

The application must contain an abstract or project summary, letters of intent from collaborators, and short curriculum vitas consistent with NIH guidelines for all Principal and co-Principal Investigators.

Adherence to type size and line spacing requirements is necessary for several reasons. No applicants should have the advantage, or by using small type, of providing more text in their applications. Small type may also make it difficult for reviewers to read the application. Applications must have 1-inch margins at the top, bottom, and on each side. Type sizes must be 10 point or larger. Line spacing is at the discretion of the applicant but there must be no more than 6 lines per vertical inch of text. Pages should be standard 8½" x 11" (or metric A4, *i.e.*, 210 mm x 297 mm).

As noted above, color images should be submitted in IIPS as a separate file in PDF format and identified as such. These images should be kept to a minimum due to the limitations of reproducing them. They should be numbered and referred to in the body of the technical scientific application as Color image 1, Color image 2, *etc.*

Applicants are expected to use the following ordered format to prepare Applications in addition to following instructions in the Application Guide for the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program. Applications must be written in English, with all budgets in U.S. dollars.

- Face page (DOE F 4650.2 (10–91))
- Project abstract (no more than one page) including the name of the applicant, mailing address, phone, Fax, and e-mail
- Budgets for each year and a summary budget page for the entire project period (using DOE F 4620.1)
 - Budget explanation
 - Budgets and budget explanation for each collaborative subproject, if any
 - Project description (includes goals, background, research plan, preliminary studies and progress, and research design and methodologies) not to exceed 20 pages.
- Goals
- Background
- Research plan
- Preliminary studies and progress (if applicable)
- Research design and methodologies
 - Literature cited.
 - Collaborative arrangements (if applicable).
 - Biographical sketches (limit 2 pages per senior investigator).
 - Description of facilities and resources.

- Current and pending support for each senior investigator.

The Office of Science, as part of its grant regulations, requires at 10 CFR 605.11(b) that a recipient receiving a grant to perform research involving recombinant DNA molecules and/or organisms and viruses containing recombinant DNA molecules shall comply with the National Institutes of Health "Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant DNA Molecules", which is available via the world wide Web at: <http://www.niehs.nih.gov/odhsb/biosafe/nih/rdna-apr98.pdf>, (59 FR 34496, July 5, 1994), or such later revision of those guidelines as may be published in the **Federal Register**.

DOE policy requires that potential applicants adhere to 10 CFR part 745 "Protection of Human Subjects" (if applicable), or such later revision of those guidelines as may be published in the **Federal Register**.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for this program is 81.049, and the solicitation control number is ERFAP 10 CFR part 605.

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Acting Associate Director of Science for Resource Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science

Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Tuesday, December 3, 2002, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Wednesday, December 4, 2002, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: American Geophysical Union, 2000 Florida Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. David Thomassen (301–903–9817; david.thomassen@science.doe.gov), or Ms. Shirley Derflinger (301–903–0044; shirley.derflinger@science.doe.gov), Designated Federal Officers, Biological

and Environmental Research Advisory Committee, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, SC–70/ Germantown Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585–1290. The most current information concerning this meeting can be found on the Web site: <http://www.science.doe.gov/ober/berac/announce.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Meeting:* To provide advice on a continuing basis to the Director, Office of Science of the Department of Energy, on the many complex scientific and technical issues that arise in the development and implementation of the Biological and Environmental Research Program.

Tentative Agenda

Tuesday, December 3, and Wednesday, December 4, 2002

- Minisymposium on proposed facilities for the Genomes to Life program
- Review of Free Air Carbon Dioxide Enrichment facilities
- Science talk on nuclear medicine by Dr. Steve Larson, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York
- Comments from Dr. Ray Orbach, Director, Office of Science
- Presentation by Dr. Margaret Wright, Chair, Office of Advanced Scientific Computing Research Advisory Committee
- Report by Dr. Ari Patrinos, Associate Director of Science for Biological and Environmental Research
- Report of the Natural and Accelerated Bioremediation Research BERAC Subcommittee
- New Business
- Public Comment (10 minute rule)

Public Participation: The day and a half meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact David Thomassen or Shirley Derflinger at the address or telephone numbers listed above. You must make your request for an oral statement at least five business days before the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and

copying within 30 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, IE-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, DC on November 12, 2002.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6635-1]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in the **Federal Register** dated April 12, 2002 (67 FR 17992).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-COE-E35086-FL Rating EC2, Fort Pierce Shore Protection Project, Future Dredging of Capron Shoal, Implementation, St. Lucie County, FL.

Summary: EPA has environmental concerns regarding the direct and indirect consequences of this proposal which will require additional information to determine if the unavoidable losses will be appropriately mitigated.

ERP No. D-DOE-L08063-WA Rating EC2, Plymouth Generating Facility, Construction and Operation of a 307-megawatt (MW) Natural Gas-Fired Combined Cycle Power Generation Facility on a 44.5 Acre Site, Conditional Use/Special Use Permit Issuance, Benton County, WA.

Summary: EPA identified environmental concerns with the proposed project based on its contribution to significant cumulative visibility degradation in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and at Mount Hood. EPA recommended that the EIS be revised to include a more comprehensive air quality analysis.

ERP No. D-NOA-E91011-00 Rating LO, Northeast Skate Complex Fishery Management Plan, Implementation of Management Measures, Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, New England Fishery Management Council.

Summary: EPA has no objection to the proposal, but made suggestions on enhancing the efficacy of the study fleet and on multi-species zone closures.

ERP No. D-NOA-E91012-00 Rating LO, Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fishery Management Plan Amendment 13, Implementation, US Exclusive Economic Zone along the Atlantic Seaboard from Maine through North Carolina.

Summary: EPA expressed no objection to Amendment 13, but made suggestions for periodic stock assessment monitoring; for reducing clam dredge bycatch; and, for determining gear effects on fauna.

ERP No. DS-COE-H32002-00 Rating LO, Missouri River Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project to Restore Fish and Wildlife Habitat Losses Resulting from Construction, Operation and Maintenance of the Missouri River Bank Stabilization and Navigation Project (BSNP), Missouri River, Sioux City, Iowa to the Mouth near St. Louis, NB, KS and MO.

Summary: The Draft Supplemental EIS for this project was adequate and considered all appropriate environmental impacts. Comments made on the DSEIS consisted of suggestions to improve the presentation or organization of data to ease the reader's understanding.

ERP No. DS-UAF-K11076-00 Rating LO, Airborne Laser (ABL) Program to Conduct Test Activities at Kirtland Air Force Base (AFB) and White Sands Missile Range/Holloman AFB, New Mexico and Edwards AFB and Vandenberg AFB CA.

Summary: EPA expressed a lack of objection on the proposed action but requested clarification on the applicability of this project to the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, the Pollution Prevention Act and Executive Order 13148 for ammonia, chlorine and sulfuric acid.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-BIA-K39071-00 Truckee River Water Quality Settlement Agreement-Federal Water Right Acquisition, Implementation, Truckee River, Placer County, CA and Washoe, Storey and Lyon Counties, NV.

Summary: EPA commended the Truckee River Water Quality Settlement Agreement signatories' work to

permanently improve Truckee River water quality and reduce violations of water quality standards. EPA encouraged them to continue to work with EPA in achieving full compliance with water quality standards. The FEIS adequately addresses our concerns.

ERP No. F-DOE-G06012-00, Technical Area 18 (TA-18) Relocation of Capabilities and Materials at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), Operational Activities involve Research in and the Design, Development, Construction, and Application of Experiments on Nuclear Criticality, NM, NV and ID.

Summary: EPA has no objections to the selection of the preferred alternative since EPA comments on the draft document have been adequately responded to.

ERP No. F-FHW-E40786-FL, I-4 Corridor Improvements, Upgrading the Safety and Mobility of the existing I-4 from west of FL-528 (Bee Line Expressway) Interchange in Orange County to east of FL-472 Interchange in Volusia County, Funding, U.S. Army COE Section 10 and 404 and NPDES Permits Issuance, Orange, Seminole, and Volusia Counties, FL.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns about the extent and mitigation of related socio-economic impacts. EPA suggests that a schedule for construction and operation of all project components be documented in the Record of Decision to ensure that alternative project considerations are consistent with comprehensive review procedures under NEPA.

ERP No. F-FRC-E03009-00, Patriot Project, Construction and Operation of Mainline Expansion and Patriot Extension in order to Transport 510,000 dekatherms per day (dth/day) of Natural Gas, TN, VA and NC.

Summary: EPA has environmental concerns regarding the need for better documentation regarding cumulative and secondary impacts, environmental justice issues, sampling and analysis of potentially contaminated sediments at Mud Creek, and pipeline safety.

ERP No. FS-COE-E34030-FL, Central and Southern Florida Project, Indian River Lagoon-South Feasibility Study, Additional Information concerning Selection of Plan, Alternative 6, Restoration of the Southern Indian River Lagoon and the St. Lucie Estuary Ecosystem, Martin, St. Lucie and Okeechobee Counties, FL.

Summary: EPA supports the positive water quality and habitat benefits which should result from the proposed IRLS plan.