

species that could rapidly colonize and eventually choke-off the wetlands, such as purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*).

For purposes of the environmental restoration activities ongoing at PORTS, the site is divided into 4 "Quadrants" based on groundwater flow patterns.

Quadrant I (the southern part of the site) has 13 jurisdictional wetlands totaling 5.22 ha (12.91ac). The wetlands in Quadrant I range in size from .093 ha (.0230 ac) in a drainage ditch to one that is 1.874 ha (4.626 ac), that is the former site of a never-completed building project. Of the 13 wetlands, 5 are associated with roadways and ditches and the remaining 8 are the result of site preparation, grading and drainage alternation for building construction. None of the wetlands are hydrologically connected although they do periodically support wetland plant species and may exhibit hydric soil conditions.

Quadrant II, the eastern part of the site, contains 3 jurisdictional wetlands with a total area of 5.2 ha (12.86 ac). The wetlands in Quadrant II range in size from the smallest, .182 ha (.45 ac), associated with an area of previous disturbance, to .821 ha (2.028 ac) in a radiologically contaminated area, to one that is 4.203 ha (10.378 ac), and that is within the Little Beaver Creek drainage. Only 1 of the 3 wetlands is within an area considered for Reindustrialization.

Quadrant III, the central and western part of the site, has 6 jurisdictional wetlands totaling 0.82 ha (2.02 ac). The smallest wetland in Quadrant III is .015 ha (.036 ac) and the largest is .486 ha (1.201 ac). Of the 6 wetlands, 4 are associated with roads and ditches, and the remaining 2 with previously disturbed areas, one of which is radiologically contaminated. Only 1 of these 6 wetlands is within an area proposed for Reindustrialization. None of the wetlands are hydrologically connected although they do periodically support wetland plant species and may exhibit hydric soil conditions.

Quadrant IV, the northern section of the site, has 19 jurisdictional wetlands and 4 non-jurisdictional wetlands totaling 2.66 ha (6.58 ac). The 4 non-jurisdictional wetlands are associated with active sludge lagoons. The smallest wetland in Quadrant IV is .005 ha (.012 ac) and 15 of the 19 jurisdictional wetlands are less than .1 ha (~1/4 ac) in size. The largest wetland is .949 ha (2.32 ac) and is within an old borrow area. Of these 19 wetlands, all except 4 are the result of man-made disturbance including road and ditch construction, dams, and borrow areas. The 4 remaining wetlands are open fields, 3 of which have been disturbed by plant activities. Although 19 wetlands are in this Quadrant, proposed

Reindustrialization activities, namely the proposed transfer of 340 acres to SODI, would only involve 6 of the wetlands. There are no other areas within Quad IV that contain wetlands that are being proposed for Reindustrialization. Of those 6 wetlands, 5 are ditches and within a borrow area and the remaining 1 is associated with a previously disturbed natural area.

In accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with wetlands environmental review requirements (10 CFR part 1022), a wetland assessment will be included within the Environmental Assessment for the Reindustrialization Program at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant (DOE/EA-1346).

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James L. Elmore,

Alternate NEPA Compliance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Forest Products Visions of the Future

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability of solicitation number DE-PS07-02ID14271.

SUMMARY: The American Forest and Paper Association in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Energy, is seeking applications for cost-shared research and development of technologies, which will reduce energy consumption, enhance economic competitiveness, and reduce environmental impacts of the Forest Products Industry. The research is to address research priorities in the higher value through sustainable forestry, gasification, fiber modification and VOC and HAP emission technology areas.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of applications is 5 p.m. EST on April 15, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be submitted to: David Friedman, American Forest and Paper Association, 1111 19th Street, NW., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol Van Lente, Contract Specialist, at vanlencl@id.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The statutory authority for this program is the Federal Non-Nuclear Energy Research & Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-577). Approximately \$2,000,000 in federal funds is expected

to be available to fund the first year of selected research efforts. DOE anticipates making three cooperative agreement awards each being \$500,000 to \$700,000 per year with a duration of three to five years. Collaborations between industry, university, and National Laboratory participants are encouraged. The solicitation is available in full text via the Internet at the following address: <http://www.oit.doe.gov/cfm/fullSolicitation.cfm?id=123>.

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R.J. Hoyles,

Director, Procurement Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Fossil Energy

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Orders Granting, Amending, and Transferring Authority To Import and Export Natural Gas; San Diego Gas & Electric Co.; et al.

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of orders.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy gives notice that during November 2001, it issued Orders granting, amending, and transferring authority to import and export natural gas. These Orders are summarized in the attached appendix and may be found on the FE web site at <http://www.fe.doe.gov> (select gas regulation), or on the electronic bulletin board at (202) 586-7853. They are also available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities, Docket Room 3E-033, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-9478. The Docket Room is open between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 11, 2001.

Thomas W. Dukes,

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Appendix—Orders Granting, Amending, and Transferring Import/Export Authorizations