

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), and RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR part 1794) proposes to hold a scoping meeting and prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for its Federal action related to a project proposed by Golden Valley Electric Association, Inc., (GVEA) of Fairbanks, Alaska. The project consists of constructing a 138kV transmission line between the GVEA generating facilities at the Williams Alaska Petroleum Refinery in North Pole, Alaska, and the Carney Substation, which is approximately 28 miles southeast of North Pole.

Meeting Information: RUS will conduct a scoping meeting in open house forum on Thursday, April 25, 2002, at the North Pole City Hall, 125 Snowman Lane, North Pole, Alaska 99705, from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nurul Islam, Environmental Protection Specialist, U.S. Department of Agriculture, RUS, Engineering and Environmental Staff, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250–1571, telephone (202) 720–1414, FAX: (202) 720–0820, e-mail: nislam@rus.usda.gov. Information is also available from Mr. Greg Wyman, Manager of Construction Services, GVEA, POB 71249, Fairbanks, Alaska 99707–1249, telephone (907) 451–5629. His e-mail address is: gwyman@gvea.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: GVEA proposes to construct the North Pole-Carney Substation 138kV Transmission Line Project, which is approximately 28 miles in length. To accommodate the new transmission line, either a new substation would be built next to the Williams Refinery, or the existing generating/substation facilities at North Pole would be modified to provide an additional breaker to feed the transmission line and other breaker bays for future growth. In addition, GVEA would modify the Carney Substation to provide an additional breaker to allow for termination of the transmission line. This substation work would take place within the existing substation footprint. The primary purpose of the facility is to meet the projected future increases in regional power requirements and to improve the quality of service to existing customers.

Alternatives to be considered by RUS and GVEA include no action, purchased power, upgrade of existing lines, new transmission facilities, alternative sites, alternative routes, energy conservation.

GVEA has prepared an Alternative Evaluations and Macro-Corridor Study for the project. The report is available for public review at RUS or GVEA at the addresses provided in this notice and at the following locations:

- (1) Noel Wien Public Library, 1215 Cowles Street, Fairbanks, AK 99701
- (2) North Pole City Library, 601 Snowman Lane, North Pole, AK 99705
- (3) GVEA Office, 758 Illinois Street, Fairbanks, AK 99707

Federal, state and local agencies, private organizations, and the public are invited to participate in the planning and analysis of the proposed project. Representatives from RUS and GVEA will be available at the scoping meeting to discuss RUS' environmental review process, the proposed project and the alternatives being considered, scope of the environmental issues to be considered, and answer questions. Oral and written comments will be accepted at the scoping meeting. Written comments regarding the proposed project will also be accepted for 30 days after the scoping meeting. All written comments should be sent to RUS at the address provided in this notice.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental review procedures as prescribed by the CEQ Regulations and RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures.

Dated: March 29, 2002.

Mark S. Plank,

Acting Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Rural Utilities Service.
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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed Additions to Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to add to the Procurement List products and services to be furnished by

nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

Comments Must Be Received on or Before: May 6, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202–3259.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheryl D. Kennerly, (703) 603–7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a) (2) and 41 CFR 51–2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the possible impact of the proposed actions.

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, the entities of the Federal Government identified in the notice for each product or service will be required to procure the products and services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the products and services to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the products and services to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-ODay Act (41 U.S.C. 46–48c) in connection with the products and services proposed for addition to the Procurement List. Comments on this certification are invited.

Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

The following products and services are proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Products

Product/NSN: Refillable Tape Dispenser with Tape (Matte Finish), 7520–00–NIB–1402.

NPA: The Lighthouse for the Blind in New Orleans, New Orleans, LA.

Contract Activity: Office Supplies & Paper Products Commodity Center, New York, NY.

Product/NSN: Refillable Tape Dispenser with Tape (Glossy Finish), 7520–00–NIB–1516.

NPA: The Lighthouse for the Blind in New Orleans, New Orleans, LA.

Contract Activity: Office Supplies & Paper Products Commodity Center, New York, NY.

Services

Service Type/Location: Janitorial/Custodial, FBI Information Technology Center, Fort Monmouth, NJ.

NPA: Monmouth Center for Vocational Rehabilitation, Eatontown, NJ.

Contract Activity: FBI Information Technology Center, Fort Monmouth, NJ.

Service Type/Location: Janitorial/Custodial, Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center, Mobile, AL.

NPA: GWI Services, Inc., Mobile, AL.

Contract Activity: Naval Facilities Engineering Command, North Charleston, SC.

Sheryl D. Kennerly,

Director, Information Management.

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CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

The United States Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board announces that it will convene a Public Meeting beginning at 10 a.m. local time on April 17, 2002, at 2175 K Street, Suite 400 Conference Room. Topics will include:

1. Update on reactive chemical hazard investigation
2. Update on CSB investigation into a fatal explosion at the BP Amoco Polymers plant in Augusta, Georgia on March 13, 2001, that killed three workers
3. Close out of CSB recommendations
4. Update on CSB budget proposal for FY 2003
5. Update on Fiscal Audit of CSB
6. Review of CSB performance goals for FY 2002
7. Update on Chief Operating Officer position filling process
8. Review of CSB management initiatives and recommendations made by CSB's Office of Inspector General
 - Request for opinion from Department of Justice regarding designation of Acting Chairperson
 - Publication of proposed rule implementing Sunshine Act
 - Discussion of proposal to Office of Personnel and Management regarding Schedule A hiring initiatives
 - Interim Outreach Proposal
9. Tentative date for next Board Meeting

The meeting will be open to the public. Please notify CSB if a translator

or interpreter is needed, 10 business days prior to the public meeting. For more information, please contact the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board's Office of Congressional and Public Affairs, (202)-261-7600, or visit our website at: www.csb.gov.

Christopher W. Warner,

General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit (1357)

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: NMFS has received an application for an incidental take permit from the State of Hawaii's Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA). As required by the ESA, the DAR's application includes a conservation plan designed to minimize and mitigate any such take of endangered or threatened species. The permit application is for the incidental take of ESA-listed sea turtles associated with otherwise lawful fisheries occurring in state waters (shoreline to the extent of state jurisdiction), which are under the State's management authority (except for federal pelagic and bottomfish fisheries managed by the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council). The duration of the proposed permit is July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2005. NMFS is furnishing this notice in order to allow other agencies and the public an opportunity to review and comment on this document. All comments received will become part of the public record and will be available for review pursuant to the ESA.

DATES: Written comments from interested parties on the permit application and conservation plan must be received (see ADDRESSES) no later than 5 p.m. Eastern daylight time on May 6, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action should be addressed to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of

Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Comments may also be sent via fax to 301-713-0376. The application is available for download and review at http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/prot_res/PR3/Permits/ESAPermit.html.

Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Therese.Conant@noaa.gov). Comments received will also be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours by calling 301-713-1401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the ESA and Federal regulations prohibit the "taking" of a species listed as endangered or threatened. The term "take" is defined under the ESA to mean harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. NMFS may issue permits, under certain conditions, to take listed species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. NMFS regulations governing permits for threatened and endangered species are promulgated at 50 CFR 222.307.

Species Covered in this Notice

The following species are included in the plan and permit application: Loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), green (*Chelonia mydas*), leatherback (*Derموchelys coriacea*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), and olive ridley (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) sea turtles.

Background

On March 21, 2002, the DAR submitted an application to NMFS for an ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) permit for an incidental take of ESA-listed sea turtles associated with state-managed fisheries. The application request is for the three year period from July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2005. This permit would allow for the continued take of sea turtles incidental to the recreational and commercial harvest of fish in state waters of Hawaii and provide conservation for sea turtles.

Conservation Plan

The conservation plan prepared by the DAR and included in the application describes measures designed to monitor, minimize, and mitigate the incidental takes of ESA-listed sea turtles in what it refers to as the "inshore fisheries."