

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 791(a)–825(r).

h. *Applicants Contracts:*

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i. *FERC Contact:* Mr. Lynn R. Miles, (202) 219–2671

j. *Comment Date:* January 22, 1999.

k. *Description of the Proposed Action:* The licensee, Washington Water Power Company, seeks to transfer the project license to Hydro Technology Systems, Inc., a Washington State corporation.

l. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.

B. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

C1. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS",

"RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulation Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D2. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to

file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Transfer of License

December 11, 1998.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* Transfer of License.

b. *Project No.:* 620–007.

c. *Date Filed:* October 30, 1998.

d. *Applicants:* ADF, Inc. and NorQuest Seafoods, Inc.

e. *Name of Project:* Chignik.

f. *Location:* On Indian Creek in Chignik, Alaska.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)–825(r).

h. *Applicants Contact:* Ron Soule, NorQuest Seafoods, Inc., 4225 23rd Avenue West, Seattle, WA 98119, (206) 281–7022.

i. *FERC Contact:* Ahmad Mushtaq, (202) 219–2672.

j. *Comment Date:* January 28, 1999.

k. *Description of the Request:* ADF, Inc., licensee, and NorQuest Seafoods, Inc. (NSI) jointly request that the license for the Chignik Project be transferred to NSI.

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Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–6204–6]

Ambient Air Monitoring Reference and Equivalent Methods: Designation of Four New Reference Methods and Receipt of Three New Applications for Reference Method Determinations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of designation and receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has designated, in accordance with 40 CFR Part 53, four new reference methods for the determination of ambient concentrations of particulate matter measured as PM₁₀. Notice is also given that EPA has received three new applications for reference method determinations under 40 CFR Part 53, one for a candidate method for PM_{2.5} and two for candidate methods for PM₁₀.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Frank F. McElroy, Human Exposure and Atmospheric Sciences Division (MD-46), National Exposure Research Laboratory, U.S. EPA, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711. Phone: (919) 541-2622, email: mcelroy.frank@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

In accordance with regulations at 40 CFR Part 53, the EPA examines various methods for monitoring the concentrations of certain pollutants in the ambient air. Methods that are determined to meet specific requirements for adequacy are designated as either reference or equivalent methods, thereby permitting their use under 40 CFR Part 58 by States and other agencies in determining attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. EPA hereby announces the designation of four new reference methods for measuring PM₁₀ in ambient air. These designations are made under the provisions of 40 CFR Part 53, as amended on July 18, 1997 (62 FR 38764).

The new reference methods for PM₁₀ are manual, gravimetric monitoring methods based on particular commercially available PM₁₀ samplers. The newly designated methods are identified as follows:

RFPS-1298-124, "BGI Incorporated Model PQ100 Air Sampler" with BGI16.7 Inlet Kit, configured as a PM₁₀ reference method, for 24-hour continuous sample periods at a flow rate of 16.7 liters/minute, and operated in accordance with the Model PQ100 Instruction Manual and with the requirements specified in 40 CFR Part 50, Appendix J or Appendix M, using either the original or the newer PQ200-type filter cassettes.

RFPS-1298-125, "BGI Incorporated Model PQ200 Air Sampler" with "flat plate" PM₁₀ inlet, configured as a PM₁₀ reference method, and operated for 24-hour continuous sample periods in accordance with the Model PQ200 Instruction Manual and with the requirements specified in 40 CFR Part 50, Appendix J or Appendix M.

RFPS-1298-126, "Rupprecht and Patashnick Company Partisol®-FRM Model 2000 PM₁₀ Air Sampler" with PM₁₀ inlet, configured as a PM₁₀ reference method, and operated for 24-hour continuous sample periods in accordance with the Model 2000 Instruction Manual and with the requirements specified in 40 CFR Part 50, Appendix J or Appendix M.

RFPS-1298-127, "Rupprecht and Patashnick Company Partisol®-Plus Model 2025 PM₁₀ Sequential Air

Sampler" with PM₁₀ inlet, configured as a PM₁₀ reference method, and operated for 24-hour continuous sample periods in accordance with the Model 2025 Instruction Manual and with the requirements specified in 40 CFR Part 50, Appendix J or Appendix M.

An application for a reference method determination for the method based on the BGI Model PQ100 sampler was received by the EPA on May 4, 1998, and an application for the BGI Model PQ200 sampler method was received on June 1, 1998. A notice of the receipt of these applications was published in the **Federal Register** on August 3, 1998. The methods are available commercially from the applicant, BGI Incorporated, 58 Guinan Street, Waltham, Massachusetts 02154.

Applications for the reference method determinations for the methods based on the Rupprecht and Patashnick Company Partisol®-FRM Model 2000 and Partisol®-Plus Model 2025 were received by the EPA on February 3, 1998, and a notice of the receipt of these applications was published in the **Federal Register** on June 2, 1998. These methods are available commercially from the applicant, Rupprecht and Patashnick Company, Incorporated, 25 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203.

Test samplers representative of these methods have been tested by the respective applicants in accordance with the test procedures specified in 40 CFR Part 53 (as amended on July 18, 1997). After reviewing the results of those tests and other information submitted by the respective applicants, EPA has determined, in accordance with Part 53, that these methods should be designated as reference methods. The information submitted by the applicants will be kept on file at EPA's National Exposure Research Laboratory, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711, and will be available for inspection to the extent consistent with 40 CFR Part 2 (EPA's regulations implementing the Freedom of Information Act).

As designated reference methods, each of these methods is acceptable for use by states and other air monitoring agencies under the requirements of 40 CFR Part 58, Ambient Air Quality Surveillance. For such purposes, the method must be used in strict accordance with the operation or instruction manual associated with the method and subject to any limitations (e.g., sample period or flow rate) specified in the applicable designation method description (see identification of the methods above). Use of the method should also be in general accordance with the guidance and

recommendations of applicable sections of the Quality Assurance Handbook for Air Pollution Measurement Systems, Volume II (EPA/600/R-94/038b). Vendor modifications of a designated reference or equivalent method used for purposes of Part 58 are permitted only with prior approval of the EPA, as provided in Part 53. Provisions concerning modification of such methods by users are specified under Section 2.8 of Appendix C to 40 CFR Part 58 (Modifications of Methods by Users).

In general, a method designation applies to any sampler or analyzer which is identical to the sampler or analyzer described in the designation application. In some cases, similar samplers or analyzers manufactured prior to the designation may be upgraded (e.g., by minor modification or by substitution of a new operation or instruction manual) so as to be identical to the designated method and thus achieve designated status at a modest cost. The manufacturer should be consulted to determine the feasibility of such upgrading.

Part 53 requires that sellers of designated reference or equivalent method analyzers or samplers comply with certain conditions. These conditions are given in 40 CFR Part 53.9 and are summarized below:

(a) A copy of the approved operation or instruction manual must accompany the sampler or analyzer when it is delivered to the ultimate purchaser.

(b) The sampler or analyzer must not generate any unreasonable hazard to operators or to the environment.

(c) The sampler or analyzer must function within the limits of the applicable performance specifications given in Parts 50 and 53 for at least one year after delivery when maintained and operated in accordance with the operation or instruction manual.

(d) Any sampler or analyzer offered for sale as part of a reference or equivalent method must bear a label or sticker indicating that it has been designated as part of a reference or equivalent method in accordance with Part 53 and showing its designated method identification number.

(e) If such an analyzer has two or more selectable ranges, the label or sticker must be placed in close proximity to the range selector and indicate which range or ranges have been included in the reference or equivalent method designation.

(f) An applicant who offers samplers or analyzers for sale as part of a reference or equivalent method is required to maintain a list of ultimate purchasers of such samplers or

analyzers and to notify them within 30 days if a reference or equivalent method designation applicable to the method has been canceled or if adjustment of the sampler or analyzer is necessary under 40 CFR Part 53.11(b) to avoid a cancellation.

(g) An applicant who modifies a sampler or analyzer previously designated as part of a reference or equivalent method is not permitted to sell the sampler or analyzer (as modified) as part of a reference or equivalent method (although it may be sold without such representation), nor to attach a label or sticker to the sampler or analyzer (as modified) under the provisions described above, until the applicant has received notice under 40 CFR Part 53.14(c) that the original designation or a new designation applies to the method as modified, or until the applicant has applied for and received notice under 40 CFR Part 53.8(b) of a new reference or equivalent method determination for the sampler or analyzer as modified.

Aside from occasional breakdowns or malfunctions, consistent or repeated noncompliance with any of these conditions should be reported to: Director, Human Exposure and Atmospheric Sciences Division (MD-77), National Exposure Research Laboratory, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711.

Designation of these reference methods is intended to assist the States in establishing and operating their air quality surveillance systems under 40 CFR Part 58. Questions concerning the commercial availability or technical aspects of any of these methods should be directed to the appropriate applicant.

Receipt of New Reference Method Applications

EPA is also hereby announcing that it has received three new applications for reference method determinations under 40 CFR Part 53. Publication of a notice of receipt of such applications is required by § 53.5.

On September 14, 1998, EPA received an application from Thermo Environmental Instruments, Incorporated, 8 West Forge Parkway, Franklin, Massachusetts 02038, for a reference method determination for a PM_{2.5} method based on that Company's Model 606 CAPS Sequential PM_{2.5} Sampler. Another application was received on September 18, 1998, from Anderson Instruments, Incorporated, 500 Technology Court, Smyrna, Georgia 30082, for a reference method determination for PM₁₀ methods based on that Company's Models RAAS10-

100 Single Channel PM₁₀ Sampler, RAAS10-200 Audit PM₁₀ Sampler, and RAAS10-300 Sequential PM₁₀ Sampler. An application was received on September 24, 1998, from Tisch Environmental, Incorporated, 145 South Miami Avenue, Village of Cleves, Ohio 45002, for a reference method determination for a PM₁₀ method based on that Company's Model TE-6001 High Volume PM₁₀ Air Sampler.

If, after appropriate technical study, the Administrator determines that any or all of these methods should be designated as reference methods under 40 CFR Part 53, notice thereof will be published in a subsequent issue of the **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 10, 1998.

Norine E. Noonan,

Assistant Administrator, Office of Research and Development.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6204-5]

Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board, Meeting Date and Agenda

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will convene an open meeting of the Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board (ELAB) on January 14, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend at the meeting at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, Bethesda, Maryland.

Topics for discussion will include at a minimum a summary from the ELAB workgroup tasked to examine performance-based measurement systems and a briefing from the workgroup responsible for investigating issues affecting small laboratories.

The public is encouraged to attend. Time will be allotted for public comment. Written comments are encouraged and should be directed to Ms. Elizabeth Dutrow; Designated Federal Officer; USEPA; 401 M Street, SW (8724R); Washington, DC 20460. If questions arise, please contact Ms. Dutrow by phone at (202) 564-9061, by facsimile at (202) 565-2441 or by email at dutrow.elizabeth@epamail.epa.gov.

Dated: December 9, 1998.

Thomas Dixon,

Acting Director, Quality Assurance Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6202-2]

Great Lakes Dredged Material Testing and Evaluation Manual

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Great Lakes Dredged Material Testing and Evaluation Manual.

SUMMARY: This document announces the availability of the testing manual entitled "Great Lakes Dredged Material Testing and Evaluation Manual" (Great Lakes Manual). The Great Lakes Manual was prepared by an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)/Army Corps of Engineers (CE) workgroup comprised of staff with scientific and/or programmatic expertise related to Great Lakes dredged material discharge activities. This document supplements the manual entitled "Evaluation of Dredged Material Proposed for Discharge in Waters of the U.S.-Testing Manual (Inland National Manual), EPA-823-B-98-004," which was finalized in February 1998. The Great Lakes Manual contains more specific guidance than the National Manual specifically for the Great Lakes system, including detailed bioassay test protocols. The Great Lakes Manual was noticed for comment in the **Federal Register** on December 19, 1994. Both the draft Inland Testing Manual and the Great Lakes Manual were issued pursuant to the provisions of section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act and 40 CFR part 230.

DATES: The Great Lakes Manual is intended to be utilized by The Corps of Engineers and all applicants for section 404(b)(1) dredged material discharge permits until March 17, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The Great Lakes Dredged Material Testing and Evaluation Manual can be obtained from the Internet at: www.epa.gov/glnp/sediment/gitem/. Copies are also available by contacting Marc Tuchman, USEPA Great Lakes National Program Office—G-9J, 77 West Jackson Street, Chicago, IL 60604; telephone: (312) 353-1369.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jan Miller, USACE Great Lakes & Ohio River Division, 111 North Canal Street, Chicago, IL 60606-7205; telephone: (312) 353-6354; Marc Tuchman, USEPA