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—Is the general approach of the action plan, which relies extensively on voluntary measures, appropriate in the near-term or in the period after the year 2000? What other general approaches exist and what would be the advantages and disadvantages of any alternative strategies?

—To what extent are modifications in the existing plan's 1990 and 2000 baseline cases (assuming no action was taken) required to reflect more recent information? What impact will such modifications have on the plan?

Written comments should be submitted in triplicate by September 25, 1995 to the address specified above. Comments will be kept on file and available for public inspection at CEQ's offices. A public meeting to present comments will be held on September 22, 1995 in the Truman Room at 726 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, DC at 9:00 a.m. Parties interested in making presentations should contact the CEQ official listed above ten days prior to the date of the hearing.

Dated: August 21, 1995.

Elisabeth Blaug,

Associate General Counsel, Council on Environmental Quality.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection requests.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Resources Group, invites comments on proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980.

DATES: An expedited review has been requested in accordance with the Act, since allowing for the normal review period would adversely affect the public interest. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by August 31, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Dan Chenok, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Room 3208, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick J. Sherrill, (202) 708-9915.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3517 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3517) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and persons an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations.

The Director, Information Resources Group, publishes this notice with the attached proposed information collection request prior to submission of this request to OMB. This notice contains the following information: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., expedited; (2) Title; (3) Abstract; (4) Additional Information; (5) Frequency of collection; (6) Affected public; and (7) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. Because an expedited review has been requested, a description of the information to be collected is also included as an attachment to this notice.

Dated: August 17, 1995.

Gloria Parker,

Director, Information Resources Group.

Office of The Secretary

Type of Review: Expedited

Title: Pre-Form Survey of Participants in the 1995 Goals 2000 Teacher Forum

Frequency: One Time

Affected Public: Individual or households; State, Local or Tribal Government

Reporting Burden:

Responses: 119

Burden Hours: 98

Recordkeeping Burden:

Recordkeepers: 0

Burden Hours: 0

Abstract: The survey will be used to gather information on the activities, knowledge, and perceptions of teachers who will participate in the 1995 Goals 2000 Teacher Forum. The results will be used to design the 1995

Forum and the supportive services provided by ED after the Forum. The survey has been only slightly changed from the 1994 Pre-forum Survey of Participants.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement for the Proposed High Explosives Waste Water Treatment Facility at the Los Alamos National Laboratory

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of floodplain and wetlands involvement.

SUMMARY: DOE is giving notice of floodplain and wetlands involvement for a proposal to improve its treatment of wastewater from high explosives (HE) research and development activities. The proposed High Explosives Wastewater Treatment Facility (HEWTF) project would focus on greatly reducing the amount of wastewater needing treatment. This would entail extensive process modifications, including installation of new equipment and improvements in existing systems. The thrust of these modifications would be to prevent hazardous chemicals and HE from entering the wastewater stream and to curtail water use in the HE operations. The result would be a reduction in wastewater discharges of approximately 90 percent from the current volume being discharged to wetlands located in the vicinity of the proposed facility in Los Alamos County, New Mexico. Remaining discharges would be primarily from stormwater run-off. In accordance with 10 CFR Part 1022, DOE will prepare a floodplain and wetlands assessment and include it in the Environmental Assessment (EA) being prepared for the proposed action.

DATES: Comments are due to the address below no later than September 8, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to:

Elizabeth Withers, Acting NEPA Compliance Officer, Office of Environment and Projects, Department of Energy, Los Alamos Area Office, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544, (505) 667-8690

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS

PROPOSED ACTION, CONTACT:

Jesus Amezcuita, Project Manager, Office of Environment and Projects, Department of Energy, Los Alamos Area Office, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544, (505) 667-2268

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON GENERAL DOE FLOODPLAIN/WETLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW REQUIREMENTS, CONTACT:

Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH-42, U. S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-4600 or (800) 472-2756

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Project Description

DOE proposes to improve its treatment of wastewater from HE research and development activities at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). The proposed HEWTF project would focus on greatly reducing the amount of HE-contaminated wastewater needing treatment prior to its discharge to the environment. This would entail extensive facility and process modifications, including installation of new equipment and improvements in existing systems. The thrust of these modifications would be to prevent hazardous chemicals and HE from entering the wastewater stream and to curtail water use in the HE operations. The result would be an approximately 90 percent decrease in wastewater volume from the current level of 5,539,700 L/mo (1,463,598 gal./mo) to 535,549 L/mo (138,206 gal./mo). LANL would use two vacuum trucks to transport wastewater from HE processing facilities to one new treatment building.

A new treatment plant would be built to handle all HE wastewater. The proposed location of the treatment plant is on a mesa top in Technical Area (TA) 16. The treated wastewater would be discharged into an existing National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitted outfall at TA-16. The number of NPDES outfalls for HE contaminated wastewater would be reduced from 16 to 1. All effluent would meet or exceed effluent quality standards in the recently revised NPDES permit, which took effect on August 1, 1994.

II. Floodplain/Wetland Effects

In 1990, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) mapped wetlands at LANL in accordance with the National Wetlands Inventory standards. The USFWS survey identified one wetland area in the project area. This is an engineered pond in TA-16 behind Building 90 and is classified as a "palustrine, unconsolidated shore, seasonally flooded, and diked/impounded (PUSCh) wetland area." The pond received liquid waste sometime between the 1940s and 1980s. It now

receives only seasonal rain and snowfall and may dry up for approximately four weeks each year.

In addition to the USFWS-described wetlands, there are 27 NPDES outfalls within the area, 15 of which are classified as HE-contaminated. Of these, eight (05A-052, 05A-053, 05A-054, 05A-058, 05A-061, 05A-069, 05A-071, and 05A-072) support hydrophytic vegetation. These are man-induced wetlands. A man-induced wetland is an area that has developed characteristics of naturally-occurring wetlands due to human activities.

Implementation of the HEWTF project would not involve construction within the boundaries of any wetlands. However, the HEWTF would stop the flow from over one-half of the outfalls in the area and inevitably eliminate some wetland areas. At the same time, it may enhance the wetland at the new treatment facility as a result of a four-fold increase in effluent volume. However, total discharge volume would be reduced.

Cañon del Valle and Water Canyon, both affected by HE wastewater outfalls, contain small floodplains. Floodplains in Los Alamos County have been mapped using the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' computer-based Flood Hydrograph Package to define the 100-year frequency, 6-hour design storm events. None of the proposed HEWTF falls within this floodplain.

In accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain and wetlands environmental review requirements (10 CFR Part 1022), DOE will prepare a floodplain and wetlands assessment for this proposed DOE action.

The assessment will be included in the EA being prepared for the proposed project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. A floodplain statement of findings will be included in any finding of no significant impact that is issued following the completion of the EA or may be issued separately.

Issued in Los Alamos, New Mexico on August 14, 1995.

Joseph C. Vozella,

Assistant Area Manager for Environment and Projects.

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Noncompetitive Financial Assistance

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office,

announces that it intends to award a noncompetitive financial assistance grant to the Oregon Institute of Technology, Geo-Heat Center (OIT). The purpose of this grant is to provide continued services to state and federal agencies, engineering consultants, planners and developers who request assistance for the development of geothermal direct uses. The award of this noncompetitive assistance is justified under sub-paragraphs (A) and (B) of the DOE Financial Assistance Rules 10 CFR 600.7(b)(2)(i) as follows: (A) The activity to be funded is necessary for the satisfactory completion of research and the continuation of direct use assistance presently being funded by DOE under Grant No. DE-FG07-90ID13040, and for which competition for support would have a significant adverse effect on continuity of the activity; (B) The activity would be conducted by the applicant using its own resources or those donated or provided by third parties; however, DOE support of the activity would enhance the public benefits to be derived.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carol Bruns, U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, MS 1221, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401-1563, (208) 526-1534.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The statutory authority for the proposed award is Public Law 93-40, Geothermal Research, Development, and Demonstration Act of 1974. The overall program objective is to obtain increased utilization of the large direct-heat resource base by providing users with: (1) direct-use geothermal project technical and development assistance, (2) research to aid in resource and technical development problems, and (3) information, educational materials and services to stimulate development. These activities will further advance the knowledge to meet the public need to help reduce dependence upon foreign energy sources and help reduce atmospheric pollution. The anticipated grant will cover an award period of five years with an estimated total cost of \$1,600,000.

R. Jeffrey Hoyles,

Director, Procurement Services Division.

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