

roads may adversely impact wildlife species, (2) sounds of motorized vehicles on the trails and roads may have a negative impact on adjacent landowners and the experiences of other forest visitors, and (3) opportunities for recreation may be affected by the trail and road mileage available as well as by the uses allowed on each route.

### Alternatives To Be Considered

A range of alternatives to the proposed action will be considered. The alternatives will be designed to provide different ways to address and respond to significant issues and to fulfill the purpose and need for action. A reasonable range of alternatives will be evaluated and reasons given for eliminating some alternatives from detailed study. A "no action" alternative is required, which is that current management practices and the current trail system and uses would continue as they currently exist.

### Public Involvement

The Forest Service will be seeking information, comments, and assistance from Federal, State, and local agencies, and other individuals or organizations that may be interested in, or affected by, the proposed action. While public participation in this analysis is welcome at any time, comments received by January 8, 2001, will be especially useful in the preparation of the draft EIS. The scoping process will include identifying potential issues, significant issues to be analyzed in depth, alternatives to the proposed action, and potential environmental effects of the proposal and alternatives.

### Estimated Dates for Filing

The draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency and to be available for public review in March 2001. At that time, the Environmental Protection Agency will publish a notice of availability of the draft EIS in the **Federal Register**. The comment period on the draft EIS will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**. It is very important that those individuals interested in the management of this area participate by providing comment during that time. In the final EIS, tentatively scheduled for May 2001, the Forest Service is required to respond to comments and responses received during the comment period that pertain to the environmental consequences discussed in the draft EIS.

### The Reviewers Obligation to Comment

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of a draft EIS must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft EIS stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final EIS may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate prior to the close of the 45-day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft EIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft EIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

Dated: November 16, 2000.

**Ben L. Del Villar,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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### COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

#### Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the North Dakota Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the North Dakota Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 1:00 p.m. and adjourn at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday,

December 7, 2000, at the Radisson, 201 5th Street North, Fargo, North Dakota 58102. The purpose of the meeting is to review recent local and statewide developments regarding civil rights issues/enforcement and to discuss the impact of the Committee report, "Civil Rights Enforcement Issues in North Dakota."

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact John Dulles, Director of the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, 303-866-1040 (TDD 303-866-1049). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, November 15, 2000.

**Edward A. Hailes, Jr.,**

*Acting General Counsel.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### International Trade Administration

[A-570-504]

#### Petroleum Wax Candles From the People's Republic of China: Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of rescission of the antidumping duty administrative review for the period August 1, 1999 through July 31, 2000.

**SUMMARY:** On October 2, 2000, in response to a request made by Jo-Ann Stores, Inc. ("JAS"), a U.S. importer of the subject merchandise, the Department of Commerce ("Department") published the notice of initiation of an antidumping duty administrative review on petroleum wax candles from the People's Republic of China (PRC), for the period August 1, 1999 through July 31, 2000. Because the interested party has withdrawn its request for review, the Department is rescinding this review in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 22, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Abdelali Elouaradia or Matthew Renkey,

Enforcement Group III, Office 7, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: 202-482-1374 and 202-482-2312, respectively.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the regulations codified at 19 CFR Part 351 (2000).

##### Background

On August 31, 2000, JAS requested that the Department conduct an administrative review for the period August 1, 1999 through July 31, 2000, of Universal Candle Company, Ltd. ("Universal"), a producer/exporter of the subject merchandise from the PRC. On October 2, 2000, the Department published a notice of initiation of the antidumping administrative review on petroleum wax candles from China, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i). See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews, 65 FR 58733 (October 2, 2000). On November 1, 2000, JAS withdrew its request for review.

##### Rescission of Review

Pursuant to our regulations, the Department will rescind an administrative review, "if a party that requested the review withdraws the request within 90 days of the date of publication of notice of initiation of the requested review." See 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1). The interested party's withdrawal of its request for review was within the 90-day time limit; accordingly, we are rescinding the administrative review for the period August 1, 1999 through July 31, 2000, and will issue appropriate assessment instructions to the U.S. Customs Service.

This notice serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order ("APO") of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply

with the regulations and terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation. This determination is issued in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4) and section 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: November 16, 2000.

**Joseph A. Spetrini,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Enforcement Group III.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### National Energy Technology Laboratory; Notice of Availability of a Financial Assistance Solicitation

**AGENCY:** National Energy Technology Laboratory, Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of a financial assistance solicitation.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the intent to issue Financial Assistance Solicitation No. DE-PS26-01NT41048 entitled "Development of Technologies and Capabilities for Developing Coal, Oil and Gas Energy Resources." The Department of Energy's (DOE) National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) is conducting this solicitation to competitively seek cost-shared applications for research and development of technologies enabling development of energy resources needed to ensure the availability of affordable energy for the Nation's future. This solicitation seeks applications for energy research and development related activities that promote the efficient and sound production and use of fossil fuels (coal, natural gas, and oil).

**DATES:** The solicitation will be available on or about December 1, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** The solicitation along with all amendments will be posted on the NETL Homepage; at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business>. Telephone requests, written requests, E-mail requests, or facsimile requests for a copy of the solicitation package and/or amendments will not be accepted and/or honored. Therefore, applicants are encouraged to periodically check the NETL Homepage to ascertain the status of these documents. Related information on the Fossil Energy areas of interest can be found on the "Technologies" page of the NETL website ([www.netl.doe.gov](http://www.netl.doe.gov)) and on the "Program Areas" page on the NPTO website ([www.npto.doe.gov](http://www.npto.doe.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lisa A. Kuzniar, MS I07, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology

Laboratory, P.O. Box 880, Morgantown, West Virginia 26507-0880, E-mail Address: [lkuzni@netl.doe.gov](mailto:lkuzni@netl.doe.gov), Telephone Number: (304) 285-4242.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Through this solicitation, NETL expects support applications in the following seventeen (17) separate (*i.e.*, stand alone) Areas of Interest:

#### Coal & Environmental Systems:

- Power Systems Advanced Research
- Gasification Technologies
- Combustion Technologies
- Carbon Sequestration
- Environmental & Water Resources
- Vision 21 Technologies  
([www.netl.doe.gov/products/power1/vision21frameset.htm](http://www.netl.doe.gov/products/power1/vision21frameset.htm))

#### Fuel Processing

- Natural Gas Processing
- Transportation Fuels & Chemicals
- Fuels Advanced Research

#### Oil Technologies

- Ultrasonic Oil Well Stimulation
- Reservoir Efficiency Processes
- Oil & Gas Environmental
- Critical Upstream Advanced Diagnostics and Imaging Technologies

#### Strategic Center for Natural Gas

- Gas Exploration, Production & Storage
- Advanced Turbines & Engines
- Fuel Cells
- Infrastructure Reliability

Applicants must select and target only one (1) Area of Interest per proposal DOE anticipates the award of multiple cost-sharing cooperative agreements under each Area of Interest. Approximately \$18 million to \$20 million of DOE funds is planned for this solicitation which will cover all Areas of Interest. In accordance with Section 3002 of the Energy Policy Act (EPACT), a minimum of 20% cost share will be required for each project. This solicitation includes multiple closing dates and uses a Two-Step Application process for each closing date. Under Step 1, applicants will submit a pre-application for review. Only those offerors whose pre-applications are selected by DOE will be afforded the opportunity to proceed to Step 2, submittal of a comprehensive application. DOE anticipates the due date for submittal of the pre-application will be December 20, 2000. Offerors are hereby notified that comprehensive applications received on or before the pre-application due date will be discarded prior to evaluation, and will not be evaluated.