

Commission relating to the merits of an issue that affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. The project would be located at the existing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mississinewa Lake Dam and would consist of the following proposed facilities: (1) a 130-foot-long, 78-inch-diameter penstock; (2) a powerhouse on the tailrace side of the dam housing two turbine generating units with a total installed capacity of 3.0 MW; (3) a 800-foot-long, 14.7 kV transmission line; and (4) other appurtenances.

Applicant estimates that the average annual generation would be 18,000 MWh and that the cost of the studies under the permit would be \$1,000,000.

l. A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

Preliminary Permit—Anyone desiring to file a competing application for preliminary permit for a proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (see 18 CFR 4.36). Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.32(a) and (b)(1).

Preliminary Permit—Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application (see 18 CFR 4.36). Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.32(a), (b), and (c).

Notice of Intent—A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business

address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211 and .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary and an additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

**David P. Boergers,**

Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6332-2]

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Continuing Collection; Comment Request; Pre-award Compliance Review Report for all Applicants Requesting Federal Financial Assistance, Agency Information Collection Activities up for Renewal**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Pre-award Compliance Review Report for all Applicants Requesting Federal Financial Assistance, EPA ICR No. 0275.07, EPA Form 4700-4, OMB Control No. 2090-0014, expiration date 30 April 1999. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collections as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 28, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Office of Civil Rights, Mail Code 1201, U.S. EPA, Waterside Mall (WSM), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. Interested parties may receive a copy of the ICR without charge by writing to this address or by calling the Office of Civil Rights at (202) 260-4575.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Office of Civil Rights, at the above address, by telephone at (202) 260-4575, or by fax at (202) 260-4580.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Affected entities:** Entities potentially affected by this action are all grant and loan applicants, including state, local and tribal governments, universities; associations, and non-profits, which must complete a simple form with the requested data when applying for financial assistance.

**Title:** Pre-award Compliance Review Report for all Applicants Requesting Federal Financial Assistance, EPA ICR No. 0275.07, EPA Form 4700-4, OMB Control No. 2090-0014, expiration date 30 April 1999.

**Abstract:** The information request and gathering is part of the requirement of 40 CFR part 7, "Nondiscrimination in Programs Receiving Federal Assistance from the Environmental Protection

Agency," at 40 CFR 7.80. The regulation implements statutes which prohibit discrimination on the bases of race, color, national origin, sex and handicap. This information is also required, in part, by the Department of Justice regulations, 28 CFR 42.406 and 28 CFR 42.407. The information is collected on a short form from grant and loan applicants as part of the application. The EPA Director of Civil Rights manages the data collection through a regional component or delegated state, both of whom also carry out the data analysis and make the recommendation on the respondent's ability to meet the requirements of the regulation, as well as the respondent's current compliance with the regulation. The information and analysis is of sufficient value for the Director to determine whether the applicant is in compliance with the regulation. Analysis of the data allows EPA to determine:

(1) Whether there appears to be discrimination in the provision of program or activity services between the minority and non-minority population. This allows EPA to determine whether any action is necessary by it before the award of the grant or loan.

(2) Whether the respondent is designing grant or loan financed facilities to be accessible to handicapped individuals or whether a regulatory exemption is applicable. This allows EPA to determine whether design changes are necessary prior to the award of the grant or loan, which can save the respondent a significant amount of money, e.g., ensuring a facility is accessible to the handicapped is much less costly if this requirement is included in the design rather than after construction has begun.

(3) Whether the respondent receives or has applied for financial assistance from other Federal agencies. This information allows EPA to canvass these other agencies to avoid conducting duplicate compliance audits, reviews, or complaint investigations and is a reduction of burden on respondents. Responses to the collection of information are required to obtain a grant or loan and are kept on file by the state distributing the funds.

An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 40 CFR Chapter 15.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary

for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

**Burden Statement:** The form is part of the grant or loan application package. The information currently exists in the respondent's operation. The data collected on this form is compiled and reported from the applicant's existing information. The information as gathered and reported on the form specifically applies to the grant or loan application. The only burden experienced by the respondent is that of completing the form. The Agency's past experience has shown that it requires one half-hour to complete the form. The form is usually completed by the applicant's packager or a clerk assistant. The average salary range of the combined or single individual has historically been about \$30,000.00 per year. The Agency's information comes from direct experience in carrying out the task. Therefore the capital cost would be \$0 and the labor for 1/2 hour would be about \$7.21 per year. At about 13,100 applications per year, the total cost for all applicants combined would be about \$94,300.00 per year. Burden means total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose, or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This estimate includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Dated: April 20, 1999.

**Ann E. Goode,**

*Director, Office of Civil Rights.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Regional Workshops on Performance-Based Measurement System

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** With the assistance of EPA, the Global Institute of Environmental Scientists (GIES) will be holding a series of one-day workshops on implementing the Performance-Based Measurement System (PBMS) approach to environmental compliance monitoring. The workshops are designed to assist the public in learning about this new regulatory initiative.

**DATES:** Workshops will be held in the following cities:

- Philadelphia, PA, May 6, 1999.
- Atlanta, GA, June 8, 1999.
- Kansas City, MO, June 9, 1999.
- Seattle, WA, June 15, 1999.
- Las Vegas, NV, June 17, 1999.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Workshop arrangements are being made by GIES. For information on registration and hotel rates call the GIES coordinator, Sheila Way, at (202) 887-0457 (email: gies@acil.org). If you have questions regarding the conference program, contact the GIES Program Coordinators, Jerry Parr at (303) 670-7823 (email: catalyst@eazy.net) or Anthony Pagliaro at (202) 887-5872 (tpagliaro@acil.org).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the United States, historical approaches to environmental compliance monitoring have: not fully capitalized on opportunities to reduce the cost for laboratory analysis and compliance monitoring; may have served as barriers to the development and use of innovative, faster, less costly measurement technologies and methods; and sometimes may have resulted in data of less than desired quality or defensibility. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plans to address some of these problems by incorporating the Performance Based Measurement System (PBMS) into its regulatory programs. On October 6, 1997 (62 FR 52098), EPA announced its plans to implement the PBMS approach to the