

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 3065-007]

Electro Ecology, Inc.; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

July 21, 1997.

An environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA is for an application to amend the Wappingers Falls Hydroelectric Project. The application is to install a new 25 kW turbine on a new 20-inch-diameter minimum flow release pipe. The new pipe will be used to release the project's minimum flow to the bypass reach. The new release pipe will replace an existing, smaller-diameter pipe which does not have a turbine attached to it. The EA finds that approval of the application would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The Wappingers Falls Hydroelectric Project is located on Wappinger Creek in Dutchess County, New York.

The EA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the EA can be viewed at the Commission's Reference and Information Center, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. Copies can also be obtained by calling the project manager, Pete Yarrington, at (202) 219-2939.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project Nos. 4678-019, 4679-022]

Power Authority of the State of New York; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

July 21, 1997.

A draft environmental assessment (DEA) is available for public review. The DEA was prepared for New York Power Authority's (licensee) application to operate the Crescent and Vischer Ferry Hydroelectric Projects in a run-of-river mode.

In summary, the DEA examines the environmental impacts of four alternatives for operating the Crescent and Vischer Ferry Projects: (1)

Licensee's proposed action: run-of-river operation; (2) licensee's initial proposed action: limited ponding; (3) the New York Department of Environmental Conservation's proposed action: run-of-river with reservoir drawdown; and (4) no-action. These alternatives are described in detail on pages six and seven of the DEA.

The DEA recommends that the licensee operate the projects in a run-of-river mode in accordance with the licensee's proposed action alternative. The DEA concludes that implementation of this alternative would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

This DEA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing (OHL). As such, the DEA is OHL staff's preliminary analysis of the licensee's recommendation for operation of the Crescent and Vischer Ferry Projects. No final conclusions have been made by the Commission regarding this matter.

Should you wish to provide comments on the DEA, they should be filed within 30 days from the date of this letter. Comments should be addressed to: Ms. Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. Please include the project numbers (4678-019 and 4679-022) on any comments filed.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-400115; FRL-5733-3]

Request for Nominations to the Toxics Data Reporting Committee of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of request for nominations.

SUMMARY: EPA is inviting nominations of candidates to consider for appointment to fill vacancies on the Toxics Data Reporting (TDR) Committee of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). Nominations will be accepted until 5 p.m. EST, August 18, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit nominations to: Cassandra Vail, Designated Federal Official, Office of Pollution Prevention

and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Stop 7408, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle Price at 202-260-3372, e-mail: price.michelle@epamail.epa.gov for specific information regarding the TDR Committee and the stakeholder dialogue.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NACEPT is a federal advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. Law 92-463. NACEPT provides advice and recommendations to the Administrator of EPA on a broad range of environmental policy issues. The TDR is a committee created under the auspices of NACEPT.

On April 22, 1997, EPA finalized a rule under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA) section 313 adding seven new industry sectors to the Toxics Release Inventory program. These newly added industry groups include: metal mining, coal mining, electric utilities, commercial hazardous waste treatment, chemicals and allied products-wholesale, petroleum bulk terminals and plants-wholesale, and solvent recovery services. These are all industry sectors which will provide significant information on TRI chemicals and which are engaged in activities directly related to the support of manufacturing activities currently covered under TRI. Certain facilities within these industry groups will begin to report to TRI for activities conducted during the 1998 calendar year with reports submitted by July 1, 1999.

In finalizing the industry expansion rule, the Vice President announced that EPA would initiate an intensive stakeholder process to comprehensively evaluate the current reporting forms and reporting practices relating to the TRI program. The goals of this process will be to improve the type of right-to-know information available to communities and to help streamline right-to-know reporting to ease the paperwork burden for businesses affected by the requirements. EPA plans to use the TDR Committee under NACEPT as one avenue to gain input from stakeholders on this issue. Below are some possible topics for discussion in the TDR Committee:

- Format of the Form R.
 - Nomenclature used in the Form R.
 - Opportunities for burden reduction in both the Form R and Form A.
 - Additional clarification of the elements in the Form R.
 - EPA's presentation of the data in public information documents.
- EPA expects to receive specific recommendations from NACEPT for

changes, modifications, deletions, and/or additions of data elements to the Form R and the Form A. The recommendations will include information on how the changes or modifications will improve the type of right-to-know information available to communities or streamline the paperwork burden for businesses. In making recommendations to EPA, NACEPT will also identify a priority level for those recommendations.

EPA will review the recommendations received from NACEPT and use them to make decisions about changes to the Form R and Form A. Changes to the Forms will be made as expeditiously as possible depending on whether these changes can be made administratively versus through notice and comment rulemaking.

EPA is seeking nominations for representation from all sectors, including state and local agencies, industry, environmental groups, public health groups, unions, small business, and community organizations.

Nominations for membership must include a resume and short biography describing the educational and professional qualifications of the nominee and the nominee's current business address and daytime telephone number. EPA plans to have the first meeting of this committee in September or October of this year and a total of approximately six or seven meetings over the course of the next year. Prospective nominees should consider the fact that serving on this committee is a serious time commitment. In addition, please consider that a Council Chair may consider the removal of a Council member if the member has missed two consecutive meetings of the Council.

Dated: July 22, 1997.

Christine M. Augustyniak,

Acting Director, Environmental Assistance Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-5482-5]

Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 OR (202) 564-7153.
Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

Filed July 14, 1997 Through July 18, 1997

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 970270, FINAL EIS, DOE, ID, NV, WA, MT, OR, WY, Watershed Management Program Standards and Guidelines, Implementation, ID, NV, MT, OR, WA and WY, Due: August 25, 1997, Contact: Eric N. Powers (503) 230-5823.

EIS No. 970271, DRAFT EIS, FHWA, CA, CA-37 Highway Improvement, Napa River Bridge to the existing Freeway Section of CA-37 that begins near Diablo Street, Funding and US Army COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, Vallejo, Solano County, CA, Due: September 15, 1997, Contact: John Schultz (916) 498-5041.

EIS No. 970272, DRAFT EIS, STB, LA, Kansas City Southern Railway (KCS) Construction and Operation to Connect the Geismar Industrial Area to KCS' Mainline near Sorrento, Construction Exemption Approval, Ascension Parish, LA, Due: September 08, 1997, Contact: Michael Dalton (202) 565-1530.

EIS No. 970273, FINAL EIS, FTA, AL, Canal Streetcar Line Reintroduction, Canal Street from the Mississippi River to the Cemeteries, with a Spur Line to City Park, Funding, City of New Orleans, Orleans Parish, LA, Due: August 25, 1997, Contact: Peggy Crist (817) 860-9663.

EIS No. 970274, LEGISLATIVE FINAL, AFS, WA, LEGISLATIVE EIS—Upper White Salmon River Wild and Scenic River Study, Possible Designation, National Wild and Scenic River System, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Yakima Indian Nation, Klickitat County, WA, Due: August 25, 1997, Contact: Steve Mellor (541) 386-2333.

EIS No. 970275, FINAL SUPPLEMENT, COE, NJ, DE, PA, Delaware River Comprehensive Navigation Channel Improvement, Additional Information, Beckett Street Terminal in New Jersey through Philadelphia Harbor, Implementation, NJ, DE and PA, Due: August 30, 1997, Contact: John Brady (215) 656-6555.

EIS No. 970276, DRAFT EIS, FAA, NM, Southwest Regional Spaceport (SRS) Development and Operation Project, Commercial Space Vehicles Launching Facility, Licensing, Sierra and Dona Ana Counties, NM, Due: September 08, 1997, Contact: Nikos Himaras (202) 366-2455.

EIS No. 970277, FINAL EIS, USN, CA, Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Vision 2000 Maritime Development, Disposal and Reuse, Funding, NPDES Permit, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, City of Oakland, Alameda

County, CA Due: August 25, 1997, Contact: Gary J. Munelawa (415) 244-3022.

EIS No. 970278, FINAL EIS, FHWA, CA, ADOPTION-Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Vision 2000 Maritime Development, Funding Approval for the First Phase of the Port's Joint Intermodal Terminal, Port of Oakland, City of Oakland, Alameda County, CA, Contact: Dan Harris (415) 744-2611. The U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has ADOPTED the U.S. Navy's FEIS #970277, filed 7-18-97. The FHWA was a COOPERATING AGENCY on the above project. Recirculation of the FEIS is not necessary under Section 1506.3(c) of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations.

EIS No. 970279, DRAFT EIS, DOE, NY, Disposal of the Defueled S3G and D1G Prototype Reactor Plants, Implementation, Located at the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory Kesselring Site near West Milton, Saratoga County, NY, Due: September 08, 1997, Contact: Andrew S. Baitinger (518) 884-1234.

EIS No. 970280, FINAL EIS, FRC, MA, NH, VT, ME, Portland Natural Gas Transmission System Project (PNGTS) and (PNGTS)/Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline L.L.C., Phase II Joint Facilities Project, Construction and Operation, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, MA, York and Cumberland Counties, ME, Coos County, NH and Essex County, VT, Due: August 25, 1997, Contact: Paul McKee (202) 208-1088.

EIS No. 970281, DRAFT SUPPLEMENT, DOE, CA, Petroleum Production at Maximum Efficient Rate, Update Information for the Sale of Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 1 (NPR-1 also called "Elk Hills") Amendment of Kern County General Plan, Elk Hills, Kern County, CA, Due: September 08, 1997, Contact: Anthony Como (202) 586-5935.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 970097, DRAFT EIS, AFS, WY, CO, Tie Camp Timber Sale, Harvesting Timber and Road Construction, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest, Brush Creek/Hayden Ranger District, Carbon County, WY and Jackson County, CO, Due: August 15, 1997, Contact: Andy Cadenhead (307) 326-5258. Published FR 03-28-97-Review Period extended.