(NEPA) for the Mountaineer Commercial Scale Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) Project in Mason County, WV (DOE/EIS–0445). DOE selected this project proposed by American Electric Power (AEP) under the Round 3 solicitation of the Clean Coal Power Initiative. DOE’s proposed action was to provide $334 million in cost-shared financial assistance to AEP to support the construction and operation of AEP’s proposed project.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the cancellation of this EIS, contact Mark W. Lusk, NEPA Document Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, 3610 Collins Ferry Road, M/S B07, P.O. Box 880, Morgantown, WV 26507–0880; by email at Mark.Lusk@netl.doe.gov; toll-free number at (1–800) 553–7681; or facsimile at (304) 285–4403. For general information on the DOE’s NEPA review process, contact Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance, GC–54, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585–0119, telephone (202) 586–4600 or 1–(800) 472–2756, facsimile (202) 586–7031.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DOE’s Office of Fossil Energy is cancelling the EIS for the proposed Mountaineer Commercial Scale CCS Project in Mason County, WV. DOE selected this project, as proposed by AEP, under a competitive solicitation in Round 3 of the Clean Coal Power Initiative. DOE’s proposed action was to provide $334 million in cost-shared financial assistance to AEP to support the construction and operation of AEP’s proposed project. On June 7, 2010, DOE announced its intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed project and held a public scoping meeting.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Mountaineer Commercial Scale Carbon Capture and Storage Project (DOE/EIS–0445D) for public review and comment on March 4, 2011 (76 FR 12108). DOE also announced availability of the draft EIS and provided the location and time for a public hearing in a separate announcement on March 11, 2011 (76 FR 13396). The planned public hearing was postponed in late March 2011 due to the uncertainty of AEP’s plans. DOE received a letter from AEP, dated July 7, 2011, announcing its intent to terminate its cooperative agreement with DOE at the end of Phase I, “Project Definition,” citing unfavorable economic conditions and regulatory uncertainty. AEP completed its Phase I obligations to DOE and is in the process of completing final reporting in accordance with the cooperative agreement.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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

AGENCY: Department of Energy. ACTION: Notice of the acceptance of Title X claims during fiscal year (FY) 2012.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the Department of Energy’s (DOE) acceptance of claims in FY 2012 from eligible active uranium and thorium processing site licensees for reimbursement under Title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992. In FY 2009, Congress appropriated $70 million for Title X in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). Also in FY 2009, Congress provided $10 million for Title X through the normal appropriation process. As of the end of FY 2011, there are approximately $15.0 million of Recovery Act funds available for reimbursement in FY 2012. Of the $10 million provided by the FY 2009 appropriation, $9.9 million of unobligated balances was rescinded by the Department of Defense and Full Year Continuing Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 112–10); and the remaining $100,000 had been obligated for Title X audit support. No funds were appropriated for Title X in FY 2012. All of the remaining Recovery Act funds will be reimbursed to licensees in early calendar year 2012 following the review of claims received by June 3, 2011. Since the available Recovery Act funds are less than the total estimated amounts eligible for reimbursement (approximately $23 million), the reimbursements to licensees will be paid on a prorated basis.

DATES: The closing date for the submission of claims in FY 2012 is April 30, 2012. These new claims will be processed for payment by April 30, 2013, together with any eligible unpaid approved claim balances from prior years, based on the availability of funds from congressional appropriations. If the total of approved claim amounts exceeds the available funding, the approved claim amounts will be reimbursed on a prorated basis. All reimbursements are subject to the availability of funds from congressional appropriations.

ADDRESSES: Claims should be forwarded by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management, Attn: Title X Coordinator, 2597 Legacy Way, Grand Junction, Colorado 81503. Two copies of the claim should be included with each submission.


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 Department of Treasury pursuant to section 1801 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2297g). Payment or obligation of funds for Title X shall be subject to the requirements of the Anti-Deficiency Act (31 U.S.C. 1341).
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy


Request for Information (RFI) Regarding Miscellaneous Residential and Commercial Electrical Equipment


ACTION: Request for Information.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) is evaluating the energy use and energy efficiency potential of miscellaneous residential and commercial electrical equipment, including: audio-video equipment, computer systems, household appliance equipment, imaging equipment, network equipment, personal space heating equipment, thermal household equipment, thermal kitchen equipment, uninterruptible power supplies (UPS), and vertical transport equipment. DOE is requesting information from interested parties regarding product markets, energy use, test procedures, and energy efficient product design.

DATES: Written comments and information are requested by March 26, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons may submit comments in writing, identified by docket number EERE–2011–BT–NOA–0065 by any of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

• Email: MEL-RFI-2011-NOA-0065@ee.doe.gov.


Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, please call Ms. Brenda Edwards at the above telephone number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Statutory Authority

Title III of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 6291 et seq.), sets forth various provisions designed to improve energy efficiency. Part B of Title III of EPCA established the “Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products Other Than Automobiles.” 1 Part C of Title III includes measures to improve the energy efficiency of commercial and industrial equipment.

2. Miscellaneous Residential and Commercial Electrical Equipment Considered

In this notice, DOE seeks data and information on the energy use of a variety of miscellaneous residential and commercial electrical equipment. For the purposes of this request for information, these products are organized into the following categories.

a. Audio-Video Equipment

This category includes devices that offer audio amplification, optical disc drive functions, and/or audio digital signal processing as a primary function. Example products include DVD and Blu-ray players, stereo systems, and clock radios.

1 For editorial reasons, upon codification in the U.S. Code, Parts B and C were re-designated as Parts A and A–1, respectively.

b. Computer Systems

This category includes devices and systems that primarily perform logical operations and process data, and components of such devices. Example products include desktop computers (including integrated computers), laptop computers, servers, monitors, and video game consoles.

c. Household Cleaning Equipment

This category includes devices whose primary function is to remove dirt, stains, and/or odors from interior dwelling spaces and furniture. Example products include steam cleaners and vacuum cleaners.

d. Imaging Equipment

This category includes devices whose primary function(s) include generating hard copy output from electronic input, generating electronic output from hard copy input, generating hard copy duplicates from hard copy originals, or some combination of these. Example products include printers, scanners, copiers, facsimile (fax) machines, and multi-function devices (such as a combination printer, scanner and fax).

e. Network Equipment

This category includes devices whose principle function(s) is to pass Internet Protocol traffic among various network interfaces. Example products include routers, modems, switches, and integrated home access devices. This category also includes security equipment.

f. Personal Space Heating Equipment

This category includes electrical devices that primarily deliver thermal energy (heat) for the purpose of space conditioning a person’s body or single room. Example products include electric blankets and space heaters.

g. Thermal Household Equipment

This category includes electrical devices that primarily deliver thermal energy (heat) for the purpose of personal grooming. Example products include clothing irons and hair dryers.

h. Thermal Kitchen Equipment

This category includes electrical devices that primarily deliver thermal energy (heat) for the purpose of food or beverage preparation. Example products include toasters, toaster ovens, slow and rice cookers, and coffee makers.

i. Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPSes)

This category includes devices that are a combination of converters, switches, and energy storage devices.


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