

(D) The qualifications, including relevant training and experience, of the project director; and the extent to which the applicant encourages applications for employment from persons who are members of groups that traditionally have been underrepresented based on race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability (10 points).

(E) The adequacy of the management plan to achieve the objectives of the proposed project on time and within budget, including clearly defined responsibilities, timelines, and milestones for accomplishing project tasks (20 points).

VI. Award Administration Information

1. *Award Notices:* If your application is successful, we will notify your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators and send you a Grant Award Notification (GAN). We may also notify you informally.

If your application is not evaluated or not selected for funding, we will notify you.

2. *Administrative and National Policy Requirements:* We identify administrative and national policy requirements in the application package and reference these and other requirements in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice.

We reference the regulations outlining the terms and conditions of an award in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice and include these and other specific conditions in the GAN. The GAN also incorporates your approved application as part of your binding commitments under the grant.

3. *Reporting:* At the end of your project period, you must submit a final performance report, including financial information, as directed by the Secretary. If you receive a multi-year award, you must submit an annual performance report that provides the most current performance and financial expenditure information as specified by the Secretary in 34 CFR 75.118.

4. *Performance Measures:* Under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), one measure has been developed for evaluating the overall effectiveness of the CSP: To support the creation of a large number of high-quality charter schools. The objective of this goal is to encourage the development of a large number of high-quality charter schools that are free from state or local rules that inhibit flexible operation, are held accountable for enabling students to reach challenging state performance standards, and are open to all students. The Secretary has set an overall performance target that calls for an increase in both the number

of states with charter school legislation and the number of charter schools in operation around the nation.

All grantees will be expected to submit an annual performance report documenting their contribution in assisting the Department in meeting this performance measure.

VII. Agency Contact

For Further Information Contact: Rik Lanzendorfer, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3C148 FB6, Washington, DC 20202-5961. Telephone: (202) 205-9786 or by e-mail: Rik.Lanzendorfer@ed.gov.

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VIII. Other Information

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Dated: December 19, 2003.

Nina Shokraii Rees,

Deputy Under Secretary for Innovation and Improvement.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Reimbursement for Costs of Remedial Action at Active Uranium and Thorium Processing Sites

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of the acceptance of Title X claims for reimbursement in fiscal year (FY) 2004.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the Department of Energy (DOE) acceptance of claims in FY 2004 from eligible active uranium and thorium processing sites for reimbursement under Title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992. In FY 2004, Congress appropriated \$51 million for the Title X reimbursement program. Because of the amount of unpaid approved claims within the current reimbursement ceilings (approximately \$80 million), DOE plans to accelerate the FY 2004 reimbursements to licensees in advance of the April 30, 2004, regulatory deadline. These payments will be prorated based on the amount of FY 2004 appropriations, unpaid approved claim balances (approximately \$80 million), and claims received in May 2003 (approximately \$38 million).

DATES: The closing date for the submission of claims in FY 2004 is May 3, 2004. These new claims will be processed for payment by April 30, 2005, together with unpaid approved claim balances from prior years, based on the availability of funds from congressional appropriations.

ADDRESSES: Claims should be forwarded by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to the U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration Service Center, Environmental Programs Department, PO Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185-5400, or by express mail to the U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration Service Center, Environmental Programs Department, H and Pennsylvania Streets, Albuquerque, NM 87116. All claims should be addressed to the attention of Mr. Gilbert Maldonado. Two copies of the claim should be included with each submission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Gilbert Maldonado at (505) 845-4035 of the U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration Service Center, Environmental Programs Department.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE published a final rule under 10 CFR Part 765 in the **Federal Register** on May 23, 1994, (59 FR 26714) to carry out the requirements of Title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (sections 1001-1004 of Public Law 102-486, 42 U.S.C. 2296a *et seq.*) and to establish the procedures for eligible licensees to submit claims for reimbursement. DOE amended the final rule on June 3, 2003, (68 FR 32955) to adopt several technical and

administrative amendments (e.g., statutory increases in the reimbursement ceilings). Title X requires DOE to reimburse eligible uranium and thorium licensees for certain costs of decontamination, decommissioning, reclamation, and other remedial action incurred by licensees at active uranium and thorium processing sites to remediate byproduct material generated as an incident of sales to the United States Government. To be reimbursable, costs of remedial action must be for work which is necessary to comply with applicable requirements of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 7901 *et seq.*) or, where appropriate, with requirements established by a State pursuant to a discontinuance agreement under section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2021). Claims for reimbursement must be supported by reasonable documentation as determined by DOE in accordance with 10 CFR Part 765. Funds for reimbursement will be provided from the Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund established at the United States Department of Treasury pursuant to section 1801 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2297g). Payment or obligation of funds shall be subject to the requirements of the Anti-Deficiency Act (31 U.S.C. 1341).

Authority: Section 1001–1004 of Public Law 102–486, 106 Stat. 2776 (42 U.S.C. 2296a *et seq.*).

Issued in Washington DC on this 16th of December, 2003.

David E. Mathes,

Commercial Disposition Office, Office of Logistics & Waste Disposition Enhancement.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, intends to extend for three years, an information collection package with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the extended collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have

practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before February 23, 2004. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to Regina Washington or by fax at (202) 586–4617 or by e-mail at regina.washington@ee.doe.gov and to Susan L. Frey, Director, Records Management Division IM–11/ Germantown Bldg., Office of Business and Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave, SW., Washington, DC 20585–1290, or by fax at 301–903–9061 or by e-mail at susan.frey@hqmail.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan L. Frey, Director, Records Management Division, Office of Business and Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave, SW., Washington, DC 20585–1290, (301)–903–3666, or e-mail susan.frey@hqmail.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *This package contains:* (1) OMB No. 1910–1400; (2) *Package Title:* Compliance Statement: Energy/Water Conservation Standards for Appliances; (3) *Type of Review:* Renewal; (4) *Purpose:* DOE will collect information from manufacturers to verify that products covered under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act comply with required energy conservation and water conservation standards prior to distributing these products in commerce. DOE will make a determination of compliance by examining manufacturer's compliance statements and certification reports that each basic model meets the applicable energy and water conservation standard as prescribed in section 325 of the Act; (5) *Privacy Impact Assessment:* Not Applicable; (6) *Respondents:* 48; (7) *Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 1,347.

Statutory Authority: EPCA mandates the use of uniform energy and water conservation standards and testing

procedures for covered products. DOE has previously established compliance reporting requirements in § 430.62 of 10 CFR part 430. The authority for certification reporting under part 430 is section 326(d) of Part B of Title III of EPCA which states:

“For purposes of carrying out this part, the Secretary may require, under this part [42 U.S.C. 6291 *et seq.*] or other provision of law administered by the Secretary, each manufacturer of a covered product to submit information or reports to the Secretary with respect to energy efficiency, energy use, or, in the case of showerheads, faucets, water closets, and urinals, water use of such covered product * * * to ensure compliance with the requirements of this part.” 42 U.S.C. 6296(d).

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Sharon A. Evelin,

Acting Director, Records Management Division, Office of Business and Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA–253–A]

Application To Export Electric Energy; Coral Canada U.S. Inc.

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Coral Canada U.S. Inc. (Coral) has applied to renew its authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

DATES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before January 7, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Import/Export (FE–27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585–0350 (FAX 202–287–5736).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Mintz (Program Office) 202–586–9506 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202–586–2793.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated and require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On January 9, 2002, Coral was issued an authorization to export electric