

and adults benefit. The Council also makes recommendations to the Secretary for filling the position of Director of Indian Education whenever a vacancy occurs. The meeting of the Council is open to the public without advanced registration. Public attendance may be limited to the space without advanced registration. Public attendance may be limited to the space available. Members of the public may make statements during the meetings, to the extent time permits, and file written statements with the Council for its consideration. Written statements should be submitted to the address listed above.

A summary of the proceedings and related matters that are infomative to the public consistent with the policy of the Title 5 U.S.C. 552b will be available to the public within fourteen days of the meetings, and are available for public inspection at the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202 from the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Michael Cohen,**

*Assistant Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education.*

#### **The National Advisory Council on Indian Education**

January 26–27, 2000, The LaQuinta Inn, 2510 W. Greenway Rd., Phoenix, AZ 602–993–0800

*Wednesday, January 26, 2000*

1:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Introductions

Review Agenda and Purpose of Meeting

2:00–4:00

Presidential Execution Order 13096 on American Indian and Alaska Native Education Update on ESEA Reauthorization

Executive Order Research Agenda

4:00–5:00

Draft NACIE Charter and Work Plan

Annual Report Review

OIE Staff Updates

5:00 p.m.

Summarize Discussion & Set Agenda for Next Day

*Thursday, January 27, 2000*

9:00 a.m.

Call of Order

9:15–10:30

Continues Business Meeting

10:30–12:00

Open Meeting On:

Reauthorization of Indian Education Programs

Executive Order 13906

12:00–1:00

Lunch

1:00–4:00

Open Meeting Continued

4:00–4:30

Summarize Meeting Accomplishments  
4:30 p.m.

Adjourn NACIE Meeting

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Floodplain Statement of Findings for the Construction of a Groundwater Interceptor Trench at the Weldon Spring Site**

**AGENCY:** Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Floodplain Statement of Findings.

**SUMMARY:** This is a Floodplain Statement of Findings for the Weldon Spring Site prepared in accordance with 10 CFR Part 1022, DOE Floodplain/Wetlands regulations. DOE proposes to construct a groundwater interceptor trench at the Weldon Spring Site, located in St. Charles County, Missouri. The proposed trench would be located within the 100-year floodplain of the Missouri River. DOE prepared a floodplain and wetlands assessment describing the effects, alternatives, and measures designed to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected floodplain. There are no practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain. DOE will allow 15 days of public review after publication of the statement of findings before implementing the proposed action.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Mr. Steve McCracken, Department of Energy, Weldon Spring Site Remedial Action Project, 7295 Highway 94 South, St. Charles, MO 63304, (636) 441–8978.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON GENERAL DOE FLOODPLAIN/WETLANDS**

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW REQUIREMENTS, CONTACT:** Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH–42, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586–4600 or (800) 472–2756.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This Floodplain Statement of Findings for the Weldon Spring Site is prepared in accordance with 10 CFR Part 1022. A Notice of Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement was published in the **Federal Register** on Monday, November 29, 1999, FR Doc. 99–30879, and a floodplain and wetlands assessment was prepared. The Record of Decision for Remedial Action for the Quarry Residuals Operable Unit of the Weldon Spring Site outlined field studies for

evaluating the effectiveness of technologies to remediate uranium-impacted groundwater in the vicinity of the Weldon Spring Quarry. The DOE is proposing to construct a groundwater interceptor trench approximately 3.9 m (2.5 miles) southwest of the site within the State of Missouri Weldon Spring Conservation Area. This action is intended to evaluate the effectiveness of remediation through the extraction of contaminated groundwater using a groundwater interceptor trench.

Under this action, the DOE would construct a 550-foot long trench approximately 90 m (300 feet) south of the quarry. The trench would be located between the Katy Trail and Femme Osage Slough, within the State of Missouri Weldon Spring Conservation Area, and approximately 1.4 km (0.88 mile) from the Missouri River. The trench would be backfilled with granular material and will have a compacted clay cap. The groundwater interceptor trench would provide continuous groundwater access for an extraction system. Contaminated groundwater would be removed from the trench and directed to a treatment plant. The trench would be operated up to two years.

This action is proposed to be located in the floodplain because the contaminated groundwater is restricted to a small area between the quarry and the slough. Access to this groundwater by means of a trench is possible only from within the floodplain. Periodic flooding of this area in the past has had no effect on contaminant distribution. The only alternative to the proposed action is no-action. Under the no-action alternative, the trench would not be constructed and no attempt would be made to extract contaminated groundwater from the quarry area. There are no practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain.

The proposed action would conform to applicable federal, state, and local floodplain protection standards. Good engineering practices would be employed to control erosion and sedimentation to downstream surface waters and adjacent floodplain areas. Impacts to the floodplain would be minimized by the avoidance (to the extent practicable) of adjacent floodplain areas. No long-term adverse impacts are anticipated to the 100-year floodplain of the Missouri River. No permanent structures would be constructed as part of the proposed action and the proposed excavation would not adversely impact floodplain storage capacity.

DOE will allow 15 days of public review after publication of the statement

of findings prior to implementing the proposed action.

Issued in Oak Ridge, Tennessee on January 5, 2000.

**James L. Elmore,**

*Alternative Oak Ridge Operations, National Environmental Policy Act, Compliance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### **Golden Field Office; Supplemental Announcement to the Broad Based Solicitation for Financial Assistance Applications Involving Research, Development and Demonstration for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; University Photovoltaic Research, Education, and Collaboration**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Supplemental announcement 05 to the broad based solicitation for submission of financial assistance applications involving research, development and demonstration DE-PS36-00GO10482.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the DOE Financial Assistance Rules, 10 CFR 600.8, is announcing its intention to solicit applications for advancing crystalline silicon solar cell technology through research, education, and collaboration. A financial assistance award issued as a result of this Supplemental Announcement will be a cooperative agreement.

**DATES:** DOE expects to issue the Supplemental Announcement in late January 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Supplemental Announcement, once issued, can be obtained from the Golden Field Office Home page at <http://www.eren.doe.gov/golden/solicitations.html>. It is DOE's intention not to issue hard copies of the Solicitation.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOE is soliciting Applications from accredited colleges or universities for the advancement of crystalline silicon solar cell technology through research, education, and collaboration. A goal of DOE's National Photovoltaics Program is the advancement of solar photovoltaic energy as a significant electrical energy source for the United States. To achieve this goal, the Department of Energy will support advanced and applied research in crystalline silicon cell technology through a University Research, Education, and Collaboration Program (Program). The Department of Energy

has supported crystalline silicon cell research through the Center of Excellence for Photovoltaics Research and Education in Crystalline Silicon Solar Cells at the Georgia Institute of Technology. The purpose of this Supplemental Announcement is to solicit accredited educational institutions to develop a program to further advance crystalline silicon cell technology. The objectives of the University Research, Education, and Collaboration Program are: to advance the state of technology in crystalline silicon solar cells through research and development; to verify advances in crystalline silicon technology through solar cell fabrication and testing; to educate and train undergraduate and graduate students through courses and laboratory experience; and to collaborate with U.S. crystalline cell manufacturers for improving manufacturing processes, product performance, and cost.

Applications under this Supplemental Announcement must demonstrate the capabilities, commitment, and resources necessary to advance crystalline silicon cell technology through research, education, and collaboration. The ability of the Applicant to fabricate high-efficiency cells on commercial silicon substrates, reduce cell processing time, develop low-cost fabrication processes with the potential for high-throughput, and fabricate silicon cells with highly effective bulk and surface passivation will be major factors in selecting an application for award.

Successful Applications must demonstrate technology transfer through collaboration with industry and advance the understanding of crystalline silicon solar technology through education. As part of the proposed Program, Applicants are discouraged from forming exclusive business relationships or collaborative arrangements with any solar cell manufacturer(s). Technical support and assistance will be provided through the Department of Energy's National Laboratories. Therefore, financial support of DOE's National Laboratories through a particular Application will not be considered.

Only Applications from accredited colleges or universities will be considered for an award. Educational organizations are not subject to the eligibility requirements of EPAct. However, to be eligible for award, the project must be determined to be in the economic interest of the United States. (See the Broad Based Solicitation, DE-PS36-00GO10482, Section II.F, EPAct Eligibility Requirements.)

An award under this Supplemental Announcement will be a Cooperative Agreement with a term of up to five years. Subject to funding availability, the total DOE funding anticipated for this Supplemental Announcement is \$2,500,000 or \$500,000 per year. The DOE anticipates selecting one application for award under this Supplemental Announcement. No cost share is required in order to be considered for an award under this solicitation. However, cost share will be considered in selecting an application for an award. Solicitation Number DE-PS36-00GO10482, in conjunction with Supplemental Announcement 05, will include complete information on the program including technical aspects, funding, application preparation instructions, application evaluation criteria, and other factors that will be considered when selecting projects for funding. Responses to the Supplemental Announcement will be due approximately 60 days following issuance of the Supplemental Announcement.

Questions should be submitted in writing to: Ruth E. Adams, DOE Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401-3393; transmitted via facsimile to Ruth E. Adams at (303) 275-4788; or electronically to [ruth\\_adams@nrel.gov](mailto:ruth_adams@nrel.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ruth E. Adams, Contracting Officer, at 303-275-4722, e-mail [ruth\\_adams@nrel.gov](mailto:ruth_adams@nrel.gov).

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on January 6, 2000.

**Jerry L. Zimmer,**

*Procurement Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### **Reimbursement for Costs of Remedial Action at Active Uranium and Thorium Processing Sites**

**AGENCY:** Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of the acceptance of claims and the availability of funds for reimbursement.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the Department of Energy's acceptance of claims for reimbursement. Approximately \$30 million in funds for fiscal year 2000 are available for reimbursement of certain costs of remedial action at eligible active uranium and thorium processing sites pursuant to Title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992.