

performing research involving recombinant DNA molecules shall comply with the National Institutes of Health "Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant DNA Molecules" (51 FR 16958, May 7, 1986), or such later guidelines as may be published in the Federal Register. The application must be 15 pages or less, exclusive of attachments.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for this program is 81.049, and the solicitation control number is ERFAP 10 CFR part 605.

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John Rodney Clark,
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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP96-97-000]

Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company; Notice of Technical Conference

March 11, 1996.

Take notice that a technical conference will be convened in the above-docketed proceeding on Wednesday, March 27, 1996, at 10:00 a.m., in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. Any party, as defined in 18 CFR 385.102(c), any person seeking intervenor status pursuant to 18 CFR 385.214, and any participant, as defined in 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to participate.

For additional information, please contact Carolyn Van Der Jagt, 202-208-2246, or Tom Gooding, 202-208-1123, at the Commission.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Project No. 11077-001 Alaska]

Alaska Power & Telephone Company; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

March 11, 1996.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for an original, major

unconstructed license for the Goat Lake Hydroelectric Project, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the project. The project is located on Pitchfork Falls, about 7 miles from the town of Skagway, in southeast Alaska.

In the DEA, the Commission's staff has analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the project and has concluded that approval of the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the DEA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. For further information, contact Mr. Carl Keller, Environmental Coordinator, at (202) 219-2831.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5440-6]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Pretesting and Evaluation of Risk Communication Activities

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (EPA ICR Number 1552.03; OMB Control Number 2010-0022: Pretesting and Evaluation of Risk Communication Activities, expires 04/30/96). Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 14, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons may obtain a copy of the ICR, without charge, by contacting Dr. Lynn Desautels, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Lynn Desautels, 202-260-6995 (phone); 202-260-7875 (FAX).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those which would be audiences for risk communication messages from EPA.

Title: Pretesting and Evaluation of Risk Communication Activities, OMB Control Number 2010-0022. Expires 4/30/96.

Abstract: The U.S. EPA continues to use risk communication as a risk management tool. EPA uses risk communication (1) to encourage individuals to make voluntary behavior changes which will reduce their level of personal risk from exposure to specific environmental contaminants or conditions, and (2) to improve compliance with environmental regulations. Evaluating the effectiveness of risk communication activities is important; such evaluations allow EPA to learn from its efforts, improve them, and conduct them as effectively as possible. A number of low cost risk communication evaluation methods are available for pretesting materials, evaluating risk communication processes, and evaluating outcomes and impacts. These methods require only a modest respondent burden, and participation is entirely voluntary. There is no cost to respondents. Since many of EPA's risk communication activities are relatively low cost and do not warrant extensive or costly evaluations, this information collection request (ICR) seeks continued approval for conducting small scale evaluations of risk communication activities. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR Part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information,

including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: EPA estimates that costs for any given year would be approximately \$32,000 (EPA staff time) and \$664,000 (contractor support). There are no costs to respondents, since participation is entirely voluntary. The hour burden for respondents is estimated at no more than 870 per year, with an average time per respondent of 1 hour per year. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Dated: March 7, 1996.

Wendy Cleland-Hamnett,

Director, Office of Sustainable Ecosystems and Communities.

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; the 1997 Hazardous Waste Report (Biennial Report) Under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that EPA is planning to submit a continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to allow the Agency to collect

data for the 1997 Hazardous Waste Report (Biennial Report). This Report is a compilation of information that is required to be submitted to EPA under sections 3002 and 3004 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) every two years by generators and managers of hazardous waste. This ICR is a reinstatement of a previously approved information collection. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 14, 1996.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Analysis and Information Branch (5302W), 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20460. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the draft ICR by calling (703) 308-8440.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Burchard, Analysis and Information Branch. (703) 308-8440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities affected by this action are generators and owners/operators of hazardous waste management facilities.

Title: 1997 Hazardous Waste Report, EPA ICR #0976.06, OMB No. 2050-0024.

Abstract: Generators and owners/operators of hazardous waste management facilities must compile, under RCRA sections 3002 and 3004, a biennial report of information on location, amount, and description of hazardous waste handled. EPA uses the information to define the population of the regulated community and to expand its data base of information for rulemaking and compliance with statutory requirements. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR Part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15.

EPA is soliciting comments on the following three options for the 1997 Hazardous Waste Report ICR:

(i) Renewing the existing ICR which authorized collection of information for the 1995 Biennial Report cycle. This would entail sending out Biennial Report Instructions and Forms identical to those used for the 1995 Biennial Report cycle.

(ii) Modifying the existing ICR. In fitting with the Agency's goal to significantly reduce paperwork burden, the Agency might make modifications to the existing 1995 Biennial Report forms

such as eliminating the waste minimization questions, eliminating the entire Waste Treatment, Disposal, or Recycling Process Systems (PS) form, not collecting information on exempt wastes (e.g. wastewaters); and collecting information from only the larger generators, such as those which also report in the Toxics Release Inventory or those generating over 50,000 tons of waste per year. The Agency solicits comment on these and/or other potential modifications to the existing Biennial Reporting System forms. Specifically, the Agency is seeking comment on the following questions as they pertain to the information that is ordinarily obtained from the waste minimization questions, the PS form, and the information on the exempt wastes: who the users of this information are; shortcomings with the BRS as a collection method for this information; mechanisms other than the BRS to collect this information; and ways to improve the BRS as a collection method for this information.

(iii) Not renewing the Biennial Report ICR. Under this option, the Agency would not collect data for a 1997 Biennial Report cycle. Instead, it would undertake, during that time, a comprehensive reevaluation of the Biennial Report process in anticipation of developing a revamped Biennial Report process for the 1999 cycle. While the Agency has concerns whether this option meets the Agency's legal mandate, the Agency is still interested in comments on the impacts of this option and how we could be responsive to sections 3002 and 3004 of RCRA. The Agency is particularly concerned that this option could have serious impacts on a significant number of State programs. Therefore, the Agency specifically solicits comments on the effects this option would have on the operation of existing State hazardous waste programs. The Agency also specifically solicits comment on other methods of information collection that would satisfy the RCRA sections 3002 and 3004 requirements: using Toxics Release Inventory data along with information from hazardous waste permits; using survey techniques combined with valid statistical sampling methodologies as an alternative to a total census; or requiring the authorized States, rather than EPA, to collect the Biennial Report information (if commenting on this option, please indicate how non-authorized States would collect the Biennial Report information).

The Agency is also soliciting comments that: