

The Board members are selected to assure well-balanced representation in areas relating to energy policy, renewable energy, environmental science, economics, business expertise and broad public policy interests. Membership of the Board will continue to be determined in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and implementing regulations.

The renewal of the Board has been determined to be in the public interest, important and vital to the conduct of the Department's business. The Board will operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the General Services Administration Final Rule on Federal Advisory Committee Management, and other directives and instructions issued in implementation of those acts.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Rachel M. Samuel, U.S. Department of Energy, ME-75, FORS, Washington, DC 20585, telephone: (202) 586-3279.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 10, 2004.

James N. Solit,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

National Energy Technology Laboratory; Notice of Availability of a Funding Opportunity Announcement

AGENCY: National Energy Technology Laboratory, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of availability of a Funding Opportunity Announcement.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the intent to issue Funding Opportunity Announcement No. DE-PS26-04NT42066 entitled "Epidemiology and Toxicology of Primary and Secondary Particulate Matter Emissions from Coal-Fired Power Plants." The DOE/NETL is seeking applications to conduct research that will provide greater insight into the human health effects that may result from inhaling primary or secondary fine particulate matter (PM2.5) from coal-fired electric power generating facilities.

DATES: The funding opportunity announcement will be available on the "Industry Interactive Procurement System" (IIPS) webpage located at <http://e-center.doe.gov> on or about February 13, 2004. Applicants can obtain access to the funding opportunity announcement from the address above

or through DOE/NETL's Web site at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business>.

ADDRESSES: Questions and comments regarding the content of the announcement should be submitted through the "Submit Question" feature of IIPS at <http://e-center.doe.gov>. Locate the announcement on IIPS and then click on the "Submit Question" button. You will receive an electronic notification that your question has been answered. Responses to questions may be viewed through the "View Questions" feature. If no questions have been answered, a statement to that effect will appear. You should periodically check "View Questions" for new questions and answers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larry D. Gillham, MS 921-107, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, P.O. Box 10940, 626 Cochran Mill Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236-0940, E-mail Address: Gillham@NETL.DOE.GOV, Telephone Number: 412-386-5817.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Through this solicitation, NETL seeks applications in the following two (2) separate (*i.e.*, stand alone) Areas of Interest:

(1) Design and Feasibility Assessment of a Retrospective Epidemiology Study of Fine Particulate Matter (PM2.5) and its Components in Metropolitan Pittsburgh, PA.

(2) Toxicological Assessment of Coal Plant PM Emissions Under Realistic Exposure Scenarios.

Applicants must select and target only one (1) Area of Interest per application. DOE anticipates the award of one cost-sharing cooperative agreement for Area of Interest 1 and approximately 2 to 5 cost-sharing cooperative agreements under Area of Interest 2. Approximately \$4.8 to \$7.5 million of DOE funding is expected to be available for new awards under this announcement. A minimum of 20% cost share will be required for each award made under this announcement. Once released, the funding opportunity announcement will be available for downloading from the IIPS Internet page. At this Internet site you will also be able to register with IIPS, enabling you to submit an application. If you need technical assistance in registering or for any other IIPS function, call the IIPS Help Desk at (800) 683-0751 or e-mail the Help Desk personnel at IIPS_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov. The funding opportunity announcement will only be made available in IIPS, no hard (paper) copies of the funding opportunity announcement and related documents will be made available. Telephone

requests, written requests, e-mail requests, or facsimile requests for a copy of the funding opportunity announcement will not be accepted and/or honored. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the announcement. The actual funding opportunity announcement document will allow for requests for explanation and/or interpretation.

Issued in Pittsburgh, PA, on February 4, 2004.

Dale A. Siciliano,

Director, Acquisition and Assistance Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC03-577-001, FERC-577]

Commission Information Collection Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Submitted for OMB Review

February 11, 2004.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and extension of the current expiration date. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission received no comments in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of October 6, 2003 (68 FR 57682-83), and has made this notation in its submission to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by March 17, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Address comments on the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Comments to OMB should be filed electronically, c/o Pamela_L_Beverly@omb.eop.gov and include the OMB Control No. as a point of reference. The Desk Officer may be reached by telephone at (202) 395-7856.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Executive Director, ED-30, Attention: Michael Miller, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those persons filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filings, such comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 and should refer to Docket No. IC03-577-001.

Documents filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in WordPerfect, MS Word, Portable Document Format, or ASCII format. To file the document, access the Commission's Web site at www.ferc.gov and click on "Make an E-filing," and then follow the instructions for each screen. First time users will have to establish a user name and password. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgment to the sender's E-mail address upon receipt of comments. User assistance for electronic filings is available at (202) 502-8258 or by e-mail to efiling@ferc.gov. Comments should not be submitted to the e-mail address.

All comments are available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 502-8415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at michael.miller@ferc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description

The information collection submitted for OMB review contains the following:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-577 "Gas Pipeline Certificates: Environmental Impact Statement".
2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
3. *Control No.:* 1902-0128.

The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve and reinstate a three-year extension of the expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection. The information filed with the Commission is mandatory.

4. *Necessity of the Collection of Information:* Submission of the

information is necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the statutory provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (Pub. L. 91-190). NEPA requires that all Federal agencies must include in every recommendation or report on proposals for legislation and other major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of human environment, a detailed statement on: The environmental impact on the proposed actions; any adverse environmental effects which cannot be avoided should the proposal be implemented; alternatives to the proposed action; the relationship between local short-term uses of man's environment and the maintenance and enhancement of long-term productivity; and any irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources which would be involved in the proposed action should it be implemented. The Commission uses the pipeline's data to evaluate the environmental aspects of construction proposals and may be used in the Commission staff's independent preparation of Environmental Assessments or Environmental Impact Statements. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR parts 2; 157; 284; 375; and 380.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises 76 companies (on average per year) subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 233,226 total hours, 76 respondents (average per year), 16.57 responses per respondent, and 185.2 hours per response (average).

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to Respondents:* 233, 226 hours/2080 hours per year \times \$107,185 per year = \$13,123,560. The cost per respondent is equal to \$172,678.

Statutory Authority: Section 102 (2) (C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332.

Linda Mitry,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Committee

[Docket No. IC04-547-000 FERC-547]

Commission Collection Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension & Reinstatement

February 11, 2004.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c) (2) (a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by April 16, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained from Michael Miller, Office of the Executive Director, ED-30, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments on the proposed collection of information may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those parties filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filings, the original and 14 copies of such comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426 and should refer to Docket No. IC 04-547-000.

Documents filed electronically via the Internet can be prepared in a variety of formats, including WordPerfect, MS Word, Portable Document Format, Rich Text Format or ASCII format. To file the document, access the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> and click on "Make an E-filing," and then follow the instructions for each screen. First time users will have to establish a user name and password. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgment to the sender's E-mail address upon receipt of comments. User assistance for electronic filings is available at 202-502-8258 or by E-mail to efiling@ferc.gov. Comments should not be submitted to this E-mail address.

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