

RP01-57, 000, MIGC, INC.
 RP01-58, 000, GRANITE STATE GAS
 TRANSMISSION, INC.
 CAG-15.
 DOCKET# PR00-17, 000, TRANSOK, LLC

CONSENT AGENDA—MISCELLANEOUS

CAM-1.
 DOCKET# RM99-8, 001, PRESERVATION
 OF RECORDS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
 AND LICENSEES, NATURAL GAS
 COMPANIES, AND OIL PIPELINE
 COMPANIES
 CAM-2. OMITTED

**CONSENT AGENDA—ENERGY
 PROJECTS—HYDRO**

CAH-1.
 DOCKET# P-459, 108, UNION ELECTRIC
 COMPANY, D/B/A AMERENUE
 CAH-2.
 DOCKET# P-2842, 029, CITY OF IDAHO
 FALLS, IDAHO
 OTHER#S P-553, 066, CITY OF SEATTLE,
 WASHINGTON P-619 077 CITY OF
 SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA
 P-637, 015, PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
 NO. 1 OF CHELAN COUNTY,
 WASHINGTON
 P-943, 068, PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
 NO. 1 OF CHELAN COUNTY,
 WASHINGTON
 P-1417, 052, THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA
 PUBLIC POWER AND IRRIGATION
 DISTRICT
 P-1862, 041, CITY OF TACOMA,
 WASHINGTON
 P-2000, 019, NEW YORK POWER
 AUTHORITY
 P-2016, 033, CITY OF TACOMA,
 WASHINGTON
 P-2042, 009, PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
 NO. 1 OF PEND OREILLE COUNTY,
 WASHINGTON
 P-2101, 057, SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL
 UTILITY DISTRICT
 P-2144, 020, CITY OF SEATTLE,
 WASHINGTON
 P-2145, 035, PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
 NO. 1 OF CHELAN COUNTY,
 WASHINGTON
 P-2149, 072, PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
 NO. 1 OF DOUGLAS COUNTY,
 WASHINGTON
 P-2216, 037, NEW YORK POWER
 AUTHORITY
 P-2409, 098, CALAVERAS COUNTY
 WATER DISTRICT
 P-2442, 032, CITY OF WATERTOWN,
 NEW YORK
 P-2685, 006, NEW YORK POWER
 AUTHORITY
 P-2705, 012, CITY OF SEATTLE,
 WASHINGTON
 P-2952, 061, CITY OF IDAHO FALLS,
 IDAHO
 P-2959, 076, CITY OF SEATTLE,
 WASHINGTON
 P-2997, 019, SOUTH SUTTER WATER
 DISTRICT
 P-3083, 085, OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL
 POWER AUTHORITY
 P-3190, 009, CITY OF SANTA CLARA,
 CALIFORNIA
 P-3193, 009, CITY OF SANTA CLARA,
 CALIFORNIA

P-6842, 097, CITIES OF ABERDEEN AND
 TACOMA, WASHINGTON
 P-10551, 069, CITY OF OSWEGO, NEW
 YORK
 CAH-3.
 DOCKET# P-2197, 035, ALCOA POWER
 GENERATING, INC.
 CAH-4.
 DOCKET# P-459, 109, UNION ELECTRIC
 COMPANY, D/B/A AMERENUE
 CONSENT AGENDA—ENERGY
 PROJECTS—CERTIFICATES
 CAC-1. DOCKET# CP00-446, 000,
 MONTANA POWER COMPANY
 CAC-2. DOCKET# CP00-82, 001, WILLIAMS
 GAS PIPELINES CENTRAL, INC.
 CAC-3. DOCKET# CP96-557, 001, GREEN
 CANYON GATHERING COMPANY
 CAC-4. DOCKET# CP99-604, 001,
 SOUTHERN NATURAL GAS COMPANY
 CAC-5. DOCKET# RP00-220, 001, TOWN
 OF NELIGH, NEBRASKA V. KINDER
 MORGAN INTERSTATE GAS
 TRANSMISSION, L.L.C. AND K N
 ENERGY, A DIVISION OF KINDER
 MORGAN, INC.

ENERGY PROJECTS—HYDRO AGENDA

H-1. RESERVED

**ENERGY PROJECTS—CERTIFICATES
 AGENDA**

C-1. RESERVED

**MARKETS, TARIFFS AND RATES—
 ELECTRIC AGENDA**

E-1. DOCKET# RM98-4, 000, REVISED
 FILING REQUIREMENTS UNDER PART
 33 OF THE COMMISSION'S
 REGULATIONS

ORDER ON FINAL RULE.**MARKETS, TARIFFS AND RATES—GAS
 AGENDA**

G-1. RESERVED

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
 AGENCY**

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**Notice of Request for Pre-Proposals
 for Projects To Be Funded From the
 Water Quality Cooperative Agreement
 Allocation**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
 Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA is soliciting pre-
 proposals from States, Tribal
 governments, universities, non-profits,
 and other eligible entities interested in
 applying for Federal assistance for
 Water Quality Cooperative Agreements
 under the Clean Water Act Section
 104(b)(3). EPA Headquarters will award

an estimated \$3.9 million to eligible
 applicants through assistance
 agreements ranging in size from \$10,000
 up to \$500,000 for innovative projects/
 demonstrations/studies that have
 maximum transferability or can be used
 as models relating to the prevention,
 reduction, and elimination of water
 pollution. The Agency intends to make
 available at least \$200,000 per year of
 the annual appropriation Water Quality
 Cooperative Agreements, from FY 2001
 through FY 2005, for projects which
 address cooling water intake issues to
 include technical and environmental
 studies.

DATES: EPA will consider all pre-
 proposals received on or before 5 pm
 Eastern Time November 27, 2000. Pre-
 proposals received after the due date,
 may be reviewed at EPA's discretion.

ADDRESSES: It is preferred that pre-
 proposals be electronically mailed (E-
 mailed) to WQCA2001@EPA.GOV. If
 mailed through the postal service or
 other means, three copies should be sent
 to: Barry Benroth, 4204M, WQCA2001,
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,
 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW,
 Washington, DC 20460.

For Overnight Delivery the following
 address must be used: Barry Benroth,
 4204M, WQCA2001, U.S.
 Environmental Protection Agency,
 Room 7324 J, ICC Building, 1200
 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington,
 DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
 Barry Benroth by telephone at 202-564-
 0672 or by E-mail at
benroth.barry@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**What Is the Purpose of This Request for
 Pre-Proposals?**

The Office of Wastewater
 Management, Office of Water at EPA
 Headquarters is requesting pre-
 proposals from States, Tribes, local
 governments, non-profit organizations
 and other eligible entities under the
 Clean Water Act Section 104(b)(3) for
 unique and innovative projects that
 address the requirements of the National
 Pollutant Discharge Elimination
 Systems (NPDES) program with special
 emphasis on wet weather activities, *i.e.*,
 storm water, combined sewer overflows,
 sanitary sewer overflows, and
 concentrated animal feeding operations
 as well as projects that enhance the
 ability of the regulated community to
 deal with non-traditional pollution
 problems in priority watersheds.

An organization whose pre-proposal
 is selected for Federal assistance must
 complete an EPA Application for
 Assistance, including the Federal SF-

424 form (Application for Federal Assistance, see 40 CFR 30.12 and 31.10).

Has Office of Wastewater Management, Office of Water, EPA Headquarters Identified High Priority Areas for Consideration?

The Office of Wastewater Management at EPA Headquarters has identified several project areas for priority consideration to the extent they are for research, investigations, experiments, training, demonstrations, surveys and studies related to the causes, effects, extent, prevention, reduction, and elimination of water pollution:

Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations

Alternative markets for excess manure
Voluntary Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans for Animal Feeding
Operations with 300 to 500 animal units

Wet Weather (Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs), Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs), Storm Water)

Water quality-based CSO program (including Use Attainability Analysis)
Integration of CSO, SSO, and storm water requirements

Measuring the effectiveness of storm water Best Management Practices (BMPs)

Trends analysis of load reductions due to implementation of storm water BMPs

Storm water monitoring techniques
Estimating quantified benefits of enhanced sewer performance (e.g., reduced backups)

Quantifying the impacts of sewage overflows

Evaluation of impacts of peak wet weather flows on Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW)

Capacity, Management, Operations and Maintenance (CMOM) of POTWs
Inflow/Infiltration reduction
Sewer rehabilitation methods

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Programs

Stakeholder watershed approaches
Nutrient trading
Watershed integration of NPDES programs
Innovative Permit Writing Tools

Pretreatment

Performance measures
Facilitation of innovative technology transfer
Pretreatment on the Mexican Border

Environmental Management System (EMS)

Benefits and impacts of EMS

EMS adoption by public agencies
Non-Governmental Organizations participation in EMS projects

Cooling Water Intake Structures (Clean Water Act, Section 316(b))

Innovative technologies that reduce impingement and entrainment of aquatic organisms into cooling water intakes

Ecological effects of cooling water intake structures on aquatic environments

Effectiveness of ecological restoration activities in reducing the impact of cooling water intake structures on the aquatic environment

Infrastructure Funding Related to

Asset Management
Operations and Maintenance (O&M) issues for small communities
Capacity Building for Tribes/Native Villages/Environmental Justice

Biosolids

Demonstrations of regional biosolids approaches
Food crop applications on biosolids and/or reclaimed water (assessments, research, demonstrations analyses)

Onsite/Decentralized Systems

State-level adoption of EPA management guidelines
Overcoming institutional, regulatory and funding barriers to implementation of decentralized options
Development of tools to assist communities with conducting comprehensive, watershed-wide assessments of risks associated with decentralized wastewater systems

Water Use Efficiency

EPA may also consider other project areas for funding to the extent authorized by CWA sec. 104(b)(3) and to the extent funds are available for such project areas.

Statutory Authority, Applicable Regulations, and Funding Level

Funding is authorized under the provisions of the Clean Water Act Sec. 104(b)(3), 33 U.S.C. 1254(b)(3).

The regulations governing the award and administration of Water Quality Cooperative Agreements are 40 CFR Part 30 (for institutions of higher learning, hospitals, and other non-profit organizations) and 40 CFR Part 31 (for States, Tribes, local governments, intertribal consortia, and interstate agencies). In addition, EPA expects to promulgate final rules in the near future that will include program specific regulations for Water Quality

Cooperative Agreements to States, Tribes, local governments, interstate agencies and intertribal consortia. When the rules are finalized, they will be codified at 40 CFR Part 35 Subparts A and B.

Total funding available for award by Headquarters will depend on EPA's appropriation for Fiscal Year 2001; however, it is estimated that \$3.9 million will be available for funding approved projects. The average size of an award is anticipated to be approximately \$100,000.

Should funding available for award remain reasonably stable or increase in future years, the Agency intends to reserve \$1 million (\$200,000 per year of the annual amount available) over the next five years to support projects and studies on cooling water intake structures.

Pre-Proposal Format and Contents

Pre-proposals should be limited to three pages. Full application packages should not be submitted at this time. The following format should be used for all pre-proposals:

Name of Project:

Point of Contact: (Individual and Organization Name, Address, Phone Number, Fax Number, E-mail Address)

Is this a Continuation of a Previously Funded Project (if so, please provide the status of the current grant or cooperative agreement):

Proposed Award Amount:

Proposed Awardee Cost Share: (Cost sharing is not required)

Description of General Budget

Proposed to Support Project:

Project Description: (Should not exceed two pages of single-spaced text)

Expected Accomplishments or

Product, with Dates, and Interim Milestones: This section should also include a discussion of a communication plan for distributing the project results to interested parties.

Describe How the Project Meets the Evaluation Criteria Specified Below:

EPA Pre-Proposal Evaluation Criteria

EPA will consider pre-proposals based on the following criteria:

- The relationship of the proposed project to the priorities identified in this notice.
- How well the project proposes to address a nationally important need, issue, or interest.
- Communication plan to transfer results of the project to other potentially interested parties.
- How well the project furthers the goal of the Clean Water Act to prevent, reduce, and eliminate water pollution.
- Leverage of other resources (e.g. cost share, participation by other

organizations) as part of the proposed approach.

- Cost effectiveness of the proposal.
- Compliance with directions for submittal contained in this notice.

EPA may consider applications even if all criteria are not fully met, provided the proposed projects meet the applicable statutory and regulatory requirements and funds are available for such projects.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants for assistance agreements under section 104(b)(3) of the Clean Water Act are State water pollution control agencies, Tribal governments, interstate agencies, and other public or non-profit private agencies, institutions, and organizations.

Application Procedure

Electronic transmittal of pre-proposals is preferred to facilitate the review process. Hard copies are acceptable. Please send three copies of the pre-proposal if it is not electronically transmitted.

Schedule of Activities

This is the estimated schedule of activities for review of proposals and notification of selections:

November 27, 2000—Pre-proposals due to EPA.

December 18, 2000—Initial approvals identified and sponsors of projects selected for funding will be requested to submit a formal application package.

Dated: October 26, 2000.

Michael B. Cook,

Director, Office of Wastewater Management.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6897-7]

National Environmental Justice Advisory Council; Notification of Meeting and Public Comment Period(s) Open Meetings

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463, we now give notice that the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC), along with the various subcommittees, will meet on the dates and times described below. All times noted are Eastern Standard Time. All meetings are open to the public. Due to limited space, seating at the NEJAC meeting will be on a first-come basis. Documents that are the subject of

NEJAC reviews are normally available from the originating EPA office and are *not* available from the NEJAC. The NEJAC and the subcommittee meetings will take place at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel, 2700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202. The meeting dates are as follows: December 11, 2000 through December 14, 2000. This is the third in a series of focused policy issue meetings for the NEJAC. To help prepare for this specific focused policy issue meeting the following background information is provided:

Request

The Charter for the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC) states that NEJAC shall provide independent advice to the Administrator on areas relating to environmental justice including, among other things, "advice for improving how EPA and others participate, cooperate, and communicate within the Agency and between other Federal agencies, State, or local governments, Federally recognized Tribes, EJ leaders, interest groups, and the public." The Agency, through the Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ), requests that the NEJAC convene a focused and issue-oriented public meeting in Arlington, VA to receive comments, discuss, and analyze a major public policy issue. The Agency, furthermore, requests that the NEJAC produce a comprehensive report on the differing views, interests, concerns, and perspectives expressed by the stakeholder participants on the issue, and provide advice and recommendations for the Agency's review and consideration.

Issue

What progress has the Federal government made towards integrating environmental justice into its policies, programs, and activities consistent with existing laws and Executive Order 12898?

Background

Developing integrated strategies plays a vital role for achieving environmental justice for all Federal agencies and is consistent with the missions of those agencies. Executive Order 12898, "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations," represents an important first step towards realizing the goal of achieving environmental justice throughout the Federal government.

The Executive Order requires that each Federal agency shall, to the greatest extent practicable and

permitted by law, make achieving environmental justice part of its mission by identifying and addressing, as appropriate, disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations. Specifically, the Executive Order directs Federal agencies to:

(1) Develop a strategic plan to integrate environmental justice into their activities;

(2) Conduct activities in a manner that ensures that they do not have the effect of excluding people and groups from public participation opportunities or the benefits of such activities;

(3) Include diverse segments of the population in studies involving human health and environmental hazards;

(4) Collect, maintain and analyze information on consumption patterns of populations who rely principally on fish and wildlife for subsistence;

(5) Enhance public participation opportunities and the accessibility of meetings and documents; and,

(6) Develop interagency model projects on environmental justice that evidence cooperation among Federal agencies.

Purpose

Much can be gained from an examination of the successes, failures and challenges encountered by Federal agencies in integrating environmental justice during the past 6½ years. While there have been significant accomplishments and important initiatives, attempts to integrate environmental justice also have encountered tremendous barriers and challenges. A thoughtful examination will prove invaluable for understanding how future strategies for integrating environmental justice can be made more effective.

NEJAC's examination of environmental justice implementation throughout the Federal government should be forward-looking. The analysis should identify lessons learned from implementation of the Executive Order and make recommendations for future efforts to address environmental justice. Since issues of environmental justice are often complex, multi-faceted and cross-cutting, they require new approaches on the part of the Federal government. Coordinated interagency strategies are critical, including the development of community-based interagency demonstration projects.

NEJAC will examine interagency environmental justice implementation in two basic areas: (1) Progress and lessons gained from individual agency