

to reduce the likelihood and consequences of accidents that could occur from the presence of benzene. Secondly, construction and implementation of an ion exchange system would be expensive. The total cost of designing and constructing the ion exchange facility is projected to be \$500 million. The approximate cost of the immediate replacement option would be \$1.1 billion, in addition to the \$500 million for designing and constructing the ion exchange facility. Finally, although an ion exchange system is technically feasible, uncertainty exists in designing and implementing this system for DWPF. Large-scale demonstrations would be required to validate the safety basis and the efficiency of the process to remove cesium, strontium, and plutonium, and to demonstrate the impacts on radioactive glass quality.

#### IV. Mitigation Action Plan

A Mitigation Action Plan is not required (10 CFR 1021.33) because safety improvements have been incorporated into the proposed action to reduce the consequences from potential accidents.

#### V. Final SEIS Comments

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region IV expressed concern about projected high level waste throughput from storage of foreign research reactor fuel or from acceptance onsite of commercial wastes. The vitrification of waste other than liquid high level waste now in tanks (and small increments produced as a result of site activities) is not proposed at this time. If a proposal is made at a later time, appropriate NEPA review will be undertaken. The final SEIS, taking account of preliminary estimates of reasonably foreseeable actions, including the acceptance of foreign research reactor spent nuclear fuel, containing enriched uranium of United States origin, stated that the incremental volume of high-level radioactive waste than could result from these activities and that might be processed in DWPF is small compared to the volume of high-level waste currently stored in the tank farms (Section 2.2.1) and presented estimates of cumulative impacts (Section 4.1.17). The acceptance of commercial wastes at the Savannah River Site has not been proposed and is therefore outside the scope of the DWPF SEIS.

#### VI. Conclusion

DOE has determined that the best course of action for immobilizing SRS radioactive high-level waste is to

complete construction and startup testing and operate DWPF as currently designed, but include additional safety modifications to reduce or eliminate potential accidental releases of radioactive materials and benzene in the event of a severe earthquake. This conclusion is based on careful consideration of environmental impacts, monetary costs, and regulatory commitments. Storage of high-level radioactive waste in tanks, particularly in liquid form, presents continued risk of releases to the environment, both from normal operation and accidents. Completion and operation of DWPF will effectively reduce potential hazards to human health and the environment posed by this high-level radioactive waste.

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#### EERE-Denver Regional Support Office; IRP Education and Training Program

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Request for Applications, Integrated Resource Planning, Education and Training Program.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Utility Technologies, Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, through the Denver Regional Support Office, announces the Integrated Resource Planning Education and Training Program. The program will provide assistance for State public officials to participate in training and education opportunities to enhance integrated resource planning (IRP) and demand-side management (DSM) efforts. Two cycles of applications are invited, the first is April 1, 1995 and the second is July 1, 1995. Total funding available is \$250,000.

Eligible participants are Commissioners, Governing Officials, and staff of State public utility commissions and State energy offices. Funds may be used for training, including workshops and seminars, to obtain consultant services, to purchase computer software, guidebooks, tutorials, and to subscribe to databases and subscription services. Applications must be submitted to the Denver Regional Support Office. Applications will be evaluated according to the type of assistance requested, and the importance of the funding to IRP/DSM

activities and the ability to measure the impact the assistance will have on advancing IRP/DSM in the organization. Awards will not exceed \$5,000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To obtain a copy of the application procedures, contact Cathy Ghandehari, U.S. Department of Energy, Denver Support Office, 2801 Youngfield St., Suite 380, Golden, CO 80401, Telephone 303-231-5750. Requests may be faxed to Ms. Ghandehari at 303-231-5757.

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#### EERE-Denver Regional Support Office; Solicitation; Integrated Resource Planning

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Solicitation for Financial Assistance Applications, Number DE-PS48-95R810530, Integrated Resource Planning.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy, Denver Regional Support Office, pursuant to 10 CFR 600 announces its intention to issue a competitive solicitation and make financial assistance awards to support Research Projects in Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) in furtherance of the provisions of Title I, Energy Efficiency, Section 111 of Public Law 102-486, The Energy Policy Act of 1992.

**AVAILABILITY OF THE SOLICITATION:** To obtain a copy of the solicitation write to the U.S. Department of Energy, Denver Support Office, 2801 Youngfield St., Suite 380, Golden, CO 80401, Attn: Louise S. Urgo, FY 1995, IRP Solicitation. Only written requests for the solicitation will be honored. For convenience, requests for the solicitation may be faxed to Ms. Urgo at 303-231-5757.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The investor-owned electric utility industry is undergoing rapid and profound change in response to competitive pressures resulting in a fundamental rethinking of industry structure and regulatory policies and programs. Specifically, as industry structure changes and electricity is bought and sold in increasing competitive trade, questions arise as to the necessity for and ability of regulation and public policy generally to pursue aims such as energy efficiency, resource diversity, equity, and environmental quality