

Chambers on April 13, 1999, at 7 p.m. The address of the City Commission Chambers is: 228 South Massachusetts Avenue, Lakeland, Florida. In addition, DOE will hold an informational session at the same location from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on April 13. Displays and other materials and DOE personnel will be available to provide information about the proposed action.

DOE requests that anyone who wishes to speak at this public scoping meeting contact Mr. Joseph Martin, either by phone, fax, computer, or in writing (see **ADDRESSES** in this Notice). Individuals who do not make advance arrangements to speak may register at the meeting and will be given the opportunity to speak after all previously scheduled speakers have made their presentations. Speakers who wish to make presentations longer than five minutes should indicate the length of time desired in their request. Depending on the number of speakers, it may be necessary to limit speakers to five minute presentations initially, with the opportunity for additional presentations as time permits. Speakers can also provide additional written information to supplement their presentations. Oral and written comments will be given equal consideration.

DOE will begin the meeting with an overview of the proposed McIntosh Unit 4 demonstration project. A presiding officer will be designated by DOE to chair the meeting. The meeting will not be conducted as an evidentiary hearing, and speakers will not be cross-examined.

However, speakers may be asked to clarify their statements to ensure that DOE fully understands the comments or suggestions. The presiding officer will establish the order of speakers and provide any additional procedures necessary to conduct the meeting.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 22nd day of March, 1999.

**Peter N. Brush,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary,  
Environment, Safety and Health.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice Inviting Financial Assistance Applications

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Federal Energy Technology Center (FETC).

**ACTION:** Notice inviting financial assistance applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy announces that it intends to conduct a competitive Program Solicitation and award financial assistance (grants) to successful applicants. Awards will be made to a limited number of applicants based on a scientific and engineering evaluation of the responses received to determine the relative merit of the approach taken in response to this offering by the DOE, and funding availability.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy Toppetta, U.S. Department of Energy, Federal Energy Technology Center, Acquisition and Assistance Division, P.O. Box 10940, MS 921-143, Pittsburgh, PA 15236-0940, Telephone: (412)892-5715, FAX: (412)892-6216, E-mail: toppetta@fetc.doe.gov. The solicitation (available in Portable Document Format (PDF)) will be released on DOE's FETC World Wide Web Server Internet System (<http://www.fetc.doe.gov/business/solicit>) on or about March 23, 1999.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title of Solicitation:* "Improved Natural Gas Storage Well Remediation"

*Objectives:* Through Program Solicitation No. DE-PS26-99FT40060, the DOE seeks applications from qualified sources for research and development efforts that address storage well damage issues associated with underground geologic reservoirs, such as depleted oil/gas fields, aquifers, etc.; however, such research and development efforts must *not* include underground storage tanks or mined salt caverns. The general objectives of this research and development effort are to (1) characterize the geochemical conditions of underground geologic natural gas storage reservoirs and injection/withdrawal wells for a selected set of damage mechanisms that lead to decreased performance characteristics and (2) design and successfully demonstrate practical and cost effective remedial techniques for those damage mechanisms. The damage mechanisms to be considered are (1) inorganic precipitates, (2) hydrocarbons, organic residues, and production chemicals, (3) bacterial fouling and plugging, and (4) particulate fouling and plugging.

*Eligibility:* Applications are welcome from all qualified sources. The solicitation will contain a complete description of the technical evaluation factors and relative importance of each factor.

*Areas of Interest:* DOE is interested in development of the above described mechanisms for improved remediation

design, especially for effective shallow damage remedial treatments.

*Awards:* DOE anticipates issuing financial assistance (grants) for each project selected. DOE reserves the right to support or not support, with or without discussions, any or all applications received in whole or in part, and to determine how many awards may be made through the solicitation subject to funds available in this fiscal year.

*Solicitation Release Date:* The Program Solicitation is expected to be ready for release on or about March 23, 1999. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the Program Solicitation.

**Richard D. Rogus,**

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**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy announces that it intends to conduct a competitive Program Solicitation and award financial assistance (cooperative agreements) for the program entitled "Development of Feed System for Alternative Feedstocks for Gasification." Through this solicitation, FETC seeks to support applications in the following areas of interest: (1) Wet Gasification Feed Systems, and (2) Dry Gasification Feed Systems. Applications will be subjected to a review by a DOE technical panel, and awards will be made to a limited number of applicants based on a scientific and engineering evaluation of the responses received to determine the relative merit of the approach taken in response to this offering by the DOE, and funding availability.

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