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Hello,

I am writing in support of OMB approval to automate migratory bird permit forms. The current application process is quite cumbersome and archaic. Additionally, annual reporting is difficult, even when using the information inputted into the ECOS IMR system. The IMR system collects information that differs slightly from that of the required reporting on the macro-enabled spreadsheet that is sent out to migratory bird special purpose utility permittees annually for submittal by 1/31. To complicate things, macro-enabled spreadsheets are risky from an IT standpoint, and do not get through our elevated security firewalls for our company. This requires a lot of time compiling information between our hard copy reports, IMR reports, and "fixing" an excel sheet for agency submittal for our annual permit reporting requirements.

It would be wonderful to be able to capture all of the required reporting information through IMR for export into ePermits for submittal and permit renewal online.

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