We will summarize and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the ICR, the comments received in response to this comments request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Portia Wu,

Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Labor.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts

Arts Advisory Panel Meetings

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Arts, National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that 18 meetings of the Arts Advisory Panel to the National Council on the Arts will be held by teleconference from the National Endowment for the Arts, Constitution Center, 400 7th St. SW., Washington, DC, 20506 as follows (all meetings are Eastern time and ending times are approximate):

Dance (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

DATES: June 3, 2015; 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Dance (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

DATES: June 4, 2015; 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Dance (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

DATES: June 4, 2015; 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Local Arts Agencies (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

DATES: June 4, 2015; 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Leadership (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

DATES: June 5, 2015; 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Opera (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

DATES: June 5, 2015; 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Opera (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.