

g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. Section 791(a)-825(r).

h. Applicant Contact: Ms. Susan Saunders, Manager, Environmental Health and Safety Operations, 4400 Alafaya Trail, Orlando, Florida 32826-2399, (407) 281-5065.

i. FERC Contact: Dave Cagnon, (202) 219-2693.

j. Comment Date: November 9, 1998.

k. Description of Application:

Westinghouse Electric Corporation (WEC), co-licensee with Lovejoy Tool Company for the referenced project is applying to transfer its interest in the license to Siemens Westinghouse Technical Services, Inc. WEC divested its power generation business unit and sold it to Siemens Corporation, which established Siemens Westinghouse Technical Services, Inc. Lovejoy Tool Company will remain as co-licensee.

1. The notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.

B. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

C1. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS",

"RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D2. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time

specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6170-9]

Federal Information Processing Publications (FIPs) Waiver

ACTION: Notice of FIPS waiver.

SUMMARY: The Chief Information Officer for the Environmental Protection Agency has granted a waiver to the Agency to use the cryptographical features provided in Travel Manager Plus in lieu of the Secure Hashing Standard (FIPS PUB 180-1), Digital Signature Standard (FIPS PUB 186), and Data Encryption Standard (FIPS PUB 46-2). This waiver is pursuant to section 111 (d) (3) of the Federal Property and Services Act of 1949, as amended.

DATES: The waiver takes effect upon authorization and will expire January 1, 2001. If the vendor incorporates Federal standards into the core product prior to January 1, 2001, EPA will end the waiver early at that time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Day, Office of Information Resources Management, 401 M Street S.W. (3401), Washington, D.C. 20460, 202-260-4465.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Federal Information Processing Standards publications (FIPS PUBS) for the Secure Hashing Standard (FIPS PUB 180-1), Digital Signature Standard (FIPS PUB 186), and the Data Encryption Standard (FIPS PUB 46-2) establish standards for generating digital signatures (which can be used to verify authenticity) and for the encryption of sensitive information transmitted and stored electronically. These FIPS publications also allow Federal agencies to waive them under certain circumstances:

A waiver may be granted if compliance with a standard would adversely affect the accomplishment of the mission of an operator of a Federal computer system; or compliance with a standard would cause a major financial impact on the operator which is not offset by Government-wide savings.

The Chief Information Officer for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has granted a waiver of FIPS PUBS

180-1, 186, and 46-2 to enable EPA to use the built-in cryptographical features of the product Travel Manager. The installed version of Travel Manager Plus, currently used by EPA, does not employ FIPS standard cryptography.

EPA determined that the cryptographic protection embedded in Travel Manager Plus provides an appropriate level of security to protect the unclassified information used, communicated, and stored by EPA. Upon reviewing Travel Manager Plus' cryptographic capabilities, Agency personnel have concluded that if properly implemented, Travel Manager Plus provides a full range of security functionality that satisfies Agency requirements.

The additional costs required to purchase and maintain FIPS-compliant products that provide equivalent security functionality as that provided by non-standard, but commercially acceptable cryptography found in Travel Manager Plus is a significant factor underlying the granting of this waiver. The acquisition costs for either software-or hardware-based products that implement existing Federal cryptographic standards are unnecessary. By using the cryptography embedded in Travel Manager Plus, EPA is able to avoid unnecessary costs, while utilizing security functionality widely used throughout the Federal government.

In accordance with FIPS requirements, notice of this waiver has been sent to the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate.

Dated: September 17, 1998.

John Sandy,

Acting Assistant Administrator and Chief Information Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6171-1]

Implementation Order to Streamline Small Grants

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency is issuing an Implementation Order to Streamline Small Grants. The purpose of the order is to simplify and

improve the administration of Small Grants. The Agency has determined that small grant recipients should not be subject to the same administrative requirements and procedures as larger grant recipients. The Small Grants Order does not change EPA's regulatory or statutory requirements. This policy will allow the Agency more time to focus on technical assistance to grantees and promoting partnerships.

DATES: The Order becomes effective October 1, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Yancey, Grants Administration Division, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW (3903R), Washington, DC 20460 (202) 564-5352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Order follows and is available for viewing on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/ogd/>. The Funding Recommendation, Decision and Approval Package identified as an attachment to the policy is not included in this notice since it is used as an internal Agency document only.

Implementation Order to Streamline Small Grants

Classification No. 5700.2

Approval Date 9/1/98

1. *Purpose.* To simplify and improve administration of small grants and cooperative agreements without compromising standards of accountability.

2. *Applicability.* This order applies to all grants and cooperative agreements (hereinafter referred to as "small grants" or "grants") \$100,000 or less in Federal funds; have budget and project periods which are of the same duration; and for which the total amount of Federal grant funds is obligated at the time of award. This order does not apply to the following: Performance Partnership grants; Fellowship grants; loans; Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program Cooperative Agreements; Environmental Program Grants to State, Interstate and Local agencies; Construction Grants; Superfund Cooperative Agreements awarded under 40 CFR Part 35, Subpart O; and the State Revolving Fund Program Capitalization Grants.

This order does not relieve recipients from complying with any statute or regulation. The order clarifies situations when a more flexible approach can be used if a grant award is \$100,000 or less. EPA considers submission of an application by a small grant recipient as the applicant's assurance that it will meet the following criteria: (1) a satisfactory performance record for completion of projects and

subagreements; (2) sound fiscal management including accounting and auditing procedures adequate to control property, funds, and assets; and (3) technical qualifications, experience, organization, and facilities adequate to carry out the project, or a demonstrated ability to obtain these.

Agency officials must comply with this order unless the applicant/recipient is a high risk grantee under 40 CFR 31.12 or is subject to special award conditions under 40 CFR 30.14.

3. *Effective date.* This policy is effective for all new grants awarded on or after October 1, 1998.

4. *Background.* The number of EPA grant programs has increased five-fold over the past ten years with a dramatic increase in grant awards of \$100,000 or less on average. These small awards account for about 50% of new project grant awards, but less than 5% of the respective assistance dollars awarded.

Current practice subjects all grant awards regardless of the dollar amount to the same administrative requirements and procedures. This order reduces the administrative burden for both the EPA and the applicant/recipient while maintaining sufficient accountability. Its intent is to increase customer satisfaction and to focus EPA's limited resources on larger dollar grant programs.

5. Definitions.

a. *Advance Payment.* A payment made by Treasury check or other appropriate payment mechanism to a recipient either before outlays are made by the recipient or through the use of pre-determined payment schedules.

b. *Approval Official.* An EPA official delegated the authority to approve or reject applications for assistance and the technical/programmatic terms and conditions of proposed assistance projects.

c. *Award Official.* The EPA official with the authority to execute assistance agreements and to take other actions authorized by 40 CFR Chapter I, Subchapter A and by EPA Orders.

d. *Funding Recommendation, Decision and Approval Package.* The EPA Program Office's memorandum containing the decision and justification to fund an assistance proposal. The memorandum is sent to the Grants Management Office (GMO) as part of the assistance funding package. (See attached suggested Model Funding Recommendation, Decision and Approval Package).

e. *Indirect Cost Rate Proposal.* The documentation prepared by an organization to substantiate its claim for the reimbursement of indirect costs.

f. *Supplemental Funding.* Additional funding over and above what was agreed upon in the grant agreement for a given budget period.

6. *Policy.* This order establishes simplified and streamlined policies for small grants. Receipt of a small grant does not relieve the applicant/recipient from compliance with any statute, circular or regulation. In furtherance of this new approach, EPA establishes the following for Small Grants:

a. *Limitation on Number of Application Copies Required for Submission.* Applicants are required to submit only the original application and one copy to EPA unless otherwise required by the regulations.

b. *Abbreviated Workplan and Resume.* The narrative workplan should not exceed five pages in length. The workplan must include: 1) a summary of specific objectives, expected outcomes and deliverables; and 2) a discussion of the budget and how the budget relates to the objectives, outcomes and deliverables in the workplan. Resumes and supplementary biographical information, if any, should not exceed an additional two pages.

c. *Budget.* Applicants are not required to submit supporting budget detail over and beyond the object class categories identified on the applicant's Form 424A (formal budget page). The EPA Program Office should base the reasonableness of the cost of the grant on their evaluation of the workplan, using their technical knowledge and previous experience with similar work. The workplan should stand on its own merit in support of project costs. If the Program Office is unable to make a determination solely on this basis, they should first request additional information on how the workplan supports the budget. However, there may be some circumstances where evaluating the workplan alone is insufficient to make a reasonableness determination. In these situations, the Program Office or Grants Management Office may request additional supporting budget information.

d. *Recipients Without Negotiated Indirect Cost Rates (ICR).* Those applicants requesting reimbursement for indirect costs and who do not have an established indirect cost rate with a Federal agency must prepare an Indirect Cost Rate Proposal but are only required to retain it in their files, subject to audit. The proposal must be based on guidance in the EPA Booklet "Preparing Indirect Cost Proposals for Grants and Contracts" (August 1990).

e. *Projects Must Be Fully Funded By The Program Office.* The EPA Approval Official must fully fund the project at

the time of award. The EPA Award Official must obligate the entire amount of a small grant at the time of award. However, from time-to-time, emergency, unusual or unanticipated circumstances warrant additional funds being added to a grant. Additional funding for unanticipated or unusual circumstances to a small grant is permissible provided the entire grant (original grant + additional funding) does not exceed \$100,000. The intent is to provide flexibility for infrequent and unusual situations. Once the additional funds cause the grant to exceed the \$100,000 threshold, the additional funding segment is not entitled to the Small Grant policy and procedures.

f. Streamlined Funding Recommendation Process. Grants Management Offices should streamline their Funding Recommendation package documenting program approval/funding requests. They may utilize the attached Model Small Grants Funding Recommendation, Decision and Approval Package.

g. Terms and Conditions. For small grant awards, GMOs must keep administrative terms and conditions to a minimum. Specifically, terms and conditions which merely restate statutory or regulatory requirements shall be eliminated. Instead, the GMOs will provide recipients with copies of the relevant regulatory requirements. However, terms and conditions detailing reporting requirements may be included in the assistance agreement at the discretion of the GMO or Program Office.

h. Limitation on Length of Award Document. The GMO will ensure that the EPA award document will, to the maximum extent possible, not exceed four pages in length.

i. Payment Policy.

All Small Grant Recipients. GMOs will work with Program Offices and Servicing Finance Offices to ensure small grant payments are made quickly. To ensure expeditious reimbursement of payment requests, recipients of small grants should submit requests for payment directly to the EPA Servicing Finance Office. Recipients shall be reimbursed for grant-related eligible, allocable, allowable, and reasonable costs up to the amount of the grant which have been incurred and which the recipients are currently and legally obligated to pay. Project Officers and GMOs shall monitor grantee performance and compliance with applicable rules, and when appropriate, may recommend withholding or requiring prior approval of future grant payments.

Small Grants \$5,000 or Less. Recipients of small grants up to and including \$5,000 may request an advance payment of up to eighty (80) percent of the total Federal share of the project by submitting a Request for Advance or Reimbursement (Form SF-270) upon acceptance of the assistance agreement. The remaining twenty (20) percent will be reimbursed to the recipient upon satisfactory completion of the Final Project Report and Final Financial Status Report.

j. Simplified Minority Business Enterprise/Women's Business Enterprise Reporting Requirements. Small Grant recipients awarded assistance agreements under 40 CFR Part 30 (i.e., Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals and other Non-Profit Organizations) will meet MBE/WBE reporting requirements by submitting a MBE/WBE Utilization Form (Standard Form 5700-52A) on an annual basis. The reports are due within one month after the end of the Federal fiscal year. Small Grant recipients awarded assistance agreements under 40 CFR Part 31 (i.e., State and Local Governments) will meet MBE/WBE reporting requirements by submitting a MBE/WBE Utilization Form (Standard Form 5700-52A) on a quarterly basis. The reports are due within one month after the end of each Federal fiscal year quarter.

k. Final Technical or Performance Report. Recipients are not required to submit more than the original and two copies of the final technical or performance report. The report must include actual outcomes based on the objectives identified in the workplan.

l. Pre-award Costs Permitted. Small Grant recipients awarded assistance agreements under 40 CFR Part 30 may incur allowable pre-award costs up to 90 calendar days prior to award without the prior written approval of EPA. However, all pre-award costs are incurred at the recipient's risk (i.e., EPA is under no obligation to reimburse such costs if for any reason the applicant does not receive an award or if the award is less than anticipated and inadequate to cover such costs); and EPA will only allow pre-award costs without prior written approval if there are sufficient programmatic reasons for incurring the expenditures prior to the award (e.g., time constraints, weather factors, etc.), they are in conformance with the appropriate cost principles, and any procurement complies with the requirements of this policy. Further, recipients may be reimbursed for pre-award costs they incur 90 days prior to award provided they include such costs

in the application and the application in its entirety is approved by EPA.

7. Roles and Responsibilities.

In addition to the roles and responsibilities cited in Section 5, "Policy", the following are actions the Grants Management Office, Program Office and recipient are expected to take:

a. Grants Management Office

- (1) Develop and distribute application kits.
- (2) Provide the same level of advice, technical assistance and guidance to potential applicants and small award recipients as they would to any other recipients.
- (3) Ensure application includes all essential information (e.g., assurances, certifications, narrative).
- (4) Ensure that all elements of the application and funding package comply with EPA's legal and regulatory requirements.
- (5) Review application and determine eligibility of EPA assistance recipients to receive indirect costs.
- (6) Determine that the grantee has sound financial management.
- (7) Prepare awards/amendments.
- (8) Monitor the financial and management aspects of awards through reviews of reports, correspondence, site visits, or other appropriate means.
- (9) Ensure timely close out of awards when all project work in the agreement is completed.

b. Program Office

- (1) Ensure applicant's workplan reasonably and clearly explains how the activities will be accomplished, and contains well-defined commitments and outputs that foster accountability.
- (2) Determine that the applicant has technical qualifications to perform the work.
- (3) Review the workplan and budget (along with the GMO) to determine appropriateness and reasonableness of the project, whether they comply with program regulations and guidelines, and identify any deficiencies in the application.
- (4) If the proposal is approved, prepare and forward a funding recommendation, which consists of the following primary documents: (1) Commitment Notice (EPA Form 2550-9), and (2) Decision Documentation (See Model Small Awards Decision Memo) to the appropriate GMO.
- (5) Monitor the recipient's progress on the project.
- (6) Conduct periodic reviews to assure that the recipient is complying with applicable regulations and programmatic terms and conditions of the agreement.

(7) Ensure that any/all deliverables required under the award are received, and are acceptable in a timely manner.

c. Recipient

(1) Expend and account for funds in accordance with the assistance agreement, program regulations and statutes.

(2) Maintain sound fiscal management.

(3) Comply with all applicable reporting requirements, including submitting timely Financial Status Reports, Final Technical Reports, Property Reports and MBE/WBE Reports.

8. Additional References.

a. Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act of 1977 (FGCAA), 31 U.S.C. 6301-6308.

b. 40 CFR Parts 30, 31, 35, 40, 45, and 47.

c. OMB Circular A-110.

d. OMB Circular A-102.

e. OMB Circular A-133.

f. OMB Circular A-87.

g. EPA Assistance Administration (AA) Manual.

h. EPA—Managing Your Financial Assistance Agreement—Project Officer Responsibilities.

i. EPA 96-1 Indirect Cost Policy for Nonprofit Organizations and Educational Institutions.

9. *For Further Information:* For further information regarding this Order, please contact: Chief, Policy, Information and Training Branch, Grants Administration Division on (202) 564-5325.

(Agency Policy)

Dated September 24, 1998.

Gary M. Katz,

Director, Grants Administration Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00554; FRL 6033-1]

Notice of Availability of Pesticide Data Submitters List

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of an updated version of the Pesticide Data Submitters List which supersedes and replaces all previous versions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: John Jamula, Office of Pesticide Programs (7502C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW.,

Washington, DC 20460. Office location for commercial courier delivery, telephone number and e-mail: Rm. 226, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703) 305-6426; e-mail: jamula.john@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The Pesticide Data Submitters List is a compilation of names and addresses of registrants who wish to be notified and offered compensation for use of their data. It was developed to assist pesticide applicants in fulfilling their obligation as required by sections 3(c)(1)(f) and 3(c)(2)(D) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and 40 CFR part 152 subpart E regarding ownership of data used to support registration. This notice announces the availability of an updated version of the Pesticide Data Submitters List which supersedes and replaces all previous versions.

II. Ordering Information

Microfiche copies of the document are available from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) ATTN: Order Desk 5285 Port Royal Road Springfield, VA 22161; Telephone: 1-800-553-6847. When requesting a document from NTIS, please provide its name and NTIS Publication Number (PB). The NTIS Publication for this version of the Pesticide Data Submitters List is PB 98-172570.

III. Electronic Access

The Pesticide Data Submitters List is available on EPA's World Wide Web (WWW) site on the Internet. The Internet address of EPA's web site is www.epa.gov.

To Access the Data Submitters List from the EPA Home Page, select "Databases and Software." From the next page, select "Media Specific."

The Pesticide Data Submitters List may also be found by searching for the keywords "data submitters list" from the EPA Home Page, or may be accessed directly on the EPA web site, by going directly the address listed below. Note that this address is case sensitive. <http://www.epa.gov/oppmsd1/datasubmitterslist/index.html>

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: September 21, 1998.

Linda A. Travers,

Director, Information Resources and Services Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-34129A; FRL 6031-7]

Correction; Notice of Receipt of Requests for Amendments to Delete Uses in Certain Pesticide Registrations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 6(f)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, EPA is issuing an amendment to a notice of receipt of request by registrant to delete uses in certain pesticide registrations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: James A. Hollins, Office of Pesticide Programs (7502C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location for commercial courier delivery, telephone number, and e-mail address: Rm. 216, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, (703) 305-5761; hollins.james@epamail.epa.gov.

Corrections to Intent to Delete Uses

This is an amendment to **Federal Register** dated August 26, 1998 (63 FR 45481) (FRL 6020-3). The EPA Registration (040083-00001, Lindane Technical) listed in referenced **Federal Register** (FR) notice is being republished to correct the deleted sites listed. The deleted sites should read as follows: Almonds, alfalfa, apples, apricots, asparagus, avocados, beans (all types), beets, cantaloupe, carrots, cherries, clover, cotton, cucumbers, cucurbits (all types), eggplant, flax, grapes, guava, lentils, mangoes, melons, mint, mushrooms, nectarines, okra, onions, peaches, peas (all types), pecans, pears, peppers, pineapples, plums, prunes, pumpkins, quinces, rape, safflower, soybeans, squash (all types), strawberries, Sudan grass, sugar beets, summer squash, sunflower, tobacco, tomatoes, and watermelon; livestock, including cattle, goats, horses, sheep, mules, and hogs; cats; ornamentals, trees, and shrubs; turf, lawns, and golf courses; uncultivated areas, fallow or idle agricultural areas, and recreational areas; commercial