

The Agency will convene an open teleconference meeting of ELAB on April 24, 2001, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST to solicit input from the public on issues related to the NELAC standards and the NELAC environmental laboratory accreditation program. The call in number for the meeting is 202-260-1015, access code 9195#. For those wishing to participate in person, the meeting will be open to the public at the EPA Office of Research and Development Laboratory in Las Vegas, NV. Directions can be obtained by calling 202-798-2232.

The agenda will include discussions of issues related to laboratory accreditation raised to the Board by the Public as well as a review of outstanding recommendations and activities from earlier Board meetings. Comments on the NELAC standards and laboratory accreditation program will be solicited. The Internet site address for the NELAC standards and the above mentioned ELAB nominee application is: <http://ttnwww.rtpnc.epa.gov/html/nelac/nelac.htm#NL02>.

The public is encouraged to attend. Time will be allotted for public comment. Written comments are encouraged and should be directed to Stephen Billets; USEPA; PO Box 93478, Las Vegas, NV 89193. For additional information, please contact Dr. Billets at (702) 798-2232, fax (702) 798-2261, or E-mail: billets.stephen@epa.gov.

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Acting Assistant Administrator for Research and Development.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Request for Proposals for Projects To Be Funded From the Water Quality Cooperative Agreement Allocation

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA Region 6 is soliciting proposals from State agencies and Tribes interested in applying for Federal assistance for Water Quality Cooperative Agreements under the Clean Water Act section 104(b)(3) in the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. Region 6 EPA will award an estimated \$1 million to eligible applicants through assistance agreements ranging in size up to

\$200,000 for innovative projects/demonstrations/studies that can be used as models relating to the prevention, reduction, and elimination of water pollution.

DATES: EPA will consider all proposals received on or before 5 pm Central Time April 27, 2001. Proposals received after the due date will not be considered for funding.

ADDRESSES: Proposals should be mailed to: Terry Mendiola (6WQ-AT), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733. Overnight Delivery may be sent to the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terry Mendiola by telephone at 214-665-7144 or by E-mail at mendiola.teresita@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

What Is the Purpose of This Request for Proposals?

EPA Region 6's Water Quality Protection Division is requesting proposals from State agencies and Tribes for unique and innovative projects that address the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) program with special emphasis on wet weather activities, i.e., storm water, sanitary sewer overflows, and concentrated animal feeding operations as well as projects that enhance the ability of the regulated community to deal with non-traditional pollution problems in priority watersheds. Innovative studies leading to the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) is another priority on which these funds could be focused.

Tribal governments should submit proposals which strengthen implementation of tribal environmental protection.

An organization whose proposal is selected for Federal assistance must complete an EPA Application for Assistance, including the Federal SF-424 form (Application for Federal Assistance, see 40 CFR 31.10).

Has EPA Region 6 Identified High Priority Areas for Consideration?

EPA Region 6 has identified several project areas for priority consideration to the extent they are for research, investigations, experiments, training, demonstrations, surveys and studies related to the causes, effects, extent, prevention, reduction, and elimination of water pollution:

Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations

Alternative markets for excess manure

Voluntary Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans for Animal Feeding

Operations with 300 to 500 animal units

Wet Weather (Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs), Storm Water)

Integration of SSO and storm water requirements

Measuring the effectiveness of storm water Best Management Practices (BMPs)

Trends analysis of load reductions due to implementation of storm water BMPs

Storm water monitoring techniques

Estimating quantified benefits of enhanced sewer performance (e.g., reduced backups)

Quantifying the impacts of sewage overflows

Evaluation of impacts of peak wet weather flows on Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW)

Capacity, Management, Operations and Maintenance (CMOM) of POTWs

Inflow/Infiltration reduction

Sewer rehabilitation methods

National Pollutant Discharge

Elimination System (NPDES) Programs

Stakeholder watershed approaches

Nutrient trading

Watershed integration of NPDES

programs

Innovative Permit Writing Tools

Strategy to effectively manage Permit

Backlog

Pretreatment

Performance measures

Facilitation of innovative technology transfer

Pretreatment on the Mexican Border

Environmental Management System (EMS)

Benefits and impacts of EMS

EMS adoption by public agencies

Cooling Water Intake Structures (Clean Water Act, Section 316(b))

Innovative technologies that reduce impingement and entrainment of aquatic organisms into cooling water intakes

Ecological effects of cooling water intake structures on aquatic environments

Effectiveness of ecological restoration activities in reducing the impact of cooling water intake structures on the aquatic environment

Infrastructure Funding Related To

Asset Management

Operations and Maintenance (O&M) issues for small communities

Capacity Building for Tribes/Native Villages/Environmental Justice

Biosolids

Demonstrations of regional biosolids approaches
Food crop applications on biosolids and/or reclaimed water (assessments, research, demonstrations analyses)

Onsite/Decentralized Systems

State-level adoption of EPA management guidelines
Overcoming institutional, regulatory and funding barriers to implementation of decentralized options
Development of tools to assist communities with conducting comprehensive, watershed-wide assessments of risks associated with decentralized wastewater systems

TMDL

Innovative studies leading to TMDL development

Statutory Authority, Applicable Regulations, and Funding Level

Funding is authorized under the provisions of the Clean Water Act section 104(b)(3), 33 U.S.C. 1254(b)(3).

The regulation governing the award and administration of Water Quality Cooperative Agreements is 40 CFR part 31 (for States, Tribes, local governments, intertribal consortia, and interstate agencies).

Total funding available for award by Region 6 will depend on EPA's appropriation for Fiscal Year 2001; however, it is estimated that \$1 million will be available for funding approved projects. A five percent match will be required for all approved projects and should be included in the total funding requested for each proposal submitted.

Proposal Format and Contents

Proposals should be limited to three pages. Full application packages should not be submitted at this time. The following format should be used for all proposals:

Name of Project:

Point of Contact: (Individual and State Agency/Tribe Name, Address, Phone Number, Fax Number, E-mail Address)

Is This a Continuation of a Previously Funded Project (if so, please provide the status of the current grant or cooperative agreement):

Proposed Award Amount:

Proposed Match:

Description of General Budget Proposed To Support Project:

Project Description: (Should not exceed two pages of single-spaced text)

Expected Accomplishments or Product, With Dates, and Interim Milestones: This section should also

include a discussion of a communication plan for distributing the project results to interested parties.

Describe How the Project Meets the Evaluation Criteria Specified Below:

EPA Proposal Evaluation Criteria

EPA will consider proposals based on the following criteria:

- The relationship of the proposed project to the priorities identified in this notice.
- How well the project furthers the goal of the Clean Water Act to prevent, reduce, and eliminate water pollution.
- Innovation of project proposal.
- Cost effectiveness of the proposal.
- Agency's/Tribes' past performance.
- Compliance with directions for submittal contained in this notice.

Eligible Applicants

For the purpose of this notice, eligible applicants for assistance agreements under section 104(b)(3) of the Clean Water Act are State agencies and Tribal governments. This solicitation is limited to applicants within EPA Region 6.

Application Procedure

Please send three copies of the proposal.

Schedule of Activities

This is the estimated schedule of activities for review of proposals and notification of selections:

April 27, 2001—Proposals due to EPA.
May 29, 2001—Initial approvals identified and sponsors of projects selected for funding will be requested to submit a formal application package.

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Acting Director, Water Quality Protection Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Receipt of Requests to Voluntarily Cancel 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 a notice of receipt of requests by registrants to voluntarily cancel certain pesticide registrations.

DATES: Unless a request is withdrawn by, September 24, 2001, unless indicated otherwise, orders will be issued canceling all of these registrations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: James A. Hollins, Office of Pesticide Programs (7502C), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20460. Office location for commercial courier delivery, telephone number and e-mail address: Rm. 224, Crystal Mall No. 2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202, (703) 305-5761; e-mail address: hollins.james@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. General Information****A. Does this Action Apply to Me?**

This action is directed to the public in general. Although this action may be of particular interest to persons who produce or use pesticides, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the information in this notice, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

B. How Can I Get Additional Information or Copies of Support Documents?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov>. To access this document, on the Home page select "Laws and Regulations" "Regulations and Proposed Rules," and then look up the entry for this document under the "Federal Register—Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listing at (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>).

2. *In person.* Contact James A. Hollins at 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Crystal Mall No. 2, Rm. 224, Arlington, VA, telephone number (703) 305-5761. Available from 7:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Monday thru Friday, excluding legal holidays.

II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

This notice announces receipt by the Agency of applications from registrants to cancel some 42 pesticide products registered under section 3 or 24(c) of FIFRA. These registrations are listed in sequence by registration number (or company number and 24(c) number) in the following Table 1: