

alternative routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please follow the instructions below to ensure that your comments are received and properly recorded:

Address your letter to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Washington, DC 20426;

Reference Docket No. CP97-25-000;

Also, send a copy of your letter to: Ms. Amy Chang, EA Project Manager, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., PR-11.1, Washington, DC 20426; and

Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before January 9, 1997. If you wish to receive a copy of the EA, you should request one from Ms. Chang at the above address.

#### Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding or become an "intervenor". Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide copies of its filings to all other parties. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention.

You do not need intervenor status to have your scoping comments considered.

If you are interested in obtaining detailed maps of a specific portion of this project, or procedural information, contact Ms. Amy Chang, EA Project Manager, at (202) 208-1199.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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#### [Project No. 11291-001 Indiana]

##### Star Mill, Inc.; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

December 3, 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 F.R. 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for an original license for the Star Milling and Electric Minor Water Power Project (project) and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the project. The project is located on the Fawn River near the town of Howe, in northeastern Indiana.

In the DEA, the Commission's staff has analyzed the existing and potential future environmental impacts of the project and has concluded that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protection or enhancement 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 45 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. Please affix Project No. 11291-001 to all comments. For further information, contact Nicholas Jayjack, Environmental Coordinator, at (202) 219-2825.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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##### Notice of Public Meeting on Drinking Water Issues

Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is holding a two-day public meeting on December 12-13, 1996, for the purpose of information exchange on technical issues related to the expedited development of rules to address microbial contaminants and disinfectants/disinfection byproducts in drinking water. Topics to be discussed

may include enhanced coagulation, pre-disinfection, disinfection processes or other technical matters related to the development of a Stage I Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts Rule and Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule.

EPA is inviting all interested members of the public to attend the meeting, which will be held at a location to be determined. For further information regarding the location, agenda or other aspects of the meeting, members of the public are requested to contact Crystal Rodgers of EPA's Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water at (202) 260-0676.

Dated: December 4, 1996.

Cynthia C. Dougherty,

Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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##### Draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permits for the Eastern Portion of Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) of the Gulf of Mexico (GMG280000)

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of draft NPDES general permit reissuance, notice to States of Mississippi, Alabama and Florida for consistency review with approved coastal management programs.

**SUMMARY:** The Regional Administrator (RA) of EPA Region 4 (the "Region") is today proposing to reissue in part National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permits for the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) of the Gulf of Mexico (General Permit No. GMG280000) for discharges in the Offshore Subcategory of the Oil and Gas Extraction Point Source Category (40 CFR part 435, subpart A). The existing permit, jointly issued by Regions 4 and 6 and published at 51 FR 24897 on July 9, 1986, authorizes discharges from exploration, development, and production facilities located in and discharging to all Federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico seaward of the outer boundary of the territorial seas. Region 6 issued a final permit (General Permit No. GMG290000) for the Western portion of the OCS of the Gulf of Mexico, published at 57 FR 54642 on November 19, 1992 for facilities in Federal waters seaward of Louisiana and Texas Waters. Today's proposed draft NPDES permits cover existing and new source facilities