

Canal Street; Chicago, Illinois 60606-7206.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**1. Background**

Prior to 1969, sediment dredged from the Federal Channel was placed at an open-lake location. The discovery of elevated levels of contaminants has prohibited maintenance dredging and authorized expansion and deepening of the Federal Channel. Due to the lack of maintenance dredging, channel depth in some parts of the harbor has been reduced by as much as ten feet.

Due to the presence of PCBs in the sediment, Waukegan Harbor was designated as one of the Great Lake's Areas of Concern in 1981. State are required to prepare a Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for Great Lakes Areas of Concerns. The Waukegan Citizen's Advisory Group has been actively involved in the RAP process with the IEPA.

The PCB contamination originated in discharges primarily attributed to the Outboard Marine Corporation (OMC). Under the Federal Superfund authority, the USEPA and OMC developed a plan to cleanup the most severely PCB-contaminated sediment (>50 parts per million (ppm)); the cleanup was complete in 1993. Prior to completion of the cleanup, the maximum PCB concentration in the Federal Channel was 33.5 ppm. Today the maximum concentration of PCBs in the Federal Channel is 10.9, with an average of about 3.4 ppm.

**2. Alternatives**

The EIS will consider the potential impacts of alternatives for dredging and disposal of contaminated sediment removed from the inner areas of the harbor. These will include various means of dredging and sediment transport to the proposed disposal sites. Alternatives for deepening and ongoing maintenance of the Federal Channel will also be evaluated. The EIS will evaluate management alternatives for clean sediment dredged from the approach channel.

Current laws and environmental policies require that contaminated dredged material be confined or receive special treatment. Contaminated sediment can be placed at an approved commercial landfill or in a confined disposal facility (CDF) constructed for the harbor. Over 15 potential CDF sites for the Waukegan Harbor sediment were evaluated in a 1984 Study. Though several of the sites met the economic, technical, and environmental standards,

lack of a nonFederal project sponsor or public support prevented the plan from moving forward to approval and implementation.

One of the original sites, a 17-acre, in-lake location south of Waukegan Harbor remains under consideration. Through cooperative efforts of the Waukegan CAG, and Federal and State agencies, a new upland site has been identified for consideration: an existing 33-acre industrial lagoon on the Johns-Manville property two miles north of the harbor.

It is anticipated that once the sediment cleanup is complete, new sediment that accumulates in the harbor would not require confined disposal. Therefore, any CDF constructed for the harbor cleanup would be capped and closed upon completion of the project.

**3. Scoping Process**

As part of the EIS process, a public scoping meeting will be held early in 1999. Public participation is an important part of the environmental analysis by providing assistance in determining the scope of issues to be addressed and identifying the significant issues of the proposed actions. Federal, State, and local resources agencies, Native American groups and concerned interest groups/ individuals are encouraged to participate in this process. Time and location of the scoping meeting will be widely publicized through fliers, announcements and news releases. Those wishing to provide information or data they feel should be included or considered in the Environmental Impact Statement should furnish the information by writing to the points of contact indicated above or by attending the scoping meeting.

**Mary V. Yonts,**

*Alternate Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

[FR Doc. 99-1570 Filed 1-22-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3710-HN-M

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Golden Field Office; Hydrogen Technology Innovation**

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Golden Field Office, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of Supplemental Announcement (07) to the Broad Based Solicitation for Submission of Financial Assistance Applications Involving Research, Development, and Demonstration for Renewable Energy

and Energy Efficiency Technologies, DE-PS36-99GO10383.

**SUMMARY:** The Hydrogen Program of the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) is issuing a Supplemental Announcement to EERE's Broad Based Solicitation for Submission of Financial Assistance Applications Involving Research, Development and Demonstration, DE-PS36-99GO10383, dated November 9, 1998. Under this Supplemental Announcement, DOE is seeking Phase I research and development (R&D) proposals that can advance hydrogen production, storage, and utilization technologies. The objective of Phase I is to develop detailed R&D plans to validate the proposed hydrogen concept, along with necessary preliminary R&D and the development of other supporting documentation.

Awards under this Supplemental Announcement will be Cooperative Agreements for Phase I research with a term of up to 12 months. Subject to funding availability, the total DOE funding available under this Supplemental Announcement will be \$650,000, with individual awards not to exceed \$150,000 of DOE funding.

All information regarding the Supplemental Announcement will be posted on the DOE Golden Field Office Home page at the address identified below.

**DATES:** DOE expects to issue the Supplemental Announcement on January 19, 1999. The closing date of the Supplemental Announcement is February 25, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** The Supplemental Announcement will be posted on the DOE Golden Field Office Home Page at <http://www.eren.doe.gov/golden/solicit.htm>. It is DOE's intention not to issue hard copies of the Supplemental Announcement.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Motz, Contract Specialist, at 303-275-4737, e-mail [john\\_motz@nrel.gov](mailto:john_motz@nrel.gov), or Doug Hooker, Project Officer, at 303-275-4780, e-mail [doug\\_hooker@nrel.gov](mailto:doug_hooker@nrel.gov).

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on January 19, 1999.

Dated: January 14, 1999.

**Ruth E. Adams,**

*Contracting Officer, Golden Field Office.*

[FR Doc. 99-1600 Filed 1-22-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6450-01-P