

**Chicago Operations Office
Determination for Non-Competitive
Financial Assistance Waste Policy
Institute**

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Noncompetitive
Financial Assistance Award.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), Chicago Operations Office, announces its intent to award a cooperative agreement on a non-competitive basis to the Waste Policy Institute (WPI). The objective of the work to be supported by this financial assistance award is to conduct independent research and analysis, model development, and prototype application and testing for advancing the state of knowledge and practice external involvement in decision making related to technology development and deployment. This is not a notice for solicitation of proposals or financial assistance applications.

ADDRESSES: Questions regarding this announcement may be addressed to the U.S. Department of Energy, Chicago Operations Office, 9800 S. Cass Ave., Argonne, IL 60439: Ms. Patricia J. Schuneman, Contracting Officer.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: WPI intends to advance the state of knowledge and practice of external involvement in decision making related to technology development. WPI will (1) research and develop proactive strategies and models tailored to the issue of external involvement in technology development; (2) test prototype models; (3) develop and test strategies to more effectively communicate with stakeholders; and (4) conduct studies of external review process and develop and test models of external technical review. The project will benefit public and private agencies engaged in technology research and development, as well as affected stakeholders.

The criterion set forth at 10 CFR 600.7(b)(i)(A), is being relied upon to justify a noncompetitive award to WPI based on the subject application. This criterion authorizes noncompetitive awards when the activity to be funded is necessary to the satisfactory completion of, or is a continuation or renewal of, an activity presently being funded by DOE or another Federal agency, and for which competition for support would have a significant adverse effect on continuity or completion of the activity. WPI has been funded by the U.S. Department of Energy (under other cooperative agreements) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to perform projects

focusing on enhancing stakeholder involvement in environmental decision-making over the last five years. During that period of time, WPI has developed an extensive network of ties and solid working relationships with major stakeholder organizations.

The project period for this financial assistance award is five years, and is expected to begin on or about November 15, 1995. The estimated cost for the project period is \$22,880,827.00, of which DOE plans to provide \$22,770,441.00.

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Group.*

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**Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission**

**[Project No. 2232-303 North Carolina/South
Carolina]**

**Duke Power Company; Notice of
Availability of Draft Environmental
Assessment**

October 23, 1995.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47910), the Office of Hydropower Licensing (OHL) reviewed the application for the approval of a Shoreline Management Plan for the Catawba-Wateree Project. The project consists of 13 hydropower developments with 11 reservoirs having about 1500 miles of shoreline spread over a 200-mile reach of the Catawba-Wateree River system in North Carolina and South Carolina.

The staff of OHL's Division of Project Compliance and Administration prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the proposed Shoreline Management Plan. In the DEA, the staff concludes that approving the licensee's plan would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the DEA are available for review in the Reference and Information Center, Room 2A, of the Commission's Offices at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426.

Please file any comments on the DEA by November 9, 1995. Comments should be addressed to Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E.,

Washington, DC 20426. Please affix the project number to all comments. For further information, contact Brian Romanek at (202) 219-0076.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Project No. 2645-029, New York]

**Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation;
Notice of Availability of Draft
Environmental Assessment**

October 23, 1995.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for a new license for the Beaver River Project located in Herkimer and Lewis Counties, New York, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the project. In the DEA, the Commission's staff has analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the existing project and has concluded that approval of the project, with appropriate environmental protection or enhancement measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the DEA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 3104, of the Commission's offices at 941 North Capitol Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please affix "Beaver River Project" to all comments. For further information, please contact Tom Camp at (202) 219-2832.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Project No. 2105-033 California]

**Pacific Gas & Electric Company;
Notice of Availability of Draft
Environmental Assessment**

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A draft environmental assessment (DEA) is available for public review. The DEA is for an application to amend the Upper North Fork Feather River