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(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.853, Clinical Research Related to Neurological Disorders; No. 93.854, Biological Basis Research in the Neurosciences)

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Paula N. Hayes,

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National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Division of Extramural Activities; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting:

Name of Committee: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: December 11, 1996.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: ANA Hotel, 2401 M Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20037.

Contact Person: Dr. Lillian Pubols, Chief Scientific Review Branch, National Institutes of Health, 7550 Wisconsin Avenue, Room 9C10, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496-9223.

Purpose/Agenda: To review and evaluate two grant applications.

The meeting will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

This notice is being published less than fifteen days prior to the meeting due to the urgent need to meet timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

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Division of Research Grants; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as

amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following Division of Research Grants Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meetings:

Purpose/Agenda: To review Small Business Innovation Research.

Name of SEP: Chemistry and Related Sciences.

Date: February 27-28, 1997.

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Place: Mayflower Hotel, Washington, DC.

Contact Person: Dr. Marjam Behar, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5218, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1180.

Name of SEP: Chemistry and Related Sciences.

Date: March 19-20, 1997.

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Place: Wyndham Bristol Hotel, Washington, DC.

Contact Person: Dr. Donald Schneider, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5104, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1165.

The meetings will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393-93.396, 93.837-93.844, 93.846-93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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Request for Nominations of Candidates To Serve on the National Vaccine Advisory Committee, Department of Health and Human Services

The Public Health Service (PHS) is soliciting nominations for possible membership on the National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC). This committee studies and recommends ways to encourage the availability of an adequate supply of safe and effective vaccination products in the States; recommends research priorities and other measures the Director of the National Vaccine Program should take to enhance the safety and efficacy of vaccines; advises the Director of the Program in the implementation of sections 2102, 2103, and 2104, of the PHS Act; and identifies annually for the Director of the Program the most important areas of government and non-

government cooperation that should be considered in implementing sections 2102, 2103, and 2104, of the PHS Act.

Nominations are being sought for individuals engaged in vaccine research or the manufacture of vaccines or who are physicians, members of parent organizations concerned with immunizations, or representatives of State or local health agencies, or public health organizations. Federal employees will not be considered for membership. Members may be invited to serve a four-year term.

Close attention will be given to minority and female representation; therefore, nominations from these groups are encouraged.

The following information is requested: name, affiliation, address, telephone number, and a current curriculum vitae. Nominations should be sent, in writing, and postmarked by December 31, 1996, to: Felecia D. Pearson, Committee Management Specialist, NVAC, National Vaccine Program Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, M/S D50, Atlanta, Georgia 30333. Telephone of facsimile submissions cannot be accepted.

Dated: December 3, 1996.

Nancy C. Hirsch,

Acting Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-060-1620-01, WYW136142, WYW136458]

Powder River Federal Coal Production Region, WY; Coal Lease Application

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on two separate lease applications received from Powder River Coal Company and Kerr-McGee Coal Corporation for Federal coal in the decertified Powder River Federal Coal Production Region, Wyoming.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a competitive coal lease application from Powder River Coal Company on March 23, 1995, for approximately 4,020 acres (approximately 550 million tons of coal) in an area adjacent to the company's North Antelope and Rochelle Mines in

Campbell County, Wyoming (WYW136142). On April 14, 1995, BLM received a second coal lease application from Kerr-McGee Coal Corporation for approximately 4,000 acres (approximately 432 million tons of coal) in an area adjacent to the company's Jacobs Ranch Mine in Campbell County, Wyoming (WYW136458). The two application areas are about 9 miles apart. Both applications were filed as maintenance tract lease-by-applications (LBAs) under the provisions of 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 3425.1. The Powder River Regional Coal Team (RCT) reviewed both competitive lease applications at their meeting on April 23, 1996, in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and recommended that both be processed.

BLM conducted scoping on the two lease applications in June and July of 1996, including a public scoping meeting held at the Holiday Inn in Gillette, Wyoming, on June 27, at 7 p.m. As part of the scoping process, BLM requested comments on several options to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in processing these two lease applications: preparing separate NEPA documents for each lease application or preparing one NEPA document to analyze the impacts of both lease applications. The RCT had recommended that BLM include such a request for comments from the public on which of these options would best satisfy NEPA during scoping.

After consideration of the comments received during the scoping period, the BLM Wyoming State Director determined that the requirements of NEPA and the parties concerned would be best served by preparing one EIS for both of these lease applications. The U.S. Forest Service and Office of Surface Mining will be cooperating agencies on the EIS.

DATES: As part of the public scoping process, the public had the opportunity to comment verbally on concerns or issues the BLM should address in processing these two applications at the public scoping meeting on June 27, and to submit written comments to BLM by July 31, 1996. Although the scoping comment period has expired, BLM will continue to accept comments on these two lease applications at the address given below. Comments should be submitted by December 31, 1996 to be considered in the draft EIS.

ADDRESSES: Please address questions, comments or concerns to the Casper District Office, Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Nancy Doelger, 1701 East E Street, Casper, Wyoming 82601, or fax them to 307-234-1525.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Doelger or Mike Karbs at the above address, or phone: 307-261-7600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 23, 1995, Powder River Coal Company filed a coal lease application with the BLM for a maintenance tract LBA for the following lands, which contain an estimated 550 million tons of coal:

Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming

T. 41 N., R. 70 W.,

Sec. 6, lots 10 thru 13, and 18 thru 21;

Sec. 7, lots 6, 11, 14, and 19.

Sec. 18, lots 5, 12, 13, and 20.

T. 42 N., R. 70 W.,

Sec. 31, lots 5 thru 20;

Sec. 32, lots 1 thru 16;

Sec. 33, lots 1 thru 16;

Sec. 34, lots 1 thru 16;

Sec. 35, lots 1 thru 16.

T. 41 N., R. 71 W.,

Sec. 1, lots 5, 6, 11, and 12.

The area described contains 4,022.96 acres more or less.

The North Antelope and Rochelle Mines are contiguous mines which are both adjacent to the lease application area. Both mines have approved mining and reclamation plans. The Rochelle Mine has an air quality permit approved by the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division (WDEQ/AQD), to mine up to 30 million tons of coal per year. The North Antelope Mine has an air quality permit approved by the WDEQ/AQD to mine up to 35 million tons of coal per year. According to the application, Powder River Coal Company plans no production increase at either mine solely from the acquisition of the proposed lease; the additional tonnage would extend the life of both mines.

Powder River Coal Company previously acquired a maintenance coal lease (WYW122586, issued effective 10/1/92) containing approximately 3,493 acres adjacent to the North Antelope and Rochelle Mines using the LBA process.

On April 14, 1995, Kerr-McGee Coal Corporation filed a coal lease application with the BLM for a maintenance tract LBA for the following lands, which contain an estimated 432 million tons of coal:

Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming

T. 43 N., R. 70 W.,

Sec. 4, lots 8, 9, and 15 thru 18;

Sec. 5, lots 5 thru 20;

Sec. 6, lots 8 thru 23;

Sec. 7, lots 5 thru 7;

Lot 8 (N¹/₂), lots 9 thru 12, lot 13 (N¹/₂ and SE¹/₄), lot 19 (NE¹/₄);

Sec. 8, lots 1 thru 16;

Sec. 9, lots 3 thru 6 and 11 thru 13;

T. 43 N., R. 71 W.,

Sec. 1, lots 5 thru 15, 19, and SE¹/₄NE¹/₄.

The area described contains 3,354.265 acres more or less.

The acreage applied for in Kerr McGee's application is known as the Thundercloud tract. It is described in a 1983 BLM document entitled "Powder River Coal Region Tract Summaries," which was prepared in anticipation of a Federal coal sale proposed for 1984 that did not take place.

The Jacobs Ranch Mine has an air quality permit approved by the WDEQ/AQD to mine up to 35 million tons of coal per year. According to Kerr-McGee, the additional coal reserves would extend the life of the current mining operations at the Jacobs Ranch Mine.

Kerr-McGee previously acquired a maintenance coal lease (WYW117924, issued effective 10/1/92) containing approximately 1,709 acres adjacent to the Jacobs Ranch Mine under the LBA process.

There are six surface coal mines (Jacobs Ranch, Black Thunder, North Rochelle, Rochelle, North Antelope, and Antelope) located southeast of Wright, Wyoming, in southern Campbell County and northern Converse County. Since decertification of the Federal coal region in 1990, these mines have leased approximately 8,300 acres of Federal coal, and have applied for an additional 10,000 acres of Federal coal. The BLM has determined that the EIS will include an updated analysis of the cumulative impacts of coal mining in the southern group of mines in the Wyoming Powder River Basin, so that the cumulative impacts of mining the previously issued leases and the applied-for tracts in this area can be fully disclosed as required by NEPA.

The major issues related to these two competitive lease applications having been identified to date include the potential cumulative impacts to air quality, groundwater, and wildlife that may occur if these tracts are leased and mined. If you have specific concerns about these issues, or have other concerns or issues that BLM should consider in processing these lease applications, please address them to the individuals listed above. Comments should be submitted by December 31, 1996 to be considered in the draft EIS. Comments will again be requested following issuance of the draft and final EIS documents.

Dated: December 2, 1996.

Robert A. Bennett,

Acting State Director.

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