

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2685-005]

New York Power Authority; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

July 10, 1998.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order 486, 52 FR 47897), the Commission's Office of Hydropower Licensing reviewed a flood erosion control plan for the Blenheim-Gilboa Project, No. 2685-005. The Blenheim-Gilboa Project is on Schoharie Creek in Schoharie County, New York. An Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared for the flood erosion control plan. The EA finds that approving the plan would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the EA can be viewed in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Comments should be addressed to David P. Boegers, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. Please affix Project No. 2685-005 to all comments. For further information, please contact the project manager, Ms. Monica Maynard, at (202) 219-2652.

David P. Boegers,*Acting Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 1025-020 Pennsylvania]

Safe Harbor Water Power Corporation; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

July 10, 1998.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Commission's Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed

the application for license amendment for the Safe Harbor Hydroelectric Project, No. 10255-020. The Safe Harbor Project is located on the Susquehanna River in York and Lancaster Counties, Pennsylvania. The licensee is proposing to raise the normal maximum forebay elevation by 0.8 ft., from Elevation 227.2 ft. to Elevation 228.0 ft. Raising the forebay elevation can be completed operationally, and would not require any modifications to project structures. A Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) was prepared, and the DEA finds that approving the amendment application would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the DEA are available for review in the Commission's Reference and Information Center, Room 2A, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Please submit any comments within 30 days from the date of this notice. Any comments, conclusions, or recommendations that draw upon studies, reports, or other working papers of substance should be supported by appropriate documentation.

Comments should be addressed to David P. Boegers, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. Please affix Project No. 6375-006 to all comments. For further information, please contact Ms. Hillary Berlin, at (202) 219-0038.

David P. Boegers,*Acting Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket Nos. RP98-61-000 and RP98-226-000]

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Technical Conference

July 10, 1998.

In the Commission's order issued on June 19, 1998, in the above-captioned proceeding, 83 FERC ¶ 61,301 (1998), the Commission ordered that a technical conference be convened to resolve issues raised by the filing. The conference to address the issues has been scheduled for July 29, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy

Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

David P. Boegers,*Acting Secretary.*

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6124-8]

Access to Confidential Business Information By Booz-Allen, & Hamilton, Inc.**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA is authorizing Booz-Allen, & Hamilton, Inc. to participate in reviews of selected Superfund cost recovery documentation and records management. During the review, the contractor will have access to information which has been submitted to EPA under section 104 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). Some of this information may be claimed or determined to be Confidential Business Information (CBI).

DATES: The contractor (Booz-Allen, & Hamilton, Inc.) will have access to this data until July 23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver, written comments to Veronica Kuczynski, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of the Comptroller (3PM30), 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Veronica Kuczynski, Office of the Comptroller, (3PM30), 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103, Telephone (215) 814-5169.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under Contract 68-W4-0010, Work Assignment #ESS026, Booz-Allen, & Hamilton, Inc. will be conducting an on-site review of the procedures and systems currently in place for compliance with Superfund cost recovery and record keeping requirements in the State of Virginia. This review involves conducting transaction testing to evaluate recipient conformance with applicable regulations and acceptable business practices and documenting findings. The contractor will examine transactions for the following:

(1) Expenditures Review: expenditure documentation such as expense reports, timesheets, and purchase requests from the point of origination to the point of payment

to determine compliance with such requirements as site-specific accounting data, authorizing signature and reconciliation of timesheets to expense reports.

(2) Financial Reports: review financial drawdowns, Financial Status Reports, and internal status reports, to determine if information is consistent between these documents, if recipient is properly using information, and if the reports are submitted when required.

(3) Record Keeping Procedures: review samples of Superfund documentation to determine the effectiveness of the recipient procedures to manage and reconcile this documentation (focusing on site-specific documentation, retention schedules, and the ability of the recipient to provide EPA with required financial documentation for cost recovery purposes in the specified time frame).

In providing this support, Booz-Allen, & Hamilton, Inc., employees may have access to recipient documents which potentially include financial documents submitted under section 104 of CERCLA, some of which may contain information claimed or determined to be CBI.

Pursuant to EPA regulations at 40 CFR part 2, subpart B, EPA has determined that Booz-Allen, & Hamilton, Inc., requires access to CBI to provide the support and services required under the Delivery Order. These regulations provide for five working days notification before contractors are given access to CBI.

Booz-Allen, & Hamilton, Inc. will be required by contract to protect confidential information. These documents are maintained in recipient office and file space.

Dated: July 7, 1998.

Thomas Voltaggio,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6124-9]

Investigator-Initiated Grants: Request for Applications

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of request for applications.

SUMMARY: This document provides information on the availability of fiscal years 1998 and 1999 investigator-initiated grants program announcements, in which the areas of research interest, eligibility and submission requirements, evaluation criteria, and implementation schedules

are set forth. Grants will be competitively awarded following peer review.

DATES: Receipt dates vary depending on the specific research area within the solicitation and are listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Center for Environmental Research and Quality Assurance (8703R), 401 M Street, SW, Washington DC 20460, telephone (800) 490-9194. The complete announcement can be accessed on the Internet from the EPA home page: <http://www.epa.gov/ncerqa> under "announcements."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In its Requests for Applications (RFA) the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites research grant applications in the following areas of special interest to its mission: (1) Futures: Detecting the Early Signals; (2) Airborne Particulate Matter Centers; (3) Endocrine Disruptors (in cooperation with the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Department of the Interior, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Office of Science and Technology Policy); and (4) Children's Vulnerability to Toxic Substances in the Environment. Applications must be received as follows: August 31, 1998, for topic (1); October 28, 1998, for topic (2); September 16, 1998, for topic (3); and September 30, 1998, for topic (4).

The RFAs provide relevant background information, summarize EPA's interest in the topic areas, and describe the application and review process.

Contact persons for the Futures RFA are Roger Cortesi

(cortesi.roger@epamail.epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6852, and Robert Menzer

(menzer.robert@epamail.epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6849. Contact person for the Airborne Particulate Matter Centers RFA is Deran Pashayan (pashayan.deran@epamail.epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6913. Contact persons for the Endocrine Disruptors RFA are EPA: David Reese

(reese.david@epamail.epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6919, and Robert Menzer; NIEHS: Gwen Collman (collman@niehs.nih.gov), telephone 919-541-4980, and Jerry Heindel (heindel_j@niehs.nih.gov), telephone 919-541-0781; DOI: Michael Mac (michael_mac@usgs.gov), telephone 703-648-4073; and NOAA: Teri Rowles (teri.rowles@noaa.gov), telephone 301-713-2322. Contact person for the Children's Vulnerability RFA is Chris

Saint (saint.chris@epamail.epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6909.

Dated: June 30, 1998.

Deborah Y. Dietrich,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Research and Development.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6125-2]

Announcement of a Joint Application Design Meeting on the Development of Public Access Component of the National Contaminant Occurrence Database

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Announcement of a Joint Application Design (JAD) meeting on the development of public access component of the National Contaminant Occurrence Database (NCOD).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has scheduled a two-day public meeting on EPA's development of public access component of the NCOD. The focus of this meeting will be to capture the design and user interface requirements of NCOD users in the public arena. The meeting will be open to any interested parties. EPA encourages the full participation of stakeholders throughout this process. Of particular interest for this meeting are potential NCOD users from educational institutions, state and local governments, the general public, and anyone that does not have access to the EPA Local Area Network (LAN). Providing the information within the NCOD to the public in a readily accessible format is required by the 1996 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA).

DATES: The stakeholder meeting on the Joint Application Design of the public access component of the NCOD will be held on August 17-18, 1998, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: U.S. EPA Washington Information Center (WIC), 400 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20460, Conference Room WIC 4 South.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information about the meeting, please contact Ms. Valerie Love-Smith, U.S. EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Mail Code 4606, 400 M Street SW, Washington, DC 2046, (202) 260-5596.

For other information on National Contaminant Occurrence Database,