

Freeway Project, Construction, from 161 (Meridian Street North) in the City of Puyallup to the WA-509 Freeway in the City of Tacoma, Funding, U.S. Coast Guard, NPDES, U.S. Army COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Cities of Puyallup, Fife, Edgewood, Milton, and Tacoma, Pierce County, WA, *Wait Period Ends: 01/02/2007 Contact: Megan Hall, 360-753-8079.*

*EIS No. 20060492, Final EIS, BIA, OR, Coyote Business Park, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Proposes to Develop, Build and Manage a Light Industrial Commercial Business Park, Umatilla County, OR, *Wait Period Ends: 01/02/2007, Contact: Jerry Lauer, 541-278-3786.**

*EIS No. 20060493, Draft EIS, IBR, CA, Folsom Dam Safety and Flood Damage Reduction Project, Addressing Hydrologic, Seismic, Static, and Flood Management Issues, Sacramento, El Dorado and Placer Counties, CA, *Comment Period Ends: 01/16/2007, Contact: Shawn Oliver, 916-989-7256.**

*EIS No. 20060494, Draft EIS, DOE, WV, Western Greenbrier Co-Production Demonstration Project, Construction and Demonstration of a 98 megawatt (MWe) Net Power Plant and Ash Byproduct Manufacturing Facility, Rainelle, WV, *Comment Period Ends: 01/17/2007, Contact: Roy Spears 304-285-5460.**

*EIS No. 20060495, Final EIS, FHW, WA, WA-28 Eastside Corridor Project, Proposal to Improve WA-28 (Sunset Highway) Corridor from WA-2-97 (Ocdabashian Bridge) to 9th Street N.E. in East Wenatchee, City of East Wenatchee, Douglas County, WA, *Wait Period Ends: 01/02/2007, Contact: Steve Saxton, 360-753-9411.**

*EIS No. 20060496, Final EIS, SFW, AL, Gulf Highlands Condominium and Beach Club West Residential/Recreational Condominium Projects, Application for Two Incidental Take Permits for the Construction and Occupancy, Fort Morgan Peninsula, Baldwin County, AL, *Wait Period Ends: 01/02/2007, Contact: Aaron Valenta, 404-679-4144.**

*EIS No. 20060497, Final EIS, FRC, MS, Clean Energy Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Import Terminal and Natural Gas Pipeline Facilities, Construction and Operation, U.S. Army COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, (FERC/EIS-0192D), Port of Pascagoula, Jackson County, MS, *Wait Period Ends: 01/02/2007, Contact: Bryan Lee, 1-866-208-3372.**

#### Amended Notices

*EIS No. 20060401, Draft EIS, FRC, CA, Oroville Facilities Project, Issuing an New Federal License to Continue Hydroelectric Power (FERC No. 2100), Feather River, Sierra Nevada, Butte County, CA, *Comment Period Ends: 12/19/2006, Contact: James Fargo, 202-502-6095. Revision to FR Notice Published on 10/06/2006: Extending Comment Period from 11/20/2006 to 12/19/2006.**

*EIS No. 20060414, Draft EIS, USA, CO, Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site (PCMS) Transformation Program, Implementation, Base Realignment and Closure Activities, Fort Carson, Las Animas, Otero and Huerfano Counties, CO, *Comment Period Ends: 01/11/2007, Contact: Karen Wilson, 703-602-2861. Revision to FR Notice Published 10/13/2006: Extending Comment Period from 11/27/2006 to 01/11/2007.**

*EIS No. 20060415, Draft EIS, USA, CO, Fort Carson Transformation Program, Implementation, Base Realignment and Closure Activities, Fort Carson, El Paso, Pueblo and Fremont Counties, CO, *Comment Period Ends: 01/11/2007, Contact: Karen Wilson, 703-602-2861. Revision to FR Notice Published 10/13/2006: Extending Comment Period from 11/27/2006 to 01/11/2007.**

*EIS No. 20060434, Draft Supplement, AFS, AK, Kenai Winter Access Project, Updated Information on New Alternative, Develop a Winter Access Management Plan for 2006/2007 Winter Season, Implementation, Seward Ranger District, Chugach National Forest, Located on the Kenai Peninsula in Southcentral, AK, *Comment Period Ends: 12/18/2006, Contact: Sharon Randall, 907-743-9497. Revision to FR Notice Published on 10/20/2006: Extending Comment Period from 12/04/2006 to 12/18/2006.**

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8250-4]

#### State Innovation Grant Program, Notice of Availability of Solicitation for 2007 Awards

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Center for Environmental Innovation (NCEI) is giving notice of the availability of its solicitation for pre-proposals for the 2007 "State Innovation Grant Program," an assistance agreement program to support innovation by state environmental regulatory agencies.

Only the principal environmental regulatory agency within each state, U.S. territory, or the District of Columbia (generally, where delegated authorities for federal environmental regulations exist) is eligible to receive funding under this solicitation.

**DATES:** Eligible agencies will have until January 18, 2007 to respond with a pre-proposal, budget, and project narrative. Eligible agencies from the fifty (50) states, four (4) U.S. territories, and Washington, DC were notified of the solicitation's availability by e-mail and transmittals on November 27 and November 28, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of this solicitation can be downloaded from EPA's State Innovation Grant Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/innovation/stategrants/solicitation2007.pdf>. Copies of this solicitation may also be requested from the Agency by telephone ((202)-566-2186), by e-mail ([innovation\\_state\\_grants@epa.gov](mailto:innovation_state_grants@epa.gov)), or by mail (see below).

Applicants are requested to apply electronically through <http://www.grants.gov>, as explained in Section IV of the solicitation. Applicants must submit all information, as explained in Section IV of the solicitation, with their application package. Questions concerning the solicitation, and/or questions about responding to this notice may be submitted in writing via:

E-mail to: [innovation\\_state\\_grants@epa.gov](mailto:innovation_state_grants@epa.gov); Fax to: (202) 566-2220; or USPS mail to: State Innovation Grants Program, National Center for Environmental Innovation, Office of the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (MC 1807T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; or EPA will respond to all questions in writing, and all questions and responses will be posted on the EPA State Innovation Grant Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/innovation/stategrants/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is soliciting pre-proposals for the "State Innovation Grant Program," an assistance agreement program, in an effort to support innovation by state environmental regulatory agencies. In

April 2002, EPA issued its plan for future innovation efforts, published as *Innovating for Better Environmental Result: A Strategy to Guide the Next Generation of Innovation at EPA* (EPA 100-R-02-002; <http://www.epa.gov/innovation/pdf/strategy.pdf>). This assistance agreement program strengthens the EPA's partnership with the states by assisting state innovation that supports EPA's *Strategy*. EPA would like to help states build on previous experience and undertake strategic innovation projects that promote larger-scale models for "next generation" environmental protection and that promise better environmental results. EPA is interested in funding projects that: (1) Go beyond a single facility experiment to promote change that is "systems-oriented," (2) provide better results from a program, process, or sector-wide innovation, and (3) promote integrated (multi-media) environmental management with high potential for transfer to other states, U.S. territories, and tribes.

"Innovation in Permitting" is again the theme for the 2007 State Innovation Grants solicitation. Under this theme, EPA is interested in pre-proposals for projects that:

- Support the development of state Environmental Results Programs (ERPs);
- Involve the application of Environmental Management Systems (EMS), including those that explore the relationship of EMS to permitting or otherwise promote the use of EMS to improve environmental performance beyond permit requirements (see *EPA's Strategy for Determining the Role of EMS in Regulatory Programs* at <http://www.epa.gov/ems> or [http://www.epa.gov/ems/docs/EMS\\_and\\_the\\_Reg\\_Structure\\_41204F.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/ems/docs/EMS_and_the_Reg_Structure_41204F.pdf)); or
- Implement National Environmental Performance Track Programs, or similar state performance-based environmental leadership programs, particularly including the development and implementation of incentives.

EPA interprets "innovation in permitting" broadly to include permitting programs, pesticide licensing programs, and other alternatives or supplements to permitting programs. EPA is interested in creative approaches for both: (1) Achieving mandatory federal and state standards; and (2) encouraging performance and addressing environmental issues above and beyond minimum requirements.

This solicitation begins the fifth State Innovation Grant competition. Of State Innovation Grant Program awards made in prior rounds under the theme of "Innovation in Permitting" (including those with pending awards): Fifteen (15)

were provided for development of Environmental Results Programs, seven (7) were related to Environmental Management Systems and permitting, five (5) were to enhance Performance-Based Environmental Leadership programs, two (2) were for Watershed-based permitting, and one (1) was for an information technology innovation for the application of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and a web-based portal to a permitting process. For more information on the prior State Innovation Grant Program solicitations and awards, please see the "Highlights of Previous Awards" attachment to this solicitation, or see the EPA State Innovation Grants Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/innovation/stategrants>.

Dated: October 30, 2006.

**Elizabeth Shaw,**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### An Inventory of Sources and Environmental Releases of Dioxin-Like Compounds in the United States for the Years 1987, 1995 and 2000

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of a final report titled, "An Inventory of Sources and Environmental Releases of Dioxin-Like Compounds in the United States for the Years 1987, 1995 and 2000" (EPA/600/P-03/002F), which was prepared by the National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) within EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD).

**DATES:** This document will be available on or about December 1, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** The document will be available electronically through the NCEA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. A limited number of paper copies will be available from the EPA's National Service Center for Environmental Publications (NSCEP), P.O. Box 42419, Cincinnati, OH 45242; telephone: 1-800-490-9198; facsimile: 302-604-3408; e-mail: [nscep@bps-lmit.com](mailto:nscep@bps-lmit.com). Please provide your name, your mailing address, the title and the EPA number of the requested publication.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Technical Information Staff, National Center for Environmental Assessment/Washington Office (8623D), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. Telephone: 202-564-3261; fax: 202-565-0050; e-mail: [nceadc.comment@epa.gov](mailto:nceadc.comment@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this report is to present a comprehensive inventory and overview of sources and environmental releases of dioxin-like compounds in the United States. The major identified sources of environmental releases of dioxin-like compounds are grouped into six broad categories: Combustion sources, metals smelting, refining and process sources, chemical manufacturing sources, natural sources, and environmental reservoirs. Estimates of annual releases to land, air, and water are presented for each source category and summarized for reference years 1987, 1995 and 2000. The quantitative results are expressed in terms of the toxicity equivalent (TEQ) of the mixture of polychlorinated dibenz-p-dioxin (CDD) and polychlorinated dibenzofuran (CDF) compounds present in environmental releases using a procedure sanctioned by the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1998. This TEQ procedure translates the complex mixture of CDDs and CDFs characteristic of environmental releases into an equivalent toxicity concentration of 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (2,3,7,8-TCDD), the most toxic member of this class of compounds. Using this WHO procedure, the annual releases of TEQ<sub>DF</sub>-WHO<sub>98</sub> to the U.S. environment over the three reference years are 13,965 g in 1987, 3,444 g in 1995, and 1,422 g in 2000. This analysis indicates that between reference years 1987 and 2000, there was approximately a 90% reduction in the releases of dioxin-like compounds to the circulating environment of the United States from all known sources combined. In 1987 and 1995, the leading source of dioxin emissions to the U.S. environment was municipal waste combustion; however, because of reductions in dioxin emissions from municipal waste combustors, it dropped to the fourth ranked source in 2000. Burning of domestic refuse in backyard burn barrels remained fairly constant over the years, but in 2000, it emerged as the largest source of dioxin emissions to the U.S. environment.