

Comprehensive Plan, Water Code and Water Quality Regulations concerning water quality criteria for toxic pollutants, and policies and procedures to establish wasteload allocations and effluent limitations for point source discharges to Zones 2 through 5 (Trenton, New Jersey to the Delaware Bay) of the tidal Delaware River. Specifically, water quality criteria for selected toxic pollutants are proposed for incorporation in the Comprehensive Plan and Article 3 of the Water Code and Water Quality Regulations as stream quality objectives. Revisions are also proposed for Article 4 of the Water Quality Regulations describing the policies and procedures to be used to establish wasteload allocations for those discharges containing pollutants which impact the designated uses of the river. Adoption of these revisions will provide a mechanism for identifying toxic pollutants which may impair aquatic life and human health, and developing uniform and equitable wasteload allocations for these pollutants for all NPDES discharges to the tidal Delaware River. The permitting authorities of the states will utilize the allocations developed by the Commission to establish effluent limitations for NPDES permittees in their jurisdictions.

Hearing Dates: The public hearings are scheduled as follows:

October 5, 1995, beginning at 1:30 p.m. and continuing until 5:00 p.m., as long as there are people present wishing to testify.

October 11, 1995, beginning at 1:30 p.m. and continuing until 5:00 p.m., and resuming at 6:30 p.m. and continuing until 9:00 p.m., as long as there are people present wishing to testify.

October 13, 1995, beginning at 1:30 p.m. and continuing until 5:00 p.m., as long as there are people present wishing to testify.

The deadline for inclusion of written comments in the hearing record will be announced at the hearings.

Addresses: The October 5, 1995 hearing will be held in the Second Floor Auditorium of the Carvel State Building at 820 N. French Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

The October 11, 1995 hearing will be held in the Franklin Room of the Holiday Inn at 4th and Arch Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The October 13, 1995 hearing will be held in the Goddard Conference Room of the Commission's offices at 25 State Police Drive, West Trenton, New Jersey.

For Further Information Contact: Copies of the full text of the proposed amendments, the Water Code and the Water Quality Regulations as well as Basis and Background Documents

entitled "Water Quality Criteria for Toxic Pollutants in the Delaware River Estuary" and "Implementation Policies and Procedures Phase I TMDLs for Toxic Pollutants in the Delaware River Estuary" may be obtained by contacting Susan M. Weisman, Commission Secretary, Delaware River Basin Commission, telephone (609) 883-9500 ext. 203.

Persons wishing to testify are requested to notify the Secretary in advance. Written comments on the proposed amendments should also be submitted to the Secretary at the Delaware River Basin Commission, P.O. Box 7360, West Trenton, New Jersey 08628.

Dated: September 12, 1995.
Susan M. Weisman,
Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Availability of the Dual Axis Radiographic Hydrodynamic Test Facility Final Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of the Dual Axis Radiographic Hydrodynamic Test (DARHT) Facility Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), DOE/EIS-0228. The alternative actions analyzed in the EIS would occur at the DOE's Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) in northern New Mexico.

DATES: The Final EIS was approved by the Department on August 25, 1995. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency published its Notice of Availability regarding this Final EIS on September 8, 1995 (60 FR 46833). DOE intends to issue a Record of Decision on the DARHT project; the decision may be issued no sooner than 30 days from the date of the Environmental Protection Agency Notice of Availability.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the DARHT EIS should be addressed to: Ms. Diana Webb, DARHT EIS Project Manager, Los Alamos Area Office, Department of Energy, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos NM 87544. Ms. Webb may be contacted by telephone at (505) 665-6353 or by facsimile at (505) 665-4872. In addition, DOE is issuing the DARHT Final EIS in CD ROM format. Interested parties may obtain a copy of the CD version by contacting Ms. Webb at the address and phone number above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information on the DARHT project, interested parties may contact Ms. Webb at the address and phone number above. For general information on the DOE NEPA process, please contact Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH-42, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington DC 20585. Ms. Borgstrom may be contacted by leaving a message at (800) 472-2756 or by calling (202) 586-4600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DARHT Final EIS was prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality NEPA regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508) and the DOE NEPA regulations (10 CFR part 1021).

The Department proposes to provide enhanced high-resolution radiography (x-ray) capability for the purpose of performing hydrodynamic tests and dynamic experiments in support of its national defense mission. The enhanced radiographic facility would be a key component of the Department's near-term science-based stockpile stewardship and management program. These hydrodynamic tests and dynamic experiments are needed to assist DOE in ensuring the continued safety, performance and reliability of existing nuclear weapons as they age.

The DARHT EIS analyzes the environmental consequences of alternative ways to accomplish the proposed action. The DOE's preferred alternative would be to complete and operate the DARHT facility at LANL in northern New Mexico, and provide an enhanced level of environmental protection by using steel containment vessels, with implementation to be phased over a 10-year period. Radiographic hydrodynamic testing is now conducted in two existing facilities within the DOE complex—a 30-year-old facility at LANL, and a 10-year-old facility at the DOE's Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California. The DARHT EIS compares the environmental impacts that would be expected to occur from continuing to operate the existing facility at LANL (the No Action Alternative) with the consequences that would be expected to occur if DOE implemented the Preferred Alternative or one of four other operational alternatives. The DARHT EIS has a classified supplement that provides additional information and analysis.

DOE issued a DARHT Draft EIS in May 1995 and invited comments on the adequacy and accuracy of the draft analysis. Over sixty parties provided comments on the Draft EIS. The Final EIS reflects changes made by DOE to respond to public comments received, to provide additional environmental baseline information, and to discuss additional technical considerations. The Final EIS also reflects the commitment made by the President on August 11, 1995, to seek a "zero-yield" Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. The type of capability proposed for the DARHT facility is essential to assuring the continued safety and reliability of the nuclear weapons stockpile under a test ban. DOE made the following major changes between the Draft and Final EIS:

- A Phased Containment Option was added to the Enhanced Containment Alternative, and was designated as DOE's preferred alternative.
- DOE discovered the presence of the federally listed threatened species, the Mexican spotted owl, in the vicinity of the DARHT site, identified measures to mitigate any adverse effects to the owl, and received concurrence from the US Fish and Wildlife Service that operation of the facility is not likely to adversely effect the owl.
- Additional mitigation measures were added after consultation with affected American Indian tribes.
- The DOE proposal incorporates upgraded accelerator equipment within both the first and second axis of the proposed DARHT facility.
- DOE incorporated information regarding its Stockpile Stewardship and Management Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (60 FR 31291, June 14, 1995).
- The Final EIS includes unclassified information from the impact analysis in the classified supplement, which had been made available to the public during the comment period on the Draft EIS.

DOE has distributed copies of the DARHT Final EIS to appropriate Congressional members and committees, the State of New Mexico, affected American Indian tribes, local county governments, other federal agencies, and other interested parties. DOE expects to issue a Record of Decision on the DARHT proposal in October, 1995.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 15th day of September, 1995, for the United States Department of Energy.

Everet H. Beckner,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs.

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Financial Assistance: Institute of Paper Science and Technology (IPST), Atlanta, GA

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, announces that pursuant to the DOE Financial Assistance Rules 10 CFR 600.7, it intends to renew Grant Number DE-FG02-90CE40936 to Institute of Paper Science and Technology, Atlanta, Georgia. It is DOE's intent to provide funds for the renewal of a project entitled: "Black Liquor Combustion-Validated Recovery Boiler Modeling". The project goal is to develop various submodels that incorporate all of the available knowledge of the chemical reactions occurring in a recovery boiler, together with a specially developed computational fluid dynamics (CFD) modeling code, to obtain an overall (global) computer model useful for the analysis, design, and optimization of recovery boilers. The original proposal "Black Liquor Combustion—Validated Recover Boiler Modeling" was submitted to DOE by IPST in April 1990 as an unsolicited proposal. The project has previously been funded for a cost of \$5,143,000 with a 29% IPST cost share. The proposed renewal will have a duration of 15 months. IPST proposed total cost is \$1,219,740 of which the proposed DOE cost is \$849,999 and IPST's and associated partner's proposed cost-share is \$370,740 (30%) of the total cost.

The Federal Domestic Catalog Number is 81.078.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kara Twitchell, U.S. Department of Energy, Drive, MS 1221, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401-1563, (208) 526-4958.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The statutory authority for the proposed award is the Energy Conservation Program begun in 1975 under the mandate of the Federal Non-Nuclear Energy Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Research and Development Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-577). The proposal meets the criteria for "non-competitive" financial assistance as set forth in 10 CFR Part 600.7(b)(2)(i)(A). The applicant is an institution of higher education. The anticipated period to complete the renewal is fifteen (15) months. The total estimated cost of this renewal project is \$1,219,740 of which the proposed DOE cost is \$849,999 and IPST's and

associated partner's proposed cost-share is \$370,740 (30%) of the total cost.

B.G. Bauer,

Acting Director, Procurement Services Division.

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Financial Assistance: Institute of Paper Science and Technology (IPST), Atlanta, GA

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, announces that pursuant to the DOE Financial Assistance Rules 10 CFR 600.7, it intends to renew Grant Number DE-FG02-85CE40738 to Institute of Paper Science and Technology, Atlanta, Georgia. It is DOE's intent to provide funds for the renewal of a project entitled: "Advanced Water Removal Processes for Drying in the Pulp and Paper Industry—Impulse Drying". The project goal is to demonstrate through pilot testing a novel water removal process, Impulse Drying, for the manufacture of paper. Utilizing this process would greatly reduce the energy and associated costs required for the full cycle of drying required for paper manufacture. The original proposal "Advanced Water Removal Processes for Drying in the Pulp and Paper Industry" was submitted to DOE by IPST in May 1984 as an unsolicited proposal. The project has previously been funded at a cost of \$5,152,000 with a 35% IPST cost share. The proposed renewal will have a duration of two (2) years. IPST proposed total cost is \$2,446,250 of which the proposed DOE cost is \$1,957,000 and IPST's and associated partner's proposed cost-share is \$489,250 (20%) of the total cost.

The Federal Domestic Catalog Number is 81.078.

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