governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

The CDC plans to construct and operate a prison on a 634.83-acre parcel, which is located approximately 3 miles northwest of Delano, Kern County, California. The parcel includes the western half of Section 5 and the eastern half of Section 6 in Township 25 South, Range 23 East (Mount Diablo Base Line Meridian). The proposed State correctional facility consists of a 2,450-bed prison that comprises a 1,750-bed reception center, 500-bed medium-security facility, and 200-bed minimum-security support facility. Other facility structures include a warehouse, vehicle maintenance building, fire station, central kitchen building, and a firing range. These structures will permanently eliminate 287.32 acres of endangered species habitat. In addition, operation activities (e.g., driving to and from facility) may affect additional take of endangered species remaining on the unused portion of parcel or adjoining land. CDC proposes to compensate the incidental take via several on-site and off-site mitigation measures. Such measures include the on-site acquisition and fencing of 514 acres of endangered species habitat, a maintenance endowment of $514,200 for the acquired habitat, the reestablishment of disturbed sites outside the prison operation area with native plants, the attempted removal of endangered species from the future operation area, and various on-site measures to be undertaken by CDC during construction and operation of their facility.

Although the CDC considered two alternative sites, both parcels were rejected because of endangered species impacts, impacts to adjoining agricultural lands, local concerns, and/or high acquisition cost. CDC maintains that the failure to complete this project at "the selected site would result in unacceptably high levels of inmate overcrowding in the statewide prison system." The selection of either alternative site would result in a construction delay of seven months to a year according to the CDC. Selection of a new alternative site would delay construction an additional year.

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2-year period as of September 15, 1989, the date of the Fifth Circuit's decision, for refunds resulting from this decision. Therefore, royalty payors may wait until a final decision in Mobil v. FERC and the issuance of any FERC refund procedures before filing any refund requests with MMS. It is not necessary for payors to file preliminary comments and requests to stop the running of the 2-year period in Section 10. Refund requests should follow the procedures in Section 4.4.2 of the MMS Oil and Gas Payor Handbook.

III. Unauthorized Recoupments

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National Park Service

Extension of Period of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement/General Management Plan/Minerals Management Plan (EIS/GMP/MMP) for Big Cypress National Preserve, FL

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the General Management Plan/Minerals Management Plan for Big Cypress National Preserve. The GMP/MMP presents a basic management philosophy that meets the legislative requirements for resource protection and for public use and enjoyment of the preserve, it guides the National Park Service in addressing issues and achieving management objectives over a 10- to 15-year period. This document was previously made available for public comment for a period of 90 days ending December 1, 1989.

DATING: Comments on the Draft EIS/GMP/MMP will be accepted for an additional period of 90 days ending March 1, 1990.

ADDRESS: Comments should be sent to the Regional Director, Southeast Region, National Park Service, 75 Spring Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Copies of the EIS/GMP/MMP are available for review at the following locations:
National Park Service, Southeast Regional Office, 75 Spring Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia
Broward County Public Library, 1301 West Company Road, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Homestead Public Library, 700 North Homestead, Homestead, Florida
Miami-Dade Public Library, 101 West Flagler Street, Miami, Florida
Collier County Public Library, 850 Central Avenue, Naples, Florida
Everglades National Park Headquarters, Homestead, Florida
Big Cypress National Preserve, Headquarters and Oasis Ranger Station, Ochopee, Florida
Big Cypress Land Acquisition Office, 201 8th Street, North, Naples, Florida.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Fagegren, Superintendent, Big Cypress National Preserve, Star Route Box 110, Ochopee, Florida 33943. Telephone (813) 695-2000.
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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

[Docksl No. AB-98 (Sub-No. 4X)]
Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad Co.—Abandonment Exemption in Butler County, PA

Applicant has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon its 2.8-mile line of railroad between milepost 7.1, near Boyers, and milepost 9.9, near Hilliardia, in Butler County, PA. Applicant has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic on the line can be rerouted over other lines; and (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or a State or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Commission or with any U.S. District Court has been decided in favor of the complainant within the 2-year period. The appropriate State agency has been notified in writing at least 10 days prior to the filing of this notice.

As a condition to use of this exemption, any employee affected by the abandonment shall be protected under Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10505(d) must be filed. Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance has been received, this exemption will be effective on January 4, 1990 (unless stayed pending reconsideration). Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,1 formal expressions of intent to file an offer of financial assistance under 49 CFR 1152.27(c),2 and trail use/rail banking statements under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by December 15, 1989.3 Petitions for reconsideration and requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by December 26, 1989, with: Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, DC 20423.

If the notice of exemption contains false or misleading information, use of the exemption is void ab initio.

Applicant has filed an environmental report which addresses environmental or energy impacts, if any, from this abandonment. The Section of Energy and Environment (SEE) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA). SEE will issue the EA by December 8, 1989. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA from SEE by writing to it (Room 3219, Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling Elaine Kaiser, Chief, SEE at (202) 275-7884. Comments on environmental and energy concerns must be filed within 15 days of publication.

1 A stay will be routinely issued by the Commission in those proceedings where an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Section of Energy and Environment in its independent investigation) cannot be made prior to the effective date of the notice of exemption. See Exemption of Out-of-State Rail Lines, 4 I.C.C. 316 (1980). Any entity seeking a stay involving environmental concerns is encouraged to file its request as soon as possible in order to permit this Commission to review and act on the request before the effective date of this exemption.
3 The Commission will accept a late-filed trail use statement as long as it retains jurisdiction to do so.