the Rueter-Hess Reservoir, currently under construction in Parker, CO to provide peaking storage of Denver Basin groundwater for selected South Metro Denver area water providers and to assist in sustaining the Denver Basin Aquifer. The reservoir is located in Douglas County, CO approximately 12 miles southeast of Denver and 3 miles southwest of the town of Parker. The proposal is to enlarge the reservoir from the 16,670 acre-feet by 54,330 acre-feet for a total storage capacity of 71,000 acre-feet. The surface area of the reservoir would increase by approximately 658 acres, from 468 acres at the normal pool elevation of 6,145 feet to 1,126 acres (elev. 6,212 feet). The proposed dam design would change from 135 feet high to 196 feet high (61-foot increase) and from 4,822.5 feet long to 7,479.8 feet long (2,657.3-foot increase).

The basic need for the project, as identified by the Applicant, is to provide a terminal storage facility capable of storing Denver Basin groundwater on a year-round basis for the projected build-out demands for PWSD, Castle Rock, Stonegate and Castle Pines North. New pipelines would be installed to deliver the water to and from these new project participants.

Scoping meetings will be held at two locations:

1. Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. at the North Water Reclamation Plant, 18100 E. Woodman Drive, Parker, CO.

2. Wednesday, December 7, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. at the County Office Building, Hearing Room, 100 Third Street, Castle Rock, CO.

These Scoping Meetings will be held to describe the proposed project, preliminary alternatives, the NEPA compliance process, and to solicit input on the issues and alternatives to be evaluated and other related matters. Written comments will also be requested.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

### Notice of Availability of Government-Owned Invention; Available for Licensing

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The invention listed below is assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and is available for licensing by the Department of the Navy. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/099,781 entitled ''One-Dimensional Iris Signature for Iris Identification'', Navy Case No. 96,365, and any continuations, divisionals or re-issues thereof.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the inventions cited should be directed to the Naval Research Laboratory, Code 1004, 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20375–5320, and must include the Navy Case number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Reza Malek-Madani, Director of Research and Scholarship Research Office, U.S. Naval Academy, 589 McNair Road, MS 10m, Nimitz Room 17, telephone 410–293–2504 or Jane F. Kuhl, Head, Technology Transfer Office, NRL Code 1004, 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20375–5320, telephone 202–767–3083. Due to temporary U.S. Postal Service delays, please fax 202–404–7920, e-mail: *kuhl@utopia.nrl.navy.mil* or use courier delivery to expedite response.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

**[OE Docket No. PP–305]**

### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment and To Conduct Public Scoping Meetings and Notice of Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement; Montana Alberta Tie, Ltd.

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental assessment and to conduct public scoping meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) announces its intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) and to conduct public scoping meetings on an application for a Presidential permit to construct a new international transmission line that crosses the U.S.-Canada international border in northwest Montana. The EA will be prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and applicable regulations, including DOE NEPA implementing regulations at 10 CFR part 1021.

Montana Alberta Tie, Ltd., (MATL) has applied to DOE's Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE) for a Presidential permit to construct a 230,000-volt (230–kV) electric transmission line across the U.S. border with Canada, and to the State of Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for a Linear Facilities construction permit. The proposed transmission line would originate at a new substation to be constructed northeast of Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, cross the U.S.-Canada international border, and terminate north of Great Falls, Montana, at an existing 230–kV substation owned by NorthWestern Energy (NWE). The total length of the proposed transmission line would be 203 miles, with approximately 126 miles constructed inside the U.S. DOE and the State of Montana have decided to cooperate on the preparation of an EA that would be used for their respective planning and decisionmaking processes.

With this Notice of Intent, DOE and the Montana DEQ invite public participation in the EA scoping process and solicit pubic comments for consideration in establishing the scope and content of the EA. Because the proposed project may involve an action in a floodplain or wetland, the EA will include a floodplain and wetlands assessment and floodplain statement of findings in accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain and wetlands environmental review requirements (10 CFR part 1022). The Montana DEQ must issue a certification pursuant to section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act that any project-related activities will comply with water quality standards and issue permits for any discharges of pollutants to State waters.

**DATES:** DOE and the Montana DEQ invite interested agencies, organizations, and members of the public to submit comments or suggestions to assist in identifying significant environmental issues and in determining the appropriate scope of the EA. The public scoping period starts with the publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register** and will continue until January 3, 2006. In addition, DEQ will publish a notice on its Web site, in a press release, and also in Montana newspapers. Written and oral comments will be given equal weight, and DOE and DEQ will consider all comments received or postmarked by January 3, 2006 in defining the scope of this EA.