

DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Commission Meeting and Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Basin Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 9, 1998. The hearing will be part of the Commission's regular business meeting which is open to the public and scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. in the Goddard Conference Room of the Commission's offices at 25 State Police Drive, West Trenton, New Jersey.

An informal conference among the Commissioners and staff will be held at 10 a.m. at the same location and will include a Corps of Engineers presentation on section 22 proposals as well as discussions of correspondence concerning upper Basin reservoir releases and proposals for interim reorganization and formation of a Watershed Council.

In addition to the subjects summarized below which are scheduled for public hearing at the business meeting, the Commission will also address the following: Minutes of the October 7, 1998 business meeting; announcements; report on Basin hydrologic conditions; reports by the Executive Director and General Counsel; consideration of resolutions concerning interim DRBC reorganization, establishment of a Water Management Advisory Committee, contract with the Northeast/Midwest Institute, interstate river basin commissions' role in Clean Water Action Plan and public dialogue.

The subjects of the hearing will be as follows:

Current Expense and Capital Budgets. A proposed current expense budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, in the aggregate amount of \$4,106,600 and a capital budget reflecting revenues of \$2,508,748 and expenditures of \$2,331,242. Copies of the current expense and capital budgets are available from the Commission on request by contacting Richard C. Gore at (609) 883-9500 ext. 201.

Applications for Approval of the Following Projects Pursuant to Article 10.3, Article 11 and/or Section 3.8 of the Compact:

1. *Summit Hill Water Authority D-84-3 CP RENEWAL* 2. An application for the renewal of a ground water withdrawal project to supply up to 13.8 million gallons (mg)/30 days of water to the applicant's distribution system from Well Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4. Commission approval on December 14, 1988 was limited to 10 years and will expire unless renewed. The applicant requests

that the total withdrawal from all wells remain limited to 13.8 mg/30 days. The project is located in Summit Hill Borough, Carbon County, Pennsylvania.

2. *New Jersey-American Water Company D-90-108 CP Revised.* An application to revise an existing docket by the addition of Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Well No. 66 to recharge treated drinking water from the applicant's distribution system into the Middle PRM Aquifer during periods of low water demand. The stored high-quality water will be withdrawn and discharged to the distribution system during periods of high demand with no net withdrawal from the aquifer. The proposed ASR project will not increase monthly or annual allocation of ground water. The project is located in Cherry Hill Township, Camden County, New Jersey.

3. *West Goshen Sewer Authority D-98-20 CP.* A project to upgrade and expand the applicant's existing 4.5 million gallons per day (mgd) sewage treatment plant (STP) to 6.0 mgd to continue serving portions of East Goshen and West Goshen Townships, Chester County, Pennsylvania. The STP is located off South Concord Road in West Goshen Township and will continue to discharge to Chester Creek (locally known as Goose Creek).

4. *Womelsdorf-Robeson Joint Authority D-98-23 CP.* An application for approval of a ground water withdrawal project to supply up to 8.1 mg/30 days of water to the applicant's distribution system from new Well No. 9, and to retain the existing withdrawal limit from all wells at 23 mg/30 days. The project is located in Millcreek Township, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania.

A Proposal to Adopt the 1999 Water Resources Program. A proposal that the 1998 Water Resources Program and the activities, programs, initiatives, concerns, projections and proposals identified and set forth therein be extended and adopted as the 1999 Water Resources Program and that a staff report of progress during 1998 in completing elements of the program and policies in the 1998 Water Resources program be made a part thereof, in accordance with the requirements of Section 13.2 of the Delaware River Basin Compact.

Documents relating to these items may be examined at the Commission's offices. Preliminary dockets are available in single copies upon request. Please contact Thomas L. Brand at (609) 883-9500 ext. 221 concerning docket-related questions. Persons wishing to testify at this hearing are requested to

register with the Secretary at (609) 883-9500 ext. 203 prior to the hearing.

Dated: November 23, 1998.

Susan M. Weisman,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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State and Tribal Environmental Justice Grants Program Request for Applications Guidance FY 1999; Purpose of Notice

The purpose of this notice is to solicit applications from eligible candidates under the State and Tribal Environmental Justice (STEJ) Grants Program, sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Justice.

For FY 1998, EPA awarded five STEJ grants totaling \$500,000 to (4) states and (1) tribe. A list of the recipients and their project descriptions are provided in Appendix F.

For FY 1999, EPA expects to once again award a total of \$500,000 to states and tribes to demonstrate how to effectively address environmental justice issues and comply with Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. A maximum of \$100,000 will be awarded to each recipient, contingent upon the availability of funds. A total of five grants are expected to be awarded. The standard project and budget periods are for one year. The grantee can request that the project and budget periods be extended up to three years, with the total budget of \$100,000 provided during the first year. This guidance outlines the purpose, authorities, eligibility, and general procedures for application and award of the FY 1999 STEJ Grants.

The application must be postmarked no later than Friday, February 26, 1999.

Grants Program Overview

The State and Tribal Environmental Justice (STEJ) Grants Program was created to provide financial assistance to state and tribal environmental departments that are working to address environmental justice issues. With the increased interest in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, EPA is seeking, through this assistance program, to support individual state's and tribe's efforts to effectively comply with Title VI in their environmental programs and/

or establish an environmental justice program.

A. Program Goals

The STEJ Grants Program is intended to assist states and tribes in ultimately achieving the following environmental justice goals and objectives:

- Enhance the state or tribal government's effectiveness in complying with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- Reduce or prevent disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on low-income communities and/or minority communities.
- Integrate environmental justice goals into a state's or tribe's policies, programs, and activities.
- Provide financial and technical resources to develop an enabling infrastructure at the state/local community level and tribal/tribal community level.
- Set up model programs to address enforcement and compliance issues in affected environmental justice (EJ) communities.
- Integrate measurable EJ goals within the annual Performance Partnership Agreements (PPAs) and Memorandums of Understandings (MOUs) between a state and EPA, or integrate measurable EJ goals within the Tribal Environmental Agreements (TEAs).
- Improve public participation in the decision-making processes (e.g. permitting processes, development of regulations and policies)

B. Background on Environmental Justice

EPA considers Environmental Justice to be the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, culture, or income with respect to the development, implementation, enforcement and compliance of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. Fair treatment means that no groups of people, including racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic groups, should bear a disproportionate share of negative environmental consequences resulting from industrial, municipal, and commercial operations or the execution of federal, state, local and tribal programs and policies.

On February 11, 1994, President Clinton issued Executive Order (EO) 12898, "Federal Actions To Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations" (Appendix A). Environmental Justice focuses attention on the need to ensure environmental protection for all, and to empower those most often disenfranchised from the

decision-making process, the low-income and/or minority communities.

C. Background on Title VI

Title VI states:

No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

The Presidential memorandum accompanying EO 12898 directs Federal agencies to ensure compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of Title VI for all Federally-funded programs and activities that affect human health or the environment.

Title VI itself prohibits intentional discrimination. The Supreme Court has ruled, however, that Title VI authorizes Federal agencies, including EPA, to adopt implementing regulations that prohibit discriminatory effects. Frequently, discrimination results from policies and practices that are neutral on their face, but have the effect of discriminating. Facially-neutral policies or practices that result in discriminatory effects violate EPA's Title VI regulations unless it is shown that they are justified and that there is no less discriminatory alternative. (See Appendix B for additional information on Title VI).

Eligible Applicants and Activities

D. Who May Submit An Application?

Any state or tribal agency that manages, or is eligible to manage, an EPA program, which has an expressed interest in working with community-based grassroots organizations and other environmental justice stakeholders to address environmental justice concerns in communities. EPA requests that only one application be submitted from each state or tribe interested in receiving assistance. The project can be a partnership involving more than one state department, or if from a tribe, more than one tribal department. The project may also involve a consortium of state or tribal governments. The degree of support provided by top government officials from either the state or tribe will be an important factor in the selection process.

E. May an Individual or Organization Apply?

No. Only a state or federally-recognized tribal government may apply. However, the applying states or tribes should work with community-based grassroots organizations when developing their proposals. Preference may be given to the states or tribes who involve community-based grassroots

organizations in the development of their proposals.

F. What Types of Projects are Eligible for Funding?

Funds are to be used for activities authorized by the appropriate statutory provisions listed in paragraph G below, to accomplish one or both of the following:

1. The development or enhancement of a program to work directly with communities to improve the state's or tribe's compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in the development and implementation of environmental programs.

Example 1: Create a review team to analyze the state's or tribe's future conduct or action to help ensure its environmental programs have no discriminatory environmental or human health effects based on race, color, or national origin.

Example 2: Demonstrate how to establish an appropriate enforcement program for disproportionately affected communities; and create meaningful community participation opportunities throughout enforcement & compliance activities [e.g. from the time of initial Notice of Violations to final agency enforcement decisions.]

2. The development of a model state or tribal environmental justice executive order, strategic plan, and/or conduct studies, analyses, and training in the development of a state or tribal environmental justice program.

Preferences

Preference may be given to the states or tribes which have not received a STEJ grant in the past and which include the following in their application:

- (1) A description of how environmental justice/community-based grassroots organizations were involved in the development of the proposal, and
- (2) Identification of the matching or cost sharing funds to be provided by the state or tribe for the project.

G. What are the Statutory Authorities for the Grants?

The State and Tribal Environmental Justice Grants are for multimedia environmental justice activities. For this reason, each project must include activities which are authorized by two or more of the following environmental statutes.

a. Clean Water Act, Section 104(b)(3): conduct and promote the coordination of research, investigations, experiments, training, demonstration, surveys, and studies relating to the causes, extent, prevention, reduction, and elimination of water pollution.

b. Safe Drinking Water Act, Sections 1442(c)(3): develop, expand, or carry out a program (that may combine training,

education, and employment) for occupations relating to the public health aspects of providing safe drinking water.

c. Solid Waste Disposal Act, Section 8001(a): conduct and promote the coordination of research, investigations, experiments, training, demonstrations, surveys, public education programs, and studies relating to solid waste management and hazardous waste management.

d. Clean Air Act, Section 103(b)(3): conduct and promote the coordination and acceleration of research, investigations, experiments, demonstrations, surveys, and studies related to the causes, effects (including health and welfare effects), extent, prevention, and control of air pollution.

e. Toxic Substances Control Act, Section 10(a): conduct research, development, and monitoring activities on toxic substances.

f. Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, Section 20(A): conduct research on pesticides.

g. Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, Section 311(c): conduct research related to the detection, assessment, and evaluation of the effects on, and risks to, human health from hazardous substances.

h. Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act, Section 203: conduct research, investigations, experiments, training, demonstrations, surveys, and studies relating to the minimizing or ending of ocean dumping of hazardous materials and the development of alternatives to ocean dumping.

H. What Regulations Apply to these Grants?

The STEJ Grants will be governed by 40 CFR Part 31, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State, Local, and Tribal Governments, and OMB Circular A-87. Note, in particular, that there are restrictions on the use of grant funds for lobbying and that grant funds may not be used for intervention in federal regulatory or adjudicatory proceedings.

Funding

I. Are Matching Funds Required?

Matching funds are not required, but are encouraged. EPA may give preference to those states or tribes which provide matching funds, since this would demonstrate a greater commitment.

Application Requirements

J. What is Required for Applications?

In order to be considered for funding under this program, proposals must have the following:

1. Application for Federal Assistance (SF 424) the official form required for all federal grants that requests basic information about the grantee and the proposed project. The applicant must submit the original application, and one additional copy, signed by a person duly authorized.

2. Federal Standard Form (SF 424A) and budget detail, which reflects the total budget for the entire duration of the project. Budget figures/projections should support your work plan/narrative. The EPA portion of these grants will not exceed \$100,000, therefore your budget should reflect this upper limit on federal funds.

3. Signed "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters" form, and "Certification Regarding Lobbying" form, which can be found in Appendix C.

4. Narrative/work plan of the proposal. A narrative/work plan describes the applicant's proposed project. The pages of the work plan must be letter size 8 1/2" x 11", with normal type size (12 cpi), and at least 1" margins. The narrative/work plan should be no more than five pages.

The narrative/work plan must describe:

a. whether one or both of the Eligible Projects, as defined in Section F, are being proposed,

b. how the proposed project will meet the Program goals, as described in Section A,

c. how the project addresses issues related to at least two of the environmental statutes listed in Section G, and

d. discuss how the project will be evaluated, what will be the measures of success, and describe how the project/program will be sustained.

5. A letter of commitment from the department head or government head (e.g., governor, president, chairperson, chief).

6. State and Tribal applicants should establish working relationships with local community-based organizations in developing their proposals. (*) A list of the organizations who participated in the development of the grant proposal, along with contact names and numbers, is required. (*) Many community-based organizations across the nation have already begun implementing environmental justice programs at the local level, which states and tribes may

want to use as examples to help build their environmental justice programs. By asking those who are most impacted by environmental injustices to participate in building the state's or tribe's environmental justice program, the states and tribes will be more likely to obtain broad support for the concept and the partnership it reflects.

K. When and Where Must Applications Be Submitted?

The applicant must submit one signed original application with the required attachments and one additional copy to the primary contact of the appropriate EPA regional office (see page 8 and Appendix D). The application must be postmarked no later than Friday, February 26, 1999.

Process for Awarding Grants

Proposals are to be developed by states or tribes (EPA encourages the involvement of community-based/grassroots organizations) and submitted to their respective EPA Regional Offices. The initial review will be conducted by each Region through a Regional panel, which will select the top proposals for submission to EPA Headquarters, for final review and selection. The grants will be processed for award and managed by the Regions. The plan is to fund the five best State and/or Tribal Environmental Justice project proposals.

Note: Among the proposals receiving the highest rating, EPA may take into account the geographic location and diversity of the proposed projects when making final selections.

STEJ Grant Program Schedule

Dec. 11—February 26: States and Tribes Develop Proposals and Submit to EPA Regions.

March 1—April 9: EPA Regions Review Proposals and Provide Recommendations to Headquarters.

April 12—May 14: OEJ Headquarters Convenes Review Panel and Receives Recommendations.

May 17—June 4: Headquarters Completes Selections and Submits Final Selections to EPA Regional Offices.

June 7—Aug. 9: EPA Regional Grants Management Offices Process Applications and Award Grants.

September 1: National and Regional Announcements of Awards.

Reporting

State and Tribal agencies that are awarded the State and Tribal Environmental Justice (STEJ) grants will be required to submit semi-annual reports, in accordance with 40 CFR 31.40 and 31.41, to the appropriate Regional Environmental Justice

Coordinator and Project Officer. Reports will include, but not be limited to, information on:

- Funds expended.
- Tasks accomplished.
- Issues/problems encountered and method of resolution.
- Results achieved.

A final summary report is required by 40 CFR section 31.40(b) at the end of the project period. This final report should include a discussion on the continuation and institutionalization of the state's and/or tribe's efforts to comply with Title VI and/or provide for environmental justice.

* * * If you have any questions regarding the interpretation of this guidance, please call your regional contact listed below, or Daniel Gogal, STEJ Grants Manager, Office of Environmental Justice, at (202) 564-2576 or 1-800-962-6215. * * *

EPA Regional STEJ Contact Names and Addresses

Region I: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont.

Primary Contact: Ronnie Harrington (617) 918-1703, USEPA Region 1, One Congress Street, Suite 1100 (SAA), Boston, MA 02114.

Secondary Contact: Pat O'Leary (617) 918-1978.

Region II: New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands.

Primary Contact: Melva Hayden (212) 637-5027, USEPA Region II, 290 Broadway, 26th Floor, New York, NY 10007.

Secondary Contact: Doug Roberts (212) 637-3408.

Region III: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia.

Primary Contact: Reginald Harris (215) 814-2988, USEPA Region III (3DA00), 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

Secondary Contact: Mary Zielinski (215) 814-5415.

Region IV: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee.

Primary Contact: Gloria Love (404) 562-9672, USEPA Region IV, 61 Forsyth Street, Atlanta, GA 30303.

Secondary Contact: Connie Raines (404) 562-9671.

Region V: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin.

Primary Contact: Ethel Crisp (312) 353-1442, USEPA Region V, 77 West Jackson Boulevard (DM-7J), Chicago, IL 60604-3507.

Secondary Contact: Karla Johnson (312) 886-5993.

Region VI: Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas.

Primary Contact: Shirley Augurson (214) 665-7401, USEPA Region VI (6E-N), 1445 Ross Avenue, 12th Floor, Dallas, TX 75202-2733.

Secondary Contact: Teresa Cooke (214) 665-8145.

Region VII: Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska.

Primary Contact: Althea Moses (913) 551-7649 or 1-800-223-0425, USEPA Region VII, 726 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66101.

Secondary Contact: Kim Olson (913) 551-7539.

Region VIII: Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming.

Primary Contact: Marcella Devargas (303) 312-6161, USEPA Region VIII (8ENF-EJ), 999 18th Street, Suite 500, Denver, CO 80202-2466.

Secondary Contact: Elisabeth Evans (303) 312-6053.

Region IX: Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, American Samoa, Guam.

Primary Contact: Katy Wilcoxon (415) 744-1117, USEPA Region IX (CMD-6), 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105.

Secondary Contact: Willard Chin (415) 744-1204.

Region X: Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington.

Primary Contact: Susan Morales (206) 553-8580, USEPA Region X (OI-085), 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101.

Secondary Contact: Joyce Kelly (206) 553-4029.

Note: To obtain copies of the appendices referenced in this document, please contact the individuals identified above for a complete application.

Dated: November 24, 1998.

Robert J. Knox,

Associate Director, Office of Environmental Justice.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-30464; FRL-6046-6]

American Cyanamid Company; Applications to Register Pesticide Products

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt of applications to register pesticide products containing new active ingredients not included in any previously registered products pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(4) of the

Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted by January 4, 1999.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments identified by the document control number [OPP-30464] and the file symbols to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments to: Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall 2 (CM #2), 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Follow the instructions under "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION." No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this notice may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. The public docket is available for public inspection in Rm. 119 at the Virginia address given above, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Ann Sibold, Product Manager (PM-10), Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: Rm. 212, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202, (703) 305-6502, e-mail: sibold.ann@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA received applications as follows to register pesticide products containing active ingredients not included in any previously registered products pursuant to the provision of section 3(c)(4) of FIFRA. Notice of receipt of these applications does not imply a decision by the Agency on the applications.

I. Products Containing Active Ingredients Not Included In Any Previously Registered Products

1. File Symbol: 241-GAA. Applicant: American Cyanamid Company, Agricultural Research Division, P.O. Box 400, Princeton, NJ 08543-0400.