

Protection, Implementation, Riverside County, CA, Due: December 18, 2000, Contact: Timothy Smith (213) 452-3854.

EIS No. 000387, Final EIS, AFS, MT, Rocky Mountain Front Mineral Withdrawal, Implementation, Helena and Lewis and Clark National Forests, Great Falls, MT, Due: December 18, 2000, Contact: Rick Prausa (406) 791-7720.

EIS No. 000388, Draft EIS, FHW, PA, NY, US Route 15 Improvement Project, from PA-6015, section G-20 and G-22 Tioga County, Pennsylvania and PIN 6008.22.123 Steuben County, New York (US Route 15 between PA Route 287 and Presho, New York, Funding and COE section 404 Permit, Tioga County, PA and Steuben County, NY, Due: January 31, 2001, Contact: James A. Cheatham (717) 221-3461.

EIS No. 000389, Final EIS, BLM, CA, Imperial Project, Open-Pit Precious Metal Mining Operation Utilizing Heap Leach Processes, Updated Information concerning "Endangered, Rare or Threatened" Biological Resources, Plan of Operations and Reclamation Plan Approvals, Right-of-Way Grants, Conditional Use/U.S. COE Permits, El Centro Resource Area, Desert District, Due: December 18, 2000, Contact: Glen R. Miller (760) 337-4400.

EIS No. 000390, Final EIS, AFS, Forest Service Roadless Area Conservation, Implementation, Proposal to Protect Roadless Areas, Due: December 18, 2000, Contact: Scott Conroy (703) 605-5299.

#### Amended Notices

EIS No. 000376, Final EIS, AFS, ID, Goose Creek Watershed Project, Harvesting Timber and Improve Watershed, Payette National Forest, New Meadows Ranger District, Adams County, ID, Due: December 8, 2000, Contact: Kimberly Brandel (208) 347-0300.

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EIS No. 000377, Final EIS, COE, MO, Chesterfield Valley Flood Control Study, Improvement Flood Protection, City of Chesterfield, St. Louis County, MO, Due: December 8, 2000, Contact: Deborah Foley (314) 331-8485.

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EIS No. 000379, Final EIS, COE, WA, Programmatic EIS—Green/

Duwamish River Basin Restoration Program, Capitol Improvement Type Program and Ecological Health, King County, WA, Due: December 8, 2000, Contact: Patrick Cagney (206) 764-6577.

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**Joseph C. Montgomery,**

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

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6903-5]

### Request for Applications, Ecology and Oceanography of Harmful Algal Blooms Program

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notification of financial assistance for project assistance.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that the participating agencies are soliciting research proposals of up to 3 years duration, and depending on appropriations up to 5 years for multidisciplinary regional studies, for the Ecology and Oceanography of Harmful Algal Blooms (ECOHAB) program. This program provides support for research on algal species whose populations may cause or result in deleterious effects on ecosystems and human health. Studies of the causes of such blooms, their detection, effects, mitigation, and control in U.S. coastal waters, are solicited. This document details the requirements for applications for research support that will be considered by the Federal research partnership.

**DATES:** The deadline for proposals is January 31, 2001, by 3:00 PM, EST.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit the original and twenty copies of your proposal to Coastal Ocean Program Office, N/SCI2, SSMC#3, 9th Floor, Room 9752, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. The required forms for applications with instructions are accessible on the Internet at <http://es.epa.gov/ncerqa/rfa/forms/downlf.html>. Forms may be printed from this site.

The complete announcement program can be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/ncerqa>, under "announcements."

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**AWARDS:** Final selection of awardees by the participating agencies will be determined on the basis of peer and panel recommendations, applicability of the proposed effort to the interests and objectives of an agency, and the availability of funds. It is anticipated that each award will be made through and be administered by a single agency; however, several agencies may participate in providing assistance to individual components of multi-institutional projects. Applicants recommended for funding may be requested to resubmit their proposals and modify their budgets and/or work plans to comply with special requirements of the particular agency supporting their awards. Awards will be subject to the terms and conditions of the sponsoring agency.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Technical Information: Dr. Kevin Sellner, ECOHAB Coordinator, COP Office, 301-713-3338/ext 127, EMail: [ksellner@cop.noaa.gov](mailto:ksellner@cop.noaa.gov). Administrative Information: Dr. Robert E. Menzer, EPA/NCER, (202) 564-6849, EMail: [menzer.robert@epa.gov](mailto:menzer.robert@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Program Goals and Topic Areas

The National Center for Environmental Research/Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); the Coastal Ocean Program, and the Office of Protected Resources, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)/Department of Commerce; the Directorate for Geosciences, Division of Ocean Sciences/National Science Foundation (NSF); the Office of Naval Research (ONR)/Department of Defense; and the Office of Earth Science/National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) are cooperating in an opportunity for investigators to propose activities to address three primary areas in the national problem of HABs. For the first area, proposals are sought for individual studies or small interdisciplinary efforts that address gaps in general knowledge related to the nature of HAB phenomena. These studies should address fundamental ecological and oceanographic questions related to HABs. The second area of interest is the prevention, control, and mitigation of HABs and their impacts. The purpose of this area is to encourage research into key questions on the underlying mechanisms involved with HABs and their control and accompanying ecosystem impact, without necessarily being limited to particular study regions. The third

research area is to characterize the impact of acute and chronic exposure to HAB species or toxins on marine mammals, birds, and other protected species.

### Eligibility

Academic and not-for-profit institutions located in the U.S., and state or local governments, are eligible under all existing authorizations. Some participating agencies are authorized to make awards to profit-making firms and international institutions. NOAA and other permitted Federal partnering agencies may fund investigators from Federal laboratories that successfully compete through the ECOHAB Program announcement, but salaries of full time Federal employees will be in accord with individual agency policies. Federal investigators will be required to submit certifications or documentation which clearly show that they have specific legal authority to receive funds from another Federal agency in excess of their appropriations. Applications from non-Federal and Federal applicants will be competed against each other. Proposals from Federal researchers deemed acceptable and selected for funding will be funded through a medium other than a grant or cooperative agreement, where legal authority exists for such funding. In order for projects to be eligible for support by NOAA Sea Grant, the projects must include non-Federal matching funds equivalent to 50% of the total Federal funds requested.

### How To Apply

The original and twenty (20) copies of the fully developed application (21 in all) and one (1) additional copy of the abstract, prepared in accordance with the instructions in the full announcement, must be received by NOAA no later than 3:00 P.M. Eastern Time on the closing date, January 31, 2001.

**Program Authorities.** For COP: 33 U.S.C. 883d and P.L. 105-383; for the Office of Protected Resources/NOAA: 16 U.S.C. 1382 and 16 U.S.C. 1421a; EPA: 33 U.S.C 1251 *et seq.* and 40 CFR parts 30 and 40; for NSF: 42 U.S.C. 1861 *et seq.*; for ONR: 10 U.S.C 2358 as amended and 31 U.S.C 6304; and for NASA: 14 CFR part 1260.

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers.* 11.478 for the Coastal Ocean Program; 11.472 for NOAA/Office of Protected Resources; 66.500 for the Environmental Protection Agency; 47.050 for the National Science Foundation, and 12.300 for the Office of Naval Research.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-200003; FRL-6751-8]

### Technical Resource Center for Integrated Pest Management in Schools and Day Care Centers; Solicitation of Grant Proposals

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is soliciting pre-application grant proposals and is prepared to provide up to \$100,000 for the establishment of a Technical Resource Center for promoting the adoption of integrated pest management (IPM) in schools and day care centers. This Center will be regionally based (region of the country and target states to be identified by the applicant). The Center will provide information, guidance, education, training and other tools necessary for schools and day care centers to successfully launch and sustain IPM programs geared at reducing children's exposure to pests and pesticides. EPA will award a cooperative agreement with up to \$100,000 in initial funding, with the possibility of additional future funding depending on the availability of funds budgeted for this purpose. Selection of the successful grantee will be made based on the evaluation of the pre-application proposal and the results of oral interviews with prospective grantees. This notice describes eligibility, activities, application procedures and requirements, and evaluation criteria.

**DATES:** All pre-applications must be received on or before December 15, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit pre-application proposals to: Katherine J. Seikel, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Bldg., 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information contact: Katherine J. Seikel, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Bldg.,

1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone numbers: (703) 308-8272; e-mail address: seikel.kathy@epa.gov.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Does this Notice Apply to Me?

This action is directed to all entities eligible to receive funding pursuant to the assistance award authority of FIFRA section 20. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

#### II. Scope and Purpose

The cooperative agreement to be funded pursuant to this announcement will provide funding for activities designed to foster the adoption and maintenance of IPM programs in schools and day care centers in a particular region of the country, and in states to be selected by the grantee. Thus, we anticipate this center being regional—not national—in scope. Applicants are expected to provide information on how and why they have targeted a particular region of the country for IPM in schools, and on the number of schools and day care centers in the region they intend to serve (so EPA can gauge the scope and feasibility of the project plan).

Applicants should provide information on the status of IPM implementation in this region as it exists today. Applicants should also outline specific goals and include a strategic plan for changing the status quo as a result of activities funded under this assistance agreement. Applicants are encouraged to provide clear-cut, measurable goals for their work under this cooperative agreement. An example would be the number of schools and day care centers in the target region, the number of those schools and day care centers currently practicing IPM, and the number of schools/day care centers which the grantee will have engaged in the establishment of IPM programs by the end of the first year of this cooperative agreement.

The expected duration of this project is 1-2 years. The applicant has the flexibility to propose the start and end dates.

#### III. Eligibility

Eligible recipients are all entities eligible to receive grants under the authority of FIFRA section 20, as amended by Public Law 106-074. Eligible entities include, but are not limited to States, tribes, institutions of higher learning, non-profit