

(MW) Geothermal Plant, Modoc National Forest, Siskiyou County, CA, Due: August 24, 1998, Contact: Randall Sharp (520) 233-8848. Published FR 05-22-98—Review Period extended.

EIS No. 980218, Draft EIS, COE, AK, Beaufort Sea Oil and Gas Development Northstar Project, Implementation, NPDES Permit, Sea Island, Alaskan Beaufort Sea, Offshore Marine Environment and Onshore Northslope of Alaskan Coastal Plain, AK, Due: August 31, 1998, Contact: Ms. Terry Carpenter (907) 753-2712. Published FR 06-12-98—Review Period Extended.

Dated: August 11, 1998.

**William D. Dickerson,**

*Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[ER-FRL-5494-5]

**Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments**

Availability of EPA comments prepared July 13, 1998 Through July 17, 1998 pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the OFFICE OF FEDERAL ACTIVITIES AT (202) 564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 10, 1998 (63 FR 17856).

**Draft EISs**

ERP No. D-DOE-E00007-SC Rating EC2, Tritium Extraction Facility (TEF), Construction and Operation near the Center of Savannah River Site at H Area, (DOE/EIS-0271D), Aiken and Barnwell Counties, SC.

*Summary:* EPA had environmental concerns about the project. The Final EIS should provide more information about emergency response plans for potential spills and accidents.

ERP No. D-NPS-E61073-MS Rating EC1, Natchez Trace Parkway, Construction of Section 3X Southern Terminus, Adam Counties, MS.

*Summary:* EPA had environmental concerns about adverse impacts to wetlands which should be avoided to fully protect the environment.

ERP No. D-UAF-J11012-00 Rating LO, Colorado Airspace Initiative, Modifications to the National Airspace System, such as the F-16 Aircraft and Aircrews of the 140th Wing of the Colorado Air National Guard, also existing Military Operations Areas (MOAs) and Military Training Routes (MTRs), CO, NM, KS, NB and WY.

*Summary:* EPA had no comments to the proposed action.

**Final EISs**

ERP No. F-AFS-L65299-AK, Cascade Point Access Road, Construction, Maintenance and Operation, Road Easement within National Forest System land in the vicinity of Echo Cove, EPA Permit, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Juneau, AK.

*Summary:* EPA continued to have objections to a Purpose and Need statement that results in the evaluation of a restricted range of alternatives, the potentially significant direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts to Berners Bay, and the level of information/analyses presented in the EIS.

ERP No. F-USN-E11038-00, USS SEAWOLF Submarine Shock Testing, Implementation, located in the Offshore Mayport, FL or Norfolk, VA.

*Summary:* EPA continued to have some environmental concerns about the Seawolf testing and awaits with interest the outcome of additional, future tests.

**Other**

ERP No. LD-BLM-L61219-AK Rating LO, Squirrel River Wild and Scenic River Suitability Study, Designation and Non-Designation, National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, AK.

*Summary:* EPA used a screening tool to conduct a limited review of the action. Based upon the screen, EPA does not foresee having any environmental objections to the proposed project. EPA will not be conducting a detailed review.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[OPPTS-00247; FRL-6021-1]

**Cooperative Agreements to Develop and Carry Out Authorized State Training, Accreditation, and Certification Programs for Lead-Based Paint Professionals**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of funds availability; solicitation of applications for financial assistance.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces EPA's intent to enter into cooperative agreements with states, territories, Indian tribes, and the District of Columbia which provide financial assistance for purposes of developing and carrying out EPA-authorized training, accreditation and certification programs for professionals engaged in lead-based paint activities. In the past, recipients of the cooperative agreements have used the funds to assist in program development and prepare for program authorization. A number of states and tribes are making significant progress in developing authorizable programs and EPA would like to continue to support the development and authorization of these programs. These programs and this financial assistance are authorized by section 404 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). This notice describes eligibility criteria, eligible activities, application procedures and requirements, and funding criteria. EPA anticipates that up to \$12.5 million will be available during Federal fiscal year 1998 (FY 98) for awards to states, Indian tribes, territories, and the District of Columbia for the development, implementation and administration of EPA-authorized training, accreditation, and certification programs. This is the fifth year that funding is being made available for this cooperative agreement program. Subject to future budget limitations, EPA plans to provide this support on a continuing basis to eligible states, territories, Indian tribes and the District of Columbia. All cooperative agreements will be administered by the appropriate EPA Regional office.

**DATES:** In order to be considered for funding during the FY 98 award cycle, all applications must be received by the appropriate EPA Regional office on or before September 14, 1998. EPA will make its award decisions and execute its FY 99 cooperative agreements by September 30, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information, contact: Susan B.

Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 554-1404, TDD: (202) 554-0551, e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov. For technical information, contact the appropriate Regional Primary Lead Contact person listed in Unit VI. of this notice.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 404(g) of TSCA authorizes EPA to award non-matching cooperative agreements to states, territories, the District of Columbia and eligible Indian tribes to develop and carry out authorized programs to ensure that individuals engaged in lead-based paint activities are properly trained; that training programs are accredited; and that contractors engaged in such activities are certified.

Although EPA's goal is to have approved programs in all states, the District of Columbia, and a large number of territories and Indian tribes, the Agency and Congress anticipated that there will be a number of states, territories, and Indian tribes that will not seek program authorization. The Agency's FY 98 appropriation provides EPA with the authority to use FY 98 section 404(g) funds to directly implement a Federal program for non-authorized states, territories, Indian tribes, and the District of Columbia.

Pursuant to Title IV of TSCA, EPA encourages states, territories, the District of Columbia, and Indian tribes to seek authorization of their own training, accreditation, and certification programs for lead-based paint activities. EPA therefore recommends that parties seek funding through the TSCA Title IV section 404(g) assistance program, which is now being implemented to help achieve these ends. EPA further recommends that parties plan to utilize this cooperative agreement support in a way that complements any related financial assistance they may receive from other Federal sources. EPA will seek to ensure that all Federally-funded lead activities are undertaken in a coordinated fashion. In addition, recipients must comply with the requirements of 40 CFR 31.25 with respect to program income.

### I. Eligibility

States, territories, the District of Columbia, and Indian tribes that meet the criteria at 40 CFR 745.330 are eligible to apply for financial assistance under this cooperative agreement program. However, awarding of funds will be based upon the progress in developing an approvable program,

including implementing regulations. Failure to make satisfactory progress towards program authorization may result in a state, territory, Indian tribe or the District of Columbia not receiving funding. The EPA Regional offices will have sole discretion with respect to determining whether sufficient progress is being made by a given state, territory, Indian tribe and/or the District of Columbia towards the development and implementation of a program under TSCA Title IV.

In order for Indian tribes to be eligible for financial assistance under this program, the Indian tribes must demonstrate that they meet the criteria at 40 CFR 745.330. Pursuant to 40 CFR 735.330, as amended in 1998, the Administrator may treat a Tribe as eligible to apply for a TSCA section 404(g) grant if the Tribe:

- (a) Is recognized by the Secretary of Interior.
- (b) Has an existing government exercising substantial governmental duties and powers.
- (c) Has adequate authority to carry out the grant activities.
- (d) Is reasonably expected to be capable, in the Administrator's judgment, of administering the grant program.

If the Administrator has previously determined that an Indian tribe has met the prerequisites in § 745.330(a) and (b) for another EPA program, the Tribe need only provide that information unique to the TSCA 404(g) grant program required by § 745.330(d).

### II. Authority

The "TSCA Title IV State Lead Cooperative Agreement Program" is a financial assistance program administered by EPA under the authority of section 404(g) of TSCA. Each of EPA's 10 Regional Administrators has been delegated the authority to enter into cooperative agreements with eligible states, territories, Indian tribes, and the District of Columbia.

### III. Activities to be Funded

Over the past 4 years, EPA has provided financial assistance to the states, territories, Indian tribes, and the District of Columbia aimed at the development, implementation, and enforcement of authorized programs as outlined under the Final Lead 402/404 rule. The primary focus of the FY 99 cooperative agreements will be on the implementation, administration, and enforcement of approved programs. However, states, territories, the District of Columbia, and Indian tribes that do not have authorized programs may still

receive cooperative agreements for the continued development of lead-based paint certification and accreditation programs.

Examples of eligible activities include: maintain, improve and/or develop the appropriate infrastructure to administer and enforce a program; oversee accredited training programs; implement a compliance assistance program; and implement the timely training of enforcement inspectors. The "State, Territory, District of Columbia and Tribal Cooperative Agreement Guidance for FY 1998" (Guidance) issued by the Agency in December of 1997 and revised in July of 1998, provides a list of eligible activities organized by funding priority. Copies of the Guidance may be obtained by contacting the appropriate Regional Primary Lead Contact person listed in Unit IV. of this Notice. Although the list in the final Guidance is not exhaustive, the Agency will place more emphasis on the items marked high priority.

### IV. Allocation of Funds

The allocation of funds process has been designed to transfer the funds from the EPA Headquarters Office to the EPA Regional Offices. EPA Regional Offices will have discretion in the distribution of the TSCA section 404(g) funds outlined in this notice.

For the FY 98 funding cycle, \$100,000 of funds will be set aside for each of the 10 EPA Regional offices (total \$1.0 million). These funds are primarily intended to provide each Region with the means of awarding funds to states, territories, Indian tribes and/or the District of Columbia based upon program progress and quality. The Regional offices will also have the discretion to use these dollars for the direct implementation of the Federal program within the Region.

For FY 98 funding, EPA is allocating up to \$1.5 million for Indian Tribes who have either received authorization for a Tribal lead-based paint activities program or have made substantial progress towards the development of a lead-based paint activities program. EPA expects to issue an additional Notice of Funds Availability for Indian Tribes who are in the initial developmental stages of a lead-based paint activities program. Tribes that have received grants in previous years and receive funding under this notice will not be eligible to receive funding under the subsequent notice.

Each Indian tribe that submits a qualifying proposal and is making sufficient progress towards implementation of an approvable training, accreditation, and certification

program will be entitled to a base funding level of \$50,000 with the exception of the Navajo and Cherokee Nations which are entitled to a base funding level of \$75,000. Eligible Indian tribes may also apply for funding above the base level. Distribution of the Indian tribe funds above the base funding level will be dependent upon the number of qualified applicants, program progress, tribal population, and other factors as appropriate. Any of the Indian funds remaining after the awarding of cooperative agreements to qualified Indian tribes will be included in the formula pool.

The Agency will use a two-tiered system to calculate how the remaining \$10.0 million of cooperative agreement funds will be distributed to the Regional Offices for subsequent distribution to eligible state, territory, and the District of Columbia applicants (and for direct implementation by the EPA Regional offices where appropriate). This system is aimed at providing a base funding level for each qualified applicant (and for direct implementation by the EPA Regional offices where appropriate), while at the same time, targeting areas with the greatest potential lead hazard and risk. It accomplishes this by providing for a tier-one distribution of base funding, followed by a tier-two distribution of formula funding, based upon the relative lead burden estimated to exist within a state, territory, and the District of Columbia.

Each state and the District of Columbia that submits a qualifying proposal to the Regions and is making sufficient progress towards implementation of an approvable training, accreditation, and certification program will receive a base funding allotment of \$100,000. Each territory that submits a qualifying proposal to the Region and is making sufficient progress towards implementation of an approvable training, accreditation, and certification program will receive a \$50,000 base. For FY 98 funding, each EPA Regional office will receive a base level funding of \$25,000 for direct implementation of a Federal program for each state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, and America Samoa within the Region which does not submit an application and/or receive a cooperative agreement under this funding program. Any unsubscribed base funding will be added to the formula funds pool.

States, territories, and the District of Columbia with funding requests exceeding their base allotments can be given apportioned additional sums ("formula funds") based upon their

relative lead burden and the progress they have made toward establishing a training, certification, and accreditation program. All 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, and America Samoa will be used to calculate the formula distribution; funds will then be transferred to the Regions for distribution. Formula funds for states, territories, and the District of Columbia which are not funded under this cooperative agreement program will be distributed to the appropriate Regional office for use in the direct implementation, administration, and enforcement of the Federal program.

In calculating the lead burden for the formula rankings, EPA will use readily available data derived from the 1990 Census of Population and Housing, together with other data from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The formula uses four factors to generate an estimate of the potential lead problem, or "lead burden," in each state, territory, and the District of Columbia. Two of these factors, the number of housing units with lead-based paint and the number of children under age 6, express the potential magnitude of the lead problem. The remaining two factors, the fraction of young children in poverty and the fraction of low-income housing units with lead-based paint, express the potential severity of the problem.

In determining formula rankings, each state, territory, and the District of Columbia is scored independently for each factor, and the four individual factor scores for the state, territory, or the District of Columbia are then summed to obtain an overall score for that applicant (a combined factor score). The combined factor scores of all states, territories, or the District of Columbia applying for formula funds are then summed, and the percentage of the total sum represented by each applicant's score is then identified. When the total formula funding available is then multiplied by the applicant's percentage score, the applicant's formula allotment can be obtained.

After funding levels (base and formula) are determined for each state, territory, Indian tribe, and the District of Columbia, the funds will be pooled for each Region and transferred in bulk to the respective Regional accounts. The Regions will be responsible for awarding the cooperative agreements. The Regions will exercise discretion in distributing funds based upon progress made towards implementation of the TSCA sections 402/404 programs, including the focus on high program priorities listed in the FY 98 Guidance.

EPA Regions will have the discretion in their evaluation of how well an applicant applies and meets the criteria, such as program progress, outlined in this notice.

#### V. Submission Requirements

To be considered for funding, each application must include, at a minimum, the following forms and certifications which are contained in EPA's "Application Kit for Assistance": (1) Standard Form 424 (Application for Federal Assistance), (2) EPA Form 5700-48 (Procurement Certification), (3) Drug-Free Workplace Certification, (4) Debarment and Suspension Certification, (5) Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, and (6) a return mailing address. In addition to these standard forms, each application must also include a work plan, a detailed line-item budget with sufficient information to clearly justify costs, a list of work products or deliverables, and a schedule for their completion of the work plan.

Work plans are to be negotiated between applicants and their EPA Regional offices to ensure that priorities are adequately addressed. Any application from a state, territory, Indian tribe, or the District of Columbia that is not making sufficient progress towards implementation of an approvable training, accreditation and certification program may not be accepted. Also, any applicant proposing the collection of environmentally-related measurements or data generation must adequately address the requirements of 40 CFR 31.45 relating to quality assurance/quality control. These requirements are more specifically outlined in the "Guidance Document for the Preparation of Quality Assurance Project Plans" (May 1993) published by EPA's Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics. This document, as well as the application kits referred to above, may be obtained from EPA's Regional offices.

#### VI. Application Procedures and Schedule

Applications must be submitted to the appropriate EPA Regional office in duplicate; one copy to the Regional lead program branch and the other to the Regional grants management branch. Early consultations are recommended between prospective applicants and their EPA Regional offices. Because TSCA Title IV cooperative agreements will be administered at the Regional level, these consultations can be critical to the ultimate success of the project or program. After the formula funding calculations are determined and the funds are transferred to the appropriate

EPA Regional account, the Regional Primary Lead Contact person will contact the applicant and discuss the final award. EPA Regional Offices may require the applicant to modify its proposed work plan and cooperative agreement based upon the final funding level of the cooperative agreement.

EPA reserves the right, in negotiating the cooperative agreement, to delete budget items that, in its judgement, are not necessary for the direct support of program purposes, and to request the applicant to redirect the deleted sums to other acceptable purposes or make a corresponding reduction in the cooperative agreement request.

The cooperative agreement shall be used solely for the purpose described in the applicant's approved implementation plan and the budget, including any changes that may be negotiated and adopted in the cooperative agreement.

For more information about this financial assistance program, or for technical assistance in preparing an application for funding, interested parties should contact the Regional Primary Lead Contact person in the appropriate EPA Regional office. The mailing addresses and contact telephone numbers for these offices are listed below.

Region I: (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont), JFK Federal Building, One Congress St., Boston, MA 02203. Telephone: (617) 565-3836 (Jim Bryson)

Region II: (New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands), Building 5, SDPTSB, 2890 Woodbridge Ave., Edison, NJ 08837-3679. Telephone: (908) 321-6671 (Lou Bevilacqua)

Region III: (Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia), 841 Chestnut Bldg., Philadelphia, PA 19107. Telephone: (215) 566-2084 (Gerallyn Valls)

Region IV: (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee), 61 Forsyth St., SW., Atlanta, GA 30303. Telephone: (404) 562-8998 (Rose Anne Rudd)

Region V: (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin), DRT-8J, 77 W. Jackson St., Chicago, IL 60604. Telephone: (312) 886-7836 (David Turpin)

Region VI: (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas), 12th Floor, 1445 Ross Ave., Dallas, TX 75202. Telephone: (214) 665-7577 (Jeff Robinson)

Region VII: (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska), ARTD/RENV, 726 Minnesota Ave., Kansas City, KS 66101. Telephone: (913) 551-7518 (Mazzie Talley)

Region VIII: (Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming), 999 18th St., Suite 500, Denver, CO 80202. Telephone: (303) 312-6021 (David Combs)

Region IX: (Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, American Samoa, and Guam), 75 Hawthorne St., San Francisco, CA 94105. Telephone: (415) 744-1094 (Harold Rush)

Region X: (Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington), Solid Waste and Toxics Unit (WCM-128), 1200 Sixth Ave., Seattle, WA 98101. Telephone: (206) 553-1985 (Barbara Ross)

The deadline for EPA's receipt of final FY 98 applications is September 14, 1998. Once the application deadline has passed, EPA will process the formula funding calculations and determine the initial formula ceiling allocations.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Grants, Lead, Training, and Accreditation.

Dated: August 10, 1998.

**Susan H. Wayland,**

*Acting Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.*

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[PF-824; FRL-6023-2]

#### American Cyanamid Company; Pesticide Tolerance Petition Filing

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the initial filing of a pesticide petition proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of a certain pesticide chemical in or on various food commodities.

**DATES:** Comments, identified by the docket control number PF-824, must be received on or before September 14, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** By mail submit written comments to: Information and Records Integrity Branch, Public Information and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticides Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person bring comments to: Rm. 119, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by following the instructions under "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION." No confidential business information should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as "Confidential Business Information" (CBI). CBI should not be submitted through e-mail. Information marked as CBI will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. All written comments will be available for public inspection in Rm. 119 at the address given above, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marion J. Johnson, product Manager 2, Registration Division (7505W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW, Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: Rm. 208, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202, (703) 305-6788; e-mail: johnson.marion@epamail.epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EPA has received a pesticide petition as follows proposing the establishment and/or amendment of regulations for residues of certain pesticide chemical in or on various food commodities under section 408 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), 21 U.S.C. 346a. EPA has determined that this petition contains data or information regarding the elements set forth in section 408(d)(2); however, EPA has not fully evaluated the sufficiency of the submitted data at this time or whether the data supports granting of the petition. Additional data may be needed before EPA rules on the petition.

The official record for this notice of filing, as well as the public version, has been established for this notice of filing under docket control number [PF-824] (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The official record is located at the address in