SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Notice of review.
We have reviewed Standard’s Tier 1 application for approval of HEVI-METAL™ under the revised test procedures for shot and shot coatings that we published in 50 CFR 20.134 (December 1, 1997; 62 FR 63608). A toxicologist from the U.S. Geological Survey, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, assisted in review of the application. Part A of the application contained a statement of proposed use, a chemical and physical description of the shot material, information on expected variability of shot during production, an estimate of yearly production, and a 5-pound sample of the fabricated shot. Part B of the application contained a discussion of the acute toxicities of HEVI-METAL™ components to mammals and to birds, information on the fate of ingested shot on a small sample of captive-reared mallard ducks, and a summary of the known toxicities of HEVI-METAL™ components for vertebrates. Part C of the application considered the effects of firing on the shot, the half-life of components of breakdown products, the estimated environmental concentration in soil and water, and other environmental impacts of components of the shot.

We have determined that the Tier 1 information provided for HEVI-METAL™ does not provide sufficient information to allow us to conclude that it does not impose a significant danger to migratory birds, other wildlife, and their habitats. Specific toxicological concerns have been provided to the applicant. In light of our concerns, the applicant is advised to proceed with the additional testing described for Tier 2 before further consideration is given to the candidate shot. Tier 2 test requirements are outlined in 50 CFR 20.134.

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Jamie Rappaport Clark, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

Migratory Bird Hunting; Application for Approval of HEVI-METAL™ as a Nontoxic Shot Material for Waterfowl Hunting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of review.

SUMMARY: We have reviewed Standard Resources Corporation’s (Standard) application for approval of HEVI-METAL™ shot as nontoxic for waterfowl hunting in the United States. We have found that the information provided in the application is inconclusive and we are requiring additional information from the manufacturer before further consideration is given.

ADDRESSES: Standard’s application may be reviewed in Room 634 at the Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Migratory Bird Management, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We continue to provide opportunity for submission for approval of alternative types of shot for waterfowl hunting that, when spent, does not pose a significant toxic hazard to migratory birds and other wildlife when ingested. Currently, only bismuth-tin and steel shot are unconditionally approved by the Service for use in waterfowl hunting. Tungsten-iron (published October 7, 1998; 63 FR 54016), tungsten-polymer (published October 7, 1998; 63 FR 54022), and tungsten-matrix (published October 19, 1998; 63 FR 55840) shot types received temporary conditional approval for the 1998-99 waterfowl hunting season. We are currently reviewing applications for approval for shot types other than those previously referenced in this notice. We anticipate that approval of additional suitable candidate shot materials as nontoxic is feasible in the near future.

On April 9, 1999 (64 FR 17308), we announced our intention to review Standard’s Tier 1 application for approval of HEVI-METAL™ under the revised test procedures for shot and shot coatings that we published in 50 CFR 20.134 (December 1, 1997; 62 FR 63608). A toxicologist from the U.S. Geological Survey, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, assisted in review of the application. Part A of the application contained a statement of proposed use, a chemical and physical description of the shot material, information on expected variability of shot during production, an estimate of yearly production, and a 5-pound sample of the fabricated shot. Part B of the application contained a discussion of the acute toxicities of HEVI-METAL™ components to mammals and to birds, information on the fate of ingested shot on a small sample of captive-reared mallard ducks, and a summary of the known toxicities of HEVI-METAL™ components for vertebrates. Part C of the application considered the effects of firing on the shot, the half-life of components of breakdown products, the estimated environmental concentration in soil and water, and other environmental impacts of components of the shot.

We have determined that the Tier 1 information provided for HEVI-METAL™ does not provide sufficient information to allow us to conclude that it does not impose a significant danger to migratory birds, other wildlife, and their habitats. Specific toxicological concerns have been provided to the applicant. In light of our concerns, the applicant is advised to proceed with the additional testing described for Tier 2 before further consideration is given to the candidate shot. Tier 2 test requirements are outlined in 50 CFR 20.134.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action: Segregation Terminated, Lease/Conveyance for Recreation and Public Purposes

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Segregation terminated, Recreation and public purpose lease/conveyance.

SUMMARY: The following described public land in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada was segregated on July 23, 1997 for exchange purposes under serial number N-61855. The exchange segregation on the subject lands will be terminated upon publication of this notice in the Federal Register. The land has been examined and found suitable for lease/conveyance for recreational or public purposes under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.). Clark County proposes to use the lands for a public park.

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada
T. 19 S., R. 59 E., sec. 25, W1/2SE1/4NW1/4SW1/4, W1/2SW1/4NW1/4, containing 75.0 acres, more or less, located at Ann Road and Puli Avenue. The land is not required for any federal purpose. The lease/conveyance is consistent with current Bureau planning for this area and would be in the public interest. The lease/patents, when issued, will be subject to the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and will contain the following reservations to the United States:

1. A right-of-way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States, Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

2. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine and remove such deposits from the same under applicable law and such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe and will be subject to:

1. Easements in accordance with the Clark County Transportation Plan.

2. Those rights for distribution line purposes which have been granted to Nevada Power Company by Permit No. Nev-043546 under the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).