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Carol D'Amico,

Assistant Secretary, Office of Vocational and Adult Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

National Nuclear Security Administration Office of Los Alamos Site Operations; Floodplain Statement of Finding for the Connector Road Between Technical Areas 22 and 8 at Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico

AGENCY: National Nuclear Security Administration, Office of Los Alamos Site Operations, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Floodplain Statement of Finding.

SUMMARY: This Floodplain Statement of Findings is for the construction of a connector road about one mile in length between Technical Areas (TAs) 22 and 8 at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). A short segment, less than 200 feet in length, of the road will cross a floodplain area within Pajarito Canyon, located within the western portion of LANL. In accordance with 10 CFR part 1022, the Department of Energy (DOE), National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Office of Los Alamos Site Operations has prepared a floodplain/wetland assessment and will perform this proposed action in a manner so as to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected floodplain.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Withers, U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Office of Los Alamos Site Operations, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544. Telephone (505) 667-8690, of facsimile (505) 667-9998; or electronic address: ewithers@doeal.gov. For Further Information on General DOE Floodplain Environmental Review Requirements, contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance, EH-42, Department of Energy, 100 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington DC 20585-0119. Telephone (202) 586-4600 or (800) 472-2756, facsimile (202) 586-7031.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain and wetlands environmental review requirements (10 CFR part 1022), NNSA prepared a floodplain/wetland assessment for this action. The NNSA published a Notice of Floodplain Involvement (Volume 67, Number 63). This Notice announced that the floodplain/wetland assessment document was available for a 15-day review period and that copies of the document could be obtained by contacting Ms. Withers at the above address or were available for review at two public DOE reading rooms in Los Alamos and Albuquerque, New Mexico. No comments were received from the **Federal Register** notice on the proposed floodplain action.

Project Description: In March 2002, NNSA considered a proposal for constructing about a mile-long, two lane paved road that would link TA-22 with an existing road, Anchor Ranch Road, within TA-8. This new road will provide a second means for access to facilities located at TA-22; the existing TA-22 access road will be restricted to

emergency use. The new road will correct traffic safety hazards associated with use of the existing TA-22 access road. The area surrounding TA-22 and TA-8 is forested and having a secondary access road to the TA-22 facilities is an important fire safety measure. Construction of the road will commence in fiscal year 2003 and be completed in less than 12 months.

Alternatives: Alternative routes for the road were considered but eliminated from future consideration. A combination of site factors were considered that lead to the identification of the proposed route as being the least disruptive to existing environmental resources in the area. The location of the road will also serve as a appropriately placed fuel break for enhancing the protection of TA-22 facilities in the event of a wildfire.

Floodplain Impacts: The proposed action would have the potential for minimal impacts the floodplain. Should a rain event occur during this activity, there may be some sediment movement down canyon because of the loosened condition of the soil from the clearing and construction activities.

Floodplain Mitigation: Placement of Best Management Practices (such as silt fences, straw bales or wattles, or wooden or rock structures to slow down water runoff and run-on at cleared sites) at the construction area and post-construction reseeding and revegetation along the sides of the roadway will minimize soil disturbance and reduce or prevent the potential for soil erosion. The road design will include an appropriately culvert so that downstream flow and function of the floodplain will not be impeded. No debris will be left at the work site. No vehicle maintenance or fueling within 100 feet of the floodplain would occur. Any sediment movement from the site would be short term and temporary.

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Joseph Vozella,

Acting Director, Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Office of Los Alamos Site Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Solicitation Number DE-PS36-02GO92003; Hydrogen Generation From Electrolysis

AGENCY: Golden Field Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Issuance of solicitation for financial assistance applications.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is announcing its intention to seek Financial Assistance Applications for the development and demonstration of an integrated renewable hydrogen generation system that will electrolyze water and produce hydrogen at 5000 psi pressure at a projected cost of less than \$600/kW for a 10,000 scfpd unit and \$300/kW for a 100,000 scfpd unit (by the year 2005, when produced in assumed quantities of 10,000 units).

DATES: Issuance of the Solicitation was April 10, 2002.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of the solicitation, interested parties should access the DOE Golden Field Office Home Page at <http://www.golden.doe.gov/businessopportunities.html>, click on "Solicitations", and then access the solicitation number identified above. The Golden Home Page will provide a link to the Solicitation in the Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) web site and provide instructions on using IIPS. The Solicitation can also be obtained directly through IIPS at <http://e-center.doe.gov> by browsing opportunities by Program Office for those solicitations issued by the Golden Field Office. DOE will not issue paper copies of the solicitation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrea K. Lucero, Contract Specialist, via facsimile to (303) 275-4788, or electronically at Andrea_Lucero@nrel.gov. Responses to questions will be made by amendment to the Solicitation and posted on the IIPS Web site.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Power Technologies of the DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy is soliciting Financial Assistance Applications for the development and demonstration of an integrated renewable hydrogen generation system that will electrolyze water to produce hydrogen. Through the award of Cooperative Agreements, DOE intends to provide financial support to assist in the development of such systems under provisions of the Hydrogen Future Act of 1996, Public Law 104-271.

The DOE Hydrogen Program works with U.S. industry to develop hydrogen technologies that will improve our nation's energy security, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and create

business opportunities for U.S. industry. The Hydrogen Future Act requires the Department to ensure that research and development activities bring hydrogen systems into the marketplace. Using renewable energy sources, the DOE Hydrogen Program has an interim goal to generate hydrogen with electrolyzers at a cost of less than \$600 per kW where each unit would be capable of producing 10,000 standard cubic feet per day (scfpd) and \$300 per kW for 100,000 scfpd units (by 2005, when produced in assumed quantities of 10,000 units). The system should be capable of delivering hydrogen at 5,000 psi to a vehicle. The work needed to reduce the costs of existing technology includes cost reductions in electrochemical technologies and other efficiency improvements.

Awards under this solicitation will be Cooperative Agreements with a term of up to three years. The required term will be specified by the Applicant, depending on the needs of the proposed project. Awards will be for the complete project period specified by the Applicant, with incremental funding provided by DOE during each year, as available. Subject to availability, the total DOE funding anticipated under this Solicitation will be approximately \$3,000,000. DOE anticipates selecting two Applications for negotiation toward an award. Thus, the anticipated available funding is approximately \$500,000 per award per year, for up to three years.

Eligibility for an award is not restricted to any particular category of Applicant. However, a minimum Cost Share of 50% of Total Project Costs is required in order to be considered for an award under this Solicitation.

Although this Solicitation is being issued in Fiscal Year (FY) 2002, potential awards will not be considered until early in FY 2003 (FY 2003 begins October 1, 2002). The possibility for awards to be made will depend on the availability of funds in the FY 2003 congressional appropriations. DOE reserves the right to make no awards under this Solicitation or to reduce the requested DOE funding commitment on any potential award through negotiated reductions in work scope.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on April 10, 2002.

Jerry L. Zimmer,

Director, Office of Acquisition and Financial Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Certification Notice—206]

Office of Fossil Energy; Notice of Filings of Coal Capability, Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Filings.

SUMMARY: The owners/operators of 13 baseload electric powerplants have submitted coal capability self-certifications pursuant to section 201 of the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978, as amended, in accordance with 10 CFR 501.60, 61.

ADDRESSES: Copies of self-certification filings are available for public inspection, upon request, in the Office of Coal & Power Import/Export, Fossil Energy, Room 4G-039, FE-27, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Russell at (202) 586-9624.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title II of the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978 (FUA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), provides that no new baseload electric powerplant may be constructed or operated without the capability to use coal or another alternate fuel as a primary energy source. In order to meet the requirement of coal capability, the owner or operator of such facilities proposing to use natural gas or petroleum as its primary energy source shall certify, pursuant to FUA section 201(d), to the Secretary of Energy prior to construction, or prior to operation as a base load electric powerplant, that such powerplant has the capability to use coal or another alternate fuel. Such certification establishes compliance with section 201(a) as of the date filed with the Department of Energy (DOE). The Secretary is required to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** that a certification has been filed. The following owners/operators of proposed new baseload electric powerplants have filed self-certifications pursuant to section 201(d) and in accordance with DOE regulations in 10 CFR § 501.60, 61.