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Copies of the FEA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2-A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Project No. 2131-008]

**Wisconsin Electric Power Company;
Notice of Availability of Environmental
Assessment**

December 27, 1996.

An environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA analyzes the environmental impacts of an application by Wisconsin Electric Power Company (licensee) to grant an easement to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) for about 1,366 acres of land in the Kingsford Hydroelectric Project boundary. The WDNR wants to include these lands in its new Spread Eagle Barrens State Natural Area (State Natural Area). The State Natural Area is being created by the WDNR to preserve, restore, and manage rare pine barrens/bracken grasslands in the vicinity of the Kingsford Hydroelectric Project. Approving the application to grant the easement would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The Kingsford Hydroelectric Project is located on the Menominee River in Florence County, Wisconsin and Dickinson County, Michigan.

The EA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the EA can be obtained by calling the Commission's Public Reference Room at (202) 208-1371.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY**

[ER-FRL-5476-3]

**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 December 23,

1996 Through December 27, 1996

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 960596, Draft EIS, NPS, AS, National Park of American Samoa, Implementation, General Management Plan, Islands of Tutulla, Ta'u and Ofu, Territory of American Samoa, Due: February 18, 1997, Contact: Alan Schmierer (415) 744-3971.

EIS No. 960597, Draft EIS, BLM, CA, U.S. Army's Land Acquisition Project for National Training Center, Fort Irwin, San Bernardino County, CA, Due: April 04, 1997, Contact: Mike DeKeyrel (619) 255-8730.

EIS No. 960598, Final EIS, BLM, NV, Ruby Hill Gold Mining Operations Project, Implementation, Battle Mountain District, Plan of Operations and COE Section 404 Permit, Eureka County, NV, Due: February 03, 1997, Contact: Christopher Stubbs (702) 635-4000.

EIS No. 960599, Draft Supplement, COE, NJ, Green Brook Sub-Basin Flood Control Plan, Updated Information concerning a Revised Recommended Plan and Mitigation Plan, Implementation, Middlesex, Union and Somerset Counties, NJ, Due: February 18, 1997, Contact: William Richardson (212) 264-1275.

EIS No. 960600, Final EIS, AFS, AK, South Lindenberg Timber Sale(s), Timber Harvesting, Tongass National Forest, Stikine Area, Kupreanof Island, AK, Due: February 03, 1997, Contact: Jim Thompson (907) 772-3871.

EIS No. 960601, Draft EIS, DOI, UT, Upalco Unit/Uinta Basin Replacement Project, Water Supply Management, Approvals and Permits Issuance, Duchesne and Uintah Counties, UT, Due: March 04, 1997, Contact: Terry Holzworth (801) 226-7100. The US Department of the Interior and the Central Utah Water Conservancy District are Joint Lead Agencies on the above project.

EIS No. 960602, Draft EIS, FRC, ND, SD, MN, MT, IA, IL, Northern Border Project, Natural Gas Transportation, Pipeline and Facilities Expansion and Construction, Permits and Right-of-Way Grant Issuance, ND, SD, MN, MT, IA and IL, Due: February 18, 1997, Contact: Laura Turner (202) 208-0916.

Dated: December 30, 1996.

B. Katherine Biggs,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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Environmental Protection Agency

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**Notice of Availability of Pollution
Prevention Grants and Announcement
of Financial Assistance Programs
Eligible for Review**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Pollution Prevention Grants.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing the availability of approximately \$5 million in fiscal year 1997 grant/cooperative agreement funds under the Pollution Prevention Incentives for States (PPIS) grant program. The grant dollars are targeted at State and Tribal programs that address the reduction or elimination of pollution across all environmental media: air, land, and water. Grants/cooperative agreements will be awarded under the authority of the Pollution Prevention Act of 1990.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Your EPA Regional Pollution Prevention Coordinator. Contact names for each Regional Office are listed under Unit VI. of this preamble.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Approximately \$30 million has been awarded to more than 100 State, Tribal, and regional organizations under EPA's multimedia pollution prevention grant program, since its inception in 1989.

In November 1990, the Pollution Prevention Act of 1990 (the Act) (Pub. L. 101-508) was enacted, establishing as national policy that pollution should be prevented or reduced at the source whenever feasible. Section 6603 of the Act defines source reduction as any practice that:

(1) Reduces the amount of any hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant entering any waste stream or otherwise released into the environment (including fugitive emissions) prior to recycling, treatment, or disposal.

(2) Reduces the hazards to public health and the environment associated with the release of such substances, pollutants, or contaminants.

EPA further defines pollution prevention as the use of other practices that reduce or eliminate the creation of pollutants through increased efficiency in the use of raw materials, energy, water, or other resources, or protection of natural resources, or protection of natural resources by conservation.

Section 6605 of the Act authorizes EPA to make matching grants to States

to promote the use of source reduction techniques by businesses. In evaluating grant applications, the Act directs EPA to consider whether the proposed State program will:

(1) Make technical assistance available to businesses seeking information about source reduction opportunities, including funding for experts to provide onsite technical advice and to assist in the development of source reduction plans.

(2) Target assistance to businesses for which lack of information is an impediment to source reduction.

(3) Provide training in source reduction techniques.

In addition to this grant making authority, the Act authorized EPA to establish a national source reduction clearinghouse and expanded EPA's authorities to collect data to better track source reduction activities. The Act also requires EPA to report periodically to Congress on EPA progress in implementing the Act.

In June 1996, EPA published the *Pollution Prevention Incentives for States Assessment Study*. The study documents the full range of activities funded by the PPIS grant program during its first 5 years. It represents an accounting of how grantees used EPA funds to stimulate and enhance pollution prevention awareness and initiatives throughout the country. For a copy of the report, including the Executive Summary, contact the Pollution Prevention Information Clearinghouse at 202-260-1023.

II. Availability of FY 97 Funds

With this publication, EPA is announcing the availability of approximately \$5 million in grant/cooperative agreement funds for FY 1997. The Agency has delegated grant making authority to the EPA Regional offices. Regional offices are responsible for the solicitation of interest, the screening of proposals, and the actual selection of awards. PPIS grant guidance will be provided to all applicants along with any supplementary information the Regions may wish to provide.

All applicants must address the national program criteria listed under Unit V.2. of this document. In addition, applicants may be required to meet any supplemental Regional criteria. Interested applicants should contact their Regional Pollution Prevention Coordinator for more information.

III. Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance

The number assigned to the PPIS program in the Catalogue of Federal

Domestic Assistance is 66.708 (formerly 66.900).

IV. Matching Requirements

Organizations receiving pollution prevention grant funds are required to match Federal funds by at least 50 percent. For example, the Federal government will provide half of the total allowable cost of the project, and the State will provide the other half. A grant request for \$100,000 would support a total allowable project cost of \$200,000, with the State also providing \$100,000. State contributions may include dollars, in-kind goods and services, and/or third party contributions.

V. Eligibility

1. *Applicants.* In accordance with the Act, eligible applicants for purposes of funding under this grant program include the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession of the United States, any agency or instrumentality of a State including State universities, and all Federally recognized Native American tribes. For convenience, the term "State" in this notice refers to all eligible applicants. Local governments, private universities, private nonprofit entities, private businesses, and individuals are not eligible. The organizations excluded from applying directly are encouraged to work with eligible applicants in developing proposals that include them as participants in the projects. EPA strongly encourages this type of cooperative arrangement.

2. *Activities and criteria.*—(i) *General.* The purpose of the PPIS grant program is to support the establishment and expansion of State, Regional, Tribal, or local multimedia pollution prevention programs. EPA specifically seeks to build State pollution prevention capabilities or to test, at the State level, innovative pollution prevention approaches and methodologies. Funds awarded under the PPIS grant program must be used to support pollution prevention programs that address the transfer of potentially harmful pollutants across all environmental media: air, water, and land. Programs should reflect comprehensive and coordinated pollution prevention planning and implementation efforts State- or Region-wide. State programs might focus on, for example:

a. Developing multimedia pollution prevention activities, including but not limited to: providing direct technical assistance to businesses; collecting and analyzing data to target outreach and technical assistance opportunities;

conducting outreach activities; developing measures to determine progress in pollution prevention; and identifying regulatory and nonregulatory barriers and incentives to pollution prevention and developing plans to implement solutions, where possible.

b. Institutionalizing multimedia pollution prevention as an environmental management priority, establishing prevention goals, developing strategies to meet those goals, and integrating the pollution prevention ethic within both governmental and nongovernmental institutions of the State or region.

c. Initiating demonstration projects that test and support innovative pollution prevention approaches and methodologies including measuring progress.

(ii) *1997 National Criteria.* There is a growing emergence of business assistance organizations established within States to address the vast array of environmental concerns. Consequently, as a means to provide substantive support of pollution prevention, EPA is eager to ensure that the PPIS grants will add to the success and sustainability of State environmental assistance providers and will encourage a cooperative network of coordinated environmental assistance providers. EPA also believes it is important for these assistance organizations to complement the goals and strategies of the State Environmental Performance Agreement (EnPA), Performance Partnership Agreements (PPAs), and Performance Partnership Grants (PPGs) under the National Environmental Performance Partnership System (NEPPS).

EPA through the PPIS grant funds is striving to support the development of a coordinated network of State environmental service providers that seek to leverage the expertise of the various environmental assistance organizations and show an ability to work jointly in an effort to promote pollution prevention in conjunction with the overall environmental performance goals identified by the States through the EnPAs. The application must demonstrate how activities will advance State environmental goals. Applicants must describe how pollution prevention activities will complement (where present) State EnPAs, PPAs, and PPGs developed under NEPPS. EPA encourages all applicants to develop initiatives in priority industry sectors and geographic areas identified by the states.

For applicants from States that are currently not participating in the development of EnPAs, in order to be eligible for PPIS grant funds, the applicant must still clearly identify a partnership with one or more business or environmental assistance provider in the State.

In addition, in 1995 and 1996 the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) funded 27 State environmental planning networks. The purpose of the planning effort is to coordinate activities among NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnerships, pollution prevention programs, compliance centers, and other environmental service delivery organizations in the State. PPIS applications from States that have received funding from NIST for environmental services planning must address how the grant will relate to the NIST-funded environmental planning efforts.

PPIS applications from States that have not been awarded a NIST environmental services planning grant are not required to address this criterion.

Based on the above, EPA has developed the following criteria that must be addressed by all eligible applicants. Proposals that do not address these criteria will not be considered eligible for funding. In the narrative of the grant application, the following three requirements must be addressed:

(1) Identify who the partnering organization(s) is/are and demonstrate or document the relationship. This can be done, for example, through a letter of agreement, a joint statement, or principles of agreement signed by both parties.

(2) Describe how the activities in the grant will support the State's EnPA under NEPPS, where present.

(3) Address how the grant will relate to the NIST-funded environmental coordination planning efforts. (This criterion only applies to those States that have a NIST-funded grant.)

Applicants should consult the PPIS program guidance for more detailed information on the 1997 goals and criteria. Proposals accepted for review under this program must qualify as pollution prevention as defined by EPA.

3. *Program management.* Awards for FY 1997 funds will be managed through the EPA Regional Offices.

4. *Contacts.* Interested applicants are requested to contact the appropriate EPA Regional Pollution Prevention Coordinator listed under Unit VI. of this document to obtain specific instructions and guidance for submitting proposals.

VI. Regional Pollution Prevention Contacts

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Steve Wurtz, US EPA Region 7, 726 Minnesota Ave. Kansas City, KS 66101, (913) 551-7315 (IA, KS, MO, NE)

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Eileen Sheehan, US EPA Region 9 (H-1-B), 75 Hawthorne Ave. San Francisco, CA 94105, (415) 744-2190 (AS, AZ, CA, CNMI, GU, HI, NV, RP)

Carolyn Gangmark, US EPA Region 10, 1200 Sixth Ave. Seattle, WA 98101, (206) 553-4072 (AK, ID, OR, WA)

Dated: December 20, 1996.

William H. Sanders,
Director, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Ocean Freight Forwarder License; Revocations

The Federal Maritime Commission hereby gives notice that the following freight forwarder licenses have been revoked pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C. app. 1718) and the regulations of the Commission pertaining to the licensing of ocean freight forwarders, effective on the corresponding revocation dates shown below:

License Number: 3400.

Name: European & General Shipping, Inc.

Address: 8300 N.W. 53rd Street, Suite 308, Miami, FL 33166.

Date Revoked: December 2, 1996.

Reason: Failed to maintain a valid surety bond.

License Number: 309.

Name: Frederick Richards, Inc.

Address: 321 East Bay Street, Charleston, SC 29402.

Date Revoked: November 27, 1996.

Reason: Surrendered license voluntarily.

Bryant L. VanBrakle,

Director, Bureau of Tariffs, Certification and Licensing.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of Banks or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the notices have been accepted for processing, they will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than January 16, 1997.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Kenneth R. Binning, Director, Bank Holding Company) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105:

1. *Robert M. and Jeannine N. Daugherty*, Park City, Utah, and W. James Tozer, Jr., New York, New York, to each acquire a total of 1.87 percent; Pei-Yuan Chia, Bedford, New York, David and Constance Clapp, New York, New York, Solitude Partners, L.P., Solitude, Utah, Thomas S. Johnson, New York, New York, 333 Corporation, New York, New York, Robert and Gayle Larsen, Park City, Utah, Joseph Mahoney, Park City, Utah, John B. Prince, Salt Lake City, Utah, John M. Robertson, Salt Lake City, Utah, Michelle E. Proctor, Salt Lake City, Utah, Garth Blake Robinson, Centerville,