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A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and a determination is made by the DOE that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above or by accessing the Fossil Energy Home Page at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Regulatory Programs," then "Electricity Regulation," and then "Pending Proceedings" from the options menus.

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Anthony J. Como,

Deputy Director, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Import/Export, Office of Coal & Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Wetland Involvement for Interim Measures for the Mixed Waste Management Facility (MWMF) Groundwater at the Burial Ground Complex (BGC), Savannah River Site, Aiken, South Carolina

AGENCY: Savannah River Operations Office (SR), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of wetland involvement.

SUMMARY: DOE-SR proposes to install a small metal sheet pile wall dam which would be positioned to impound about 0.49 hectares (1.2 acres) of water around and over the BGC southwest groundwater seepage line. This action would be taken in cooperation with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) to reduce the amount of tritium contaminated water seeping to the surface from the BGC southwest plume and eventually discharging to Fourmile Branch, an onsite stream. This interim measure is intended to control the movement and discharge of

contaminated groundwater until the final, more permanent corrective measure is taken. In accordance with 10 CFR 1022, DOE will prepare a wetland assessment and will perform this proposed action in a manner so as to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected wetland.

DATES: Comments on the proposed action due on or before August 4, 1999.

ADDRESSES: For further information, including a site map and/or copy of the wetland assessment, or to submit comments regarding this notice, contact A. R. Grainger, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Compliance Officer, Savannah River Operations Office, Building 742-A, Room 185, Aiken, South Carolina 29808. The fax/phone number is (800) 881-7292. The e-mail address is nepa@srs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON GENERAL FLOODPLAIN/WETLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW REQUIREMENTS, CONTACT: Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585. Telephone (202) 586-4600 or (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A groundwater contaminant plume has been detected and is emanating from the Old Radioactive Waste Burial Ground (ORWBG) which is located at the southwest corner of the BGC at SRS. Tritium-contaminated water from this southwest plume is seeping to the surface at areas along the Old F-Area Effluent Ditch (OFED). Currently, groundwater that emanates from this seep combines with surface drainage from the immediate area to form a small stream in the southern portion of the OFED. Eventually, this stream mixes with F-Area discharge water which then flows into Fourmile Branch, an onsite stream.

DOE-SR proposes to install a small metal sheet pile wall dam [approximately 1.5 to 2.1 meters (5 to 7 feet) high and 100.6 meters (330 feet) long] which would be positioned to impound about 0.49 hectares (1.2 acres) of water around and over the BGC southwest groundwater seepage line. The impounded 0.49 hectares (1.2 acres) has been determined to be jurisdictional wetlands. The proposed action is not within the 100-year or baseline floodplain.

This action would be taken in cooperation with SCDHEC to reduce the amount of tritium-contaminated water seeping to the surface and eventually discharging to Fourmile Branch. The impoundment would retard surface water flow to Fourmile Branch by

increasing travel time, thereby mitigating the discharge of tritium-contaminated water. In addition, a drip irrigation system is being evaluated to enhance the effectiveness of the interim measure. This feature would further minimize discharges to Fourmile Branch by pumping impounded water behind the dam during peak flow conditions to upstream locations.

The interim measure will also address the remediation of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from "hotspot" regions associated with the southwest plume area. Airlift recirculation wells will be installed in "hotspot" regions where concentrations of VOCs have routinely exceeded drinking water standards. Airlift recirculation wells provide a means for removing VOCs from contaminated groundwater, through a combination of in place air stripping and airlift pumping processes.

This interim measure is intended to control the movement and discharge of contaminated groundwater until the final, more permanent corrective measure is taken.

Undertaking the proposed action will not affect DOE's ability to fully evaluate reasonable alternatives for the final action. An Environmental Assessment (EA) will also evaluate several alternatives to the proposed action.

In accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with wetland environmental review requirements (10 CFR 1022), DOE-SR will prepare a wetland assessment for this proposed DOE action. The assessment will be included in the EA (DOE/EA-1302) that is being prepared for the proposed action in accordance with the requirements of NEPA.

Issued in Aiken, SC, on July 7, 1999.

Lowell E. Tripp,

Director, Engineering and Analysis Division, Savannah River Operations Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[DE-PS26-99FT40613]

Federal Energy Technology Center; Notice of Intent To Issue a Program Solicitation for Cooperative Agreements

AGENCY: Federal Energy Technology Center, DOE.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the intent to issue a Program Solicitation No. DE-PS26-99FT40613 entitled "Research and Development of Technologies for the Management of

Greenhouse Gases." The Federal Energy Technology Center invites any university or other institution of higher education, non-profit, not-for-profit or for-profit organization, non Federal agency, or other entity to submit competitive applications for cooperative agreements for the conduct of research and development that addresses the following six elements of the FETC sequestration program.

- Separation and Capture
- Sequestration of CO₂ in Geological Formations
- Ocean Sequestration
- Sequestration in Terrestrial Ecosystems
- Advanced Concepts
- Modeling and Assessments

DATES: Applications may be submitted at any time after the issuance date of the solicitation up to and including 1 year after the issue date. The issue date of the solicitation is expected to be August 1, 1999. Applications will be reviewed individually, or in groups which will be assembled as often as practical considering the number of applications received and availability of competent reviewers. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms in the Program Solicitation. Prospective offerors should check the Internet location frequently for any solicitation amendments prior to submitting applications.

ADDRESSES: The solicitation will be available for viewing and downloading from FETC's Internet site at <http://www.fetc.doe.gov/business>. Solicitations will not be distributed on diskette or in paper form. Candidates may register through FETC's Business Alert Notification service on our homepage. The category to register under is Advanced Electric Power Generation, Coal Conversion/Solid Fuels and Feedstocks, Oil and Gas, or Environmental R&D for Fossil Fuels. In accordance with FAR 52.232-18, "Availability of Funds," funds are not presently available for this procurement. The Government's obligation under this award is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for award purposes can be made.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The overall goals for the FETC Carbon Sequestration Program are:

- To provide economically competitive and environmentally safe options to offset all projected growth in baseline emissions of greenhouse gases by the U.S. after 2010, with offsets starting in 2015.

- To achieve the long-term cost goal in the range of \$10/ton of avoided net costs for carbon sequestration.

- To offset at least one-half the required reductions in global greenhouse gases, measured as the difference in a business-as-usual baseline and a strategy to stabilize atmospheric CO₂ concentrations at 550 ppm, beginning in the year 2025.

The latter goal represents the global potential for these technology options if broadly applied by the United States and other countries.

These research pathways stem directly from the Carbon Sequestration: State of the Science report, available from the Office of Fossil Energy's web site at www.fe.doe.gov/sequestration. The program portfolio covers the entire carbon sequestration "life cycle" of capture, separation, transport, and storage or reuse. Also of interest is the FETC Carbon Sequestration Program Plan is available on the web site at www.fetc.doe.gov/products/gcc.

DOE anticipates multiple cooperative agreement awards resulting from this solicitation and no fee or profit will be paid to a recipient or subrecipient under the awards.

Issued: July 9, 1999.

Randolph L. Kesling,

Supervisory Contract Specialist, Acquisition and Assistance Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Fossil Energy

[Docket No. FE C&E 99-15-Certification Notice-176]

Kissimmee Utility Authority; Notice of Filing of Coal Capability Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of filing.

SUMMARY: On June 22, 1999, Kissimmee Utility Authority submitted a coal capability self-certification pursuant to section 201 of the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978, as amended.

ADDRESSES: Copies of self-certification filings are available for public inspection, upon request, in the Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex, Fossil Energy, Room 4G-039, FE-27, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20583.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Russell at (202) 586-9624.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title II of the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978 (FUA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 8301 et seq.), provides that no new baseload electric powerplant may be constructed or operated without the capability to use coal or another alternate fuel a primary energy source. In order to meet the requirement of coal capability, the owner or operator of such facilities proposing to use natural gas or petroleum as its primary energy source shall certify, pursuant to FUA section 201(d), to the Secretary of Energy prior to construction, or prior to operation as a base load powerplant, that such powerplant has the capability to use coal or another alternate fuel. Such certification establishes compliance with section 201(a) as of the date filed with the Department of Energy. The Secretary is required to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** that a certification has been filed. The following owner/operator of the proposed new baseload powerplant has filed a self-certification in accordance with section 201(d).

Owner: Kissimmee Utility Authority and Florida Municipal Power Agency.

Operator: Kissimmee Utility Authority.

Location: Near Intercession City in Osceola County, FL.

Plant Configuration: Combined cycle.

Capacity: 250 megawatts.

Fuel: Natural gas.

Purchasing Entities: Kissimmee Utility Authority and the Florida Municipal Power Agency systems.

In-Service Date: June 2001.

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Deputy Director, Electric Power Regulations, Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex, Office of Coal & Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC99-520-001, FERC-520]

Information Collection Submitted for Review and Request for Comments

July 14, 1999.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of submission for review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission)