

Solicitation No. DE-PS26-02NT41613 entitled Development of Technologies and Capabilities for Developing Coal, Oil, and Gas Energy Resources. The Department of Energy (DOE), National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL), is conducting this solicitation to competitively seek cost-shared applications for research and development of technologies enabling development of energy resources needed to ensure the availability of affordable energy for the Nation's future.

DATES: Potential applicants are required to submit a technical application, not to exceed twenty-five (25) pages. Based on the technical application, applicants will be selected to enter into negotiations leading to award of a cooperative agreement (financial assistance) for the project. All applications must be submitted through the Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) system in accordance with the instructions in the solicitation. The solicitation will be available on DOE/NETL's Internet address at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business> and on the "Industry Interactive Procurement System" (IIPS) webpage located at <http://e-center.doe.gov> on or about August 21, 2002. The deadline for submission of technical applications for each of the three evaluation periods will be identified in the solicitation.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Through this solicitation, NETL seeks applications in the following thirteen (13) separate (*i.e.*, stand alone) Areas of Interest:

Coal & Environmental Systems

- (1) Combustion Systems.
- (2) Environmental and Water Resources.
- (3) Carbon Sequestration.
- (4) Power Systems Advanced Research.
- (5) Vision 21 Technologies.
- (6) Coal Fuels and Hydrogen.
- (7) Gasification—*Not Available for Evaluation Period 1.*

Strategic Center for Natural Gas

- (8) Fuel Cells.
- (9) Gas Exploration, Production, Storage, and Hydrates.
- (10) Infrastructure Reliability for Natural Gas.

Petroleum

(11) Oil and Gas Environmental: Upstream.

(12) Petroleum Fuels.

(13) Transportation Fuels and Chemicals * * *.

Applicants must select and target only one (1) Area of Interest per application. DOE anticipates the award of multiple cost-sharing cooperative agreements under each Area of Interest. Approximately \$23.85 million of DOE funds is planned for this solicitation which will cover all Areas of Interest and all evaluation periods. It is anticipated that a total of 50-75 awards will be made as a result of this solicitation. In accordance with Section 3002 of the Energy Policy Act (EPAct), a minimum of 20% cost share will be required for each project. This solicitation includes multiple closing dates. Applicants will submit a technical application and after agency evaluation, the applicant will receive an e-mail notification that they have or have not been selected for negotiations leading to award. Those applicants selected for negotiations leading to award will be instructed in the notification e-mail that they must submit cost and other documentation as described in the solicitation. Selected applicants will generally have less than 30 days to submit the required cost and other documentation. Once released, the solicitation will be available for downloading from the IIPS Internet page, <http://e-center.doe.gov>. At this Internet site you will also be able to register with IIPS, enabling you to submit an application. If you need technical assistance in registering or for any other IIPS function, call the IIPS Help Desk at (800) 683-0751 or E-mail the Help Desk personnel at IIPS_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov. The solicitation will only be made available in IIPS. No hard (paper) copies of the solicitation and related documents will be made available.

Prospective applicants who would like to be notified as soon as the solicitation is available should subscribe to the Business Alert Mailing List at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business>. Once you subscribe, you will receive an announcement by E-mail that the solicitation has been released to the public. Telephone requests, written requests, E-mail requests, or facsimile requests for a copy of the solicitation package will not be accepted and/or honored. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the solicitation. The actual solicitation

document will allow for requests for explanation and/or interpretation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

Filed August 12, 2002 Through August 15, 2002

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 020348, Final EIS, AFS, UT,

Ray's Valley Road Realignment, Proposal to Reduce or Eliminate Adverse Impacts to Watershed and Aquatic Species and Provide Safer Driving Conditions, Uinta National Forest, Spanish Fork Ranger District, Utah County, UT, Wait Period Ends: September 29, 2002, Contact: Renee Flanagan (801) 342-5100. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/uinta>.

EIS No. 020349, Draft EIS, FHW, MN, IA, Trunk Highway 60 Reconstruction Project, Improvements from 1.8 miles south of the Minnesota-Iowa Border (120th Street) to Interstate 90 north of the City of Worthington, Funding, COE Section 404 and NPDES Permits, Nobles County, MN and Osceola County, IA, Comment Period Ends: October 14, 2002, Contact: Tamara Cameron (651) 291-6121.

EIS No. 020350, Draft EIS, COE, TX,

Three Oaks Mine Project, Construction and Operation of Surface Lignite Mine, Permits Required are Railroad Commission of Texas under Title 16, Part 1 and Section 404, Lee and Bastrop Counties, TX, Comment Period Ends: October 22, 2002, Contact: Ms. Jennifer Walker (817) 886-1733. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.swf.usace.army.mil>.

EIS No. 020351, Draft EIS, NOA, AK, OR, WA, CA, Programmatic EIS—Pacific Salmon Fisheries Management Plan, Off the Coasts of Southeast Alaska, Washington, Oregon and California, and the Columbia River

Basin, Implementation, Magnuson-Stevens Act, AK, WA, OR and CA, Comment Period Ends: October 22, 2002, Contact: D. Robert Lohn (206) 526-6150.

EIS No. 020352, Final EIS, BLM, CA, Northern and Eastern Mojave Planning Area (NEMO), Implementation, California Desert Conservation Area Plan Amendments, Mojave Desert, CA, Wait Period Ends: September 29, 2002, Contact: Edythe Seehafer (760) 252-6021.

EIS No. 020353, Draft Supplement, COE, FL, Coast of Florida Erosion and Storm Effects Study Region III, Construction, Operation and Maintenance, Shore Protection Project, Palm Beach, Broward and Dade Counties, FL, Comment Period Ends: October 14, 2002, Contact: Dale Beter (561) 686-3441.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 020275, Draft EIS, GSA, WI, Badger Army Ammunition Plant, Property Disposal, Implementation, Townships of Sumpster and Merrimac, Sauk County, WI, Comment Period Ends: September 30, 2002, Contact: Mark N. Lundgren (312) 353-0302. Revision of FR Notice Published on 7/5/2002: CEQ Comment Period Ending 08/19/2002 Has Been Extended to 09/30/2002.

Dated: August 20, 2002.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6632-4]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in the **Federal Register** dated April 12, 2002 (67 FR 17992).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-J65013-MT Rating EC2, Moose Post-Fire Project, Proposal

to Decrease Potential Mortality from Bark Beetles to Remaining Live Douglas-fir and Spruce Trees, Recover Merchantable Wood Fiber, Reduce Future Fire Risk and Modify Existing Road Access, Glacier View Ranger District, Flathead National Forest, Flathead County, MT.

Summary: While EPA supports road decommissioning, EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential effects on roadless characteristics from timber harvests in roadless areas, and about potential water quality impacts to a 303(d) listed stream. EPA recommended additional seeding and planting in severely burned areas.

ERP No. D-AFS-L65401-ID Rating EC2, Sixshooter Project, Reduction of Threats from Insect Infestation and Wildfire, Sixmile and West Fork Creek, Boise National Forest, Emmett Ranger District, Gem County, ID.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with potential adverse environmental impacts to old growth forest habitat and water quality. The final EIS should fully disclose these impacts and any appropriate mitigation measures.

ERP No. D-FHW-H40174-IA Rating LO, Avenue G Viaduct and Connecting Corridor, Access Improvement for Local Emergency Services and Safety Through Expanded Capacity across the Trail Corridor, Funding and NPDES Permit, Pottawattamie County, IA.

Summary: EPA has no objection to the proposed action. However, applicability and compliance with the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (asbestos) should be clarified in the FEIS.

ERP No. D-NRC-E06021-NC Rating EC1, Generic EIS—McGuire Nuclear Power Station Units 1 and 2, Supplement 8 to NUREG-1437, Located on the Shore of Lake Norman, Mecklenburg County, NC.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about and requested clarification on anticipated waste quantities and the status of groundwater wells.

ERP No. DR-AFS-K65203-CA Rating LO, Sirretta Peak Trail Project to Explore Locations for the Construction of Trail Routes Open to Off-Highway Vehicles and New Information Relating to the Sierra Nevada Forest Plan Amendment, Cannell Meadow Ranger District, Sequoia National Forest, Tulare County, CA.

Summary: EPA has no objections to the proposed action.

ERP No. D1-DOE-A09824-00 Rating EO2, Hanford Site Solid (Radioactive and Hazardous) Waste Program, Waste Management Practices Enhancement for

Low-Level Radioactive Waste, Mixed Low-Level Radioactive Waste and Transuranic Waste, Richland, Benton County, WA.

Summary: EPA has environmental objections to both action alternatives because they are predicted to exceed MCLs of Iodine-129 and contribute to exceedances of MCLs for other radionuclides, thereby worsening contamination in the groundwater and vadose zone. EPA also notes that the draft provides insufficient information to fully describe existing and predicted impacts. EPA recommends that the EIS expand its alternative discussion to include changes in design or waste acceptance criteria to meet environmental standards and that it include additional information about the affected environment and environmental impacts.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-G65062-NM Agua/Caballos Timber Sale, Harvesting Timber and Managing Existing Vegetation, Implementation, Carson National Forest, El Rito Ranger District, Taos County, NM.

Summary: EPA expressed lack of objections.

ERP No. F-AFS-L65389-OR Shore 'Nuf Timber Sale, Timber Harvesting on the Detroit Ranger District, Willamette National Forest, Linn and Marion Counties, OR.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-APH-A65169-00 Programmatic—EIS Rangeland Grasshopper and Mormon Cricket Suppression Program, Authorization, Funding and Implementation in 17 Western States, AZ, CA, CO, ID, KS, MT, NE, NV, NM, ND, OK, OR, SD, TX, UT, WA and WY.

Summary: EPA expressed lingering concerns with the FEIS with respect to mitigation measures for human exposure, water quality and pesticide drift mitigation. EPA suggested that APHIS consider these concerns as it proceeds to develop a Record of Decision for the Cricket Suppression Program.

ERP No. F-FHW-E40790-00 Corridor 18/1-69 Proposed Improvements from the US 412/US 51 Interchange to the US 51 Fulton Bypass/Purchase Parkway Interchange, Funding, Dyer and Obion Counties, TN and Fulton County, KY.

Summary: EPA expressed no objections to this project, provided that mitigation measures and monitoring programs, as described in the Final EIS, are implemented as applicable.