



Department of the Interior
Privacy Impact Assessment

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A. CONTACT INFORMATION:

6.) Who is the Bureau/Office Privacy Act Officer?

(name, organization, and contact information).
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Director, Office of Information Policy

B. SYSTEM APPLICATION/GENERAL INFORMATION:

1) Does this system contain any information about individuals?

a. Is this information identifiable to the individual?

Yes

b. Is the information about individual members of the public?

Yes

c. Is the information about employees?

¹ "Identifiable Form" - According to the OMB Memo M-03-22, this means information in an IZ system or online collection: (i) that directly identifies an individual (e.g., name, address, social security number or other identifying number or code, telephone number, email address, etc.) or (ii) by which an agency intends to identify specific individuals in conjunction with other data elements, i.e., indirect identification. (These data elements may include a combination of gender, race, birth date, geographic indicator, and other descriptors).

Yes, there is some information about employees.

2) What is the purpose of the system/application?

NIIMS bills and collects irrigation operation & maintenance and construction assessments from water users.

3) What legal authority authorizes the purchase or development of this system/application?

The Act of August 30, 1935 (49 Stat. 1039), the Act of May 25, 1948 (62 Stat. 269) and the Act of June 7, 1924 (43 Stat. 476).

C. DATA in the SYSTEM:

1) What categories of individuals are covered in the system?

Indians and fee (non-Indian) land owners, tribes, fee (non-Indian) owners and lessees, businesses, federal agencies

2) What are the sources of the information in the system?

a. Is the source of the information from the individual or is it taken from another source? If not directly from the individual, then what other source?

Source information includes information taken from individuals, other in-house Bureau of Indian Affairs records (e.g., realty, probate records), and various public sources (e.g., phone directories, business directories, county assessor, title companies, tribal documents, etc.)

b. What Federal agencies are providing data for use in the system?

Bureau of Indian Affairs

c. What Tribal, State and local agencies are providing data for use in the system?

Various tribes.

d. From what other third party sources will data be collected?

Department of the Treasury.

e. What information will be collected from the employee and the public?

Public employees (irrigation clerks) input information into NIIMS for the purposes of creating valid bills, and accepting collections on these bills. Debtor names and addresses, land information, lease information, Taxpayer Identification Number's, payments.

D. ATTRIBUTES OF THE DATA:

- 1) Is the use of the data both relevant and necessary to the purpose for which the system is being designed?**

For the most part, yes. NIIMS was designed as a billing and collection system housing details of related activities, and for which the summary aspects of these activities are interfaced with the Federal Finance System (FFS). NIIMS contains some data that does not directly relate to billing and collection, but assists the projects in keeping inventory of crops, miscellaneous collections, and excess water. This data does not impact the billing and collection information, either positively or negatively.

- 2) Will the system derive new data or create previously unavailable data about an individual through aggregation from the information collected, and how will this be maintained and filed?**

Yes. One key aggregation of data a project may examine is a debtor's payment history. All data, including payment history, is maintained in the NIIMS' database.

- 3) Will the new data be placed in the individual's record?**

Yes.

- 4) Can the system make determinations about employees/public that would not be possible without the new data?**

Yes, through existing management reports or special ad-hoc reports.

10) What opportunities do individuals have to decline to provide information (i.e., where providing information is voluntary) or to consent to particular uses of the information (other than required or authorized uses), and how individuals can grant consent.)

Individuals can decline to provide information but the information that BIA requests is required by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 and is necessary to ensure the accurate billing and posting of payments from water users.

- 9) **Under which Privacy Act systems of records notice does the system operate?
Provide number and name.**
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