

awards and range of funding will depend on the number of applications received and selected for award. Future year funding will depend upon suitable progress and the availability of funds.

The objective of this solicitation is to solicit applications for grants for research projects directed at novel approaches to the management of GHG emissions from fossil-fuel energy systems. Specifically, the solicitation will provide for the development of cost-effective solutions to the GHG emissions problem from fossil-fuel electric utilities.

The goals call for resolving outstanding scientific issues and establishing reduced-cost paths to energy and cost-efficient systems to manage or mitigate GHG emissions. Proposals exploring new and innovative approaches for capturing, separating, or storing carbon, or carbonaceous compounds, are particularly welcome. Applications submitted under this solicitation should clearly describe how a successful technology or approach will reduce or mitigate the GHG emissions from fossil-fuel electric utilities. Of specific interest to DOE are CO<sub>2</sub> emissions resulting from the generation of electricity using coal.

The main thrust of the research efforts funded under this solicitation is experimental. As such, applications submitted under this solicitation should present a clear path forward such that, at the end of the project term, the R&D work and cost necessary to commercialize the concept can be clearly described. The anticipated term for projects is one (1) to three (3) years.

Collaborative research projects involving more than one institution are encouraged. Applications submitted from different institutions, which are directed at a common research activity, should clearly indicate they are part of a proposed collaboration and contain a brief description of the overall research project. However, each application must have a distinct scope of work and a qualified principal investigator, who is responsible for the research effort being performed at his or her institution. Synergistic collaborations with researchers in federal laboratories and Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDCs), including the DOE National Laboratories are also encouraged.

Once released, the solicitation will be available for downloading from the IIPS Internet page. At this Internet site you will also be able to register with IIPS, enabling you to submit an application. If you need technical assistance in registering or for any other IIPS function, call the IIPS Help Desk at

(800) 683-0751 or E-mail the Help Desk personnel at [IIPS\\_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov](mailto:IIPS_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov). The solicitation will only be made available in IIPS, no hard (paper) copies of the solicitation and related documents will be made available. Telephone requests, written requests, E-mail requests, or facsimile requests for a copy of the solicitation package will not be accepted and/or honored. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the solicitation. The actual solicitation document will allow for requests for explanation and/or interpretation.

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**Dale A. Siciliano,**

*Director, Acquisition and Assistance Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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#### Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.; Supplemental Notice of Technical Conference

May 30, 2003.

The May 28, 2003 Notice of Technical Conference in this proceeding indicated that a technical conference regarding the Midwest ISO's Market Mitigation Measures will be held on June 26, 2003 at 9 a.m. This conference will be held in the Commission Meeting Room at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, unless otherwise notified. All interested persons may attend the conference, and registration is not required. However, attendees are asked to register on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov/home/conferences.asp>.

The agenda for the technical conference is attached. The topics will commence with a presentation by the Midwest ISO and/or the Midwest ISO Independent Market Monitor, followed by a discussion. After the conference, Commission Staff will set a schedule for Comments and Reply Comments to be filed.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
*Secretary.*

#### Technical Conference Agenda

9-9:15 a.m. Introductions—Commission Staff; and Midwest ISO and/or Midwest ISO Market Monitor.

9:15-12 p.m.—BCA Mitigation, NCA Mitigation and Reference Levels.

- Definition of BCA and application of BCA mitigation;
- NCA designations and mitigation thresholds;
- Reference Levels.

12-1 p.m.—Lunch Break.

1-3:45 p.m.—Interaction between Mitigation Measures and Other Mechanisms.

- Physical Withholding Penalties and Day-Ahead Resource Adequacy Assessment;
- Interaction of the Mitigation Measures with, and status of:
  - Resource Adequacy Requirements;
  - Safety-net Bid Caps;
  - Scarcity Pricing and Demand Response.

3:45-4 p.m. Break.

4-5 p.m. Other Issues and Next Steps.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OAR-2003-0087; FRL-7507-8]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; National Volatile Organic Compound Emission Standards for Consumer Products

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): "Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for National Volatile Organic Compound Emission Standards for Consumer Products," EPA No. 1764.02, OMB No. 2060-0348, expires June 30, 2003. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before August 4, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Follow the detailed instructions in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

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