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Endangered Species Act: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Request for Public Comment on Incidental Take Permit Applications to Participate in American Burying Beetle Amended Oil/Gas Industry Conservation Plan in Oklahoma

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The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (“FWS”) issued a December 5th Federal Register Notice asking for public comment on federally listed American burying-beetle incidental take permit applications. See 82 Fed. Reg. 57466.

Permit applications were submitted by:

- XTO Energy, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas
- Tall Oak Woodford, LLC, Edmond, Oklahoma

The applicants requested:

. . . a permit for oil and gas upstream and midstream production, including oil and gas well field infrastructure geophysical exploration (seismic) and construction, maintenance, operation, repair, and decommissioning, as well as oil and gas gathering, transmission, and distribution pipeline infrastructure construction, maintenance, operation, repair, decommissioning, and reclamation in Oklahoma.

FWS states that, if approved, the permits would be issued to the applicants under the approved American Burying Beetle Amended Oil and Gas Industry Conservation Plan (ICP) Endangered Species Act Section 10(a)(1)(B) Permit Issuance in Oklahoma.

[A copy of the Federal Register Notice can be downloaded here.](#)