

these floodplains have transmission line structures located within a 100-year floodplain. Western will incorporate an assessment of floodplains/wetlands in the Environmental Assessment being prepared for the project, and would perform the proposed actions in a manner so as to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected floodplains/wetlands.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed floodplain/wetland action are due to the address below no later than May 13, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Mr. Jim Hartman, Environmental Manager, Rocky Mountain Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 3700, Loveland, CO 80539-3003, fax (970) 461-7213, e-mail [hartman@wapa.gov](mailto:hartman@wapa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Rodney Jones, Environmental Specialist, Rocky Mountain Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 3700, Loveland, CO 80539-3003, telephone (970) 461-7371, e-mail [rjones@wapa.gov](mailto:rjones@wapa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposal to rebuild the Cheyenne-Miracle Mile 115-kV transmission line between Cheyenne and Seminoe, Wyoming, would involve construction activities within floodplains and wetlands. Most of this line (139.69 miles) was constructed as part of the Seminoe-Cheyenne transmission line in 1939; the remaining 6.60 miles were reconstructed by Western and placed into service in February 1992. The Seminoe-Cheyenne segment of the line was constructed with wood pole H-frame structures.

Due to age and weather exposure of this facility, many of the transmission line structures and related hardware have deteriorated. The line is presently 64 years old. Because of its age the potential for structural failures and power outages has increased.

The existing transmission line right-of-way (ROW) width is 75 feet. Depending on which design alternative is selected, the maximum transmission line ROW width acquired would be 125 feet. The transmission line crosses primarily private land, although there are some public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management and the State of Wyoming. Based on a review of Federal Emergency Management Agency floodplain hazard maps, Western has determined that a number of 100-year floodplains associated with small drainages are crossed by the existing transmission line. Some structures fall within the boundaries of these

floodplains, and would be replaced under the proposed action.

As the lead Federal agency, Western will prepare an Environmental Assessment for the proposed project, in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and regulations promulgated by the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR part 1500-1508) and the DOE NEPA Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021). The Environmental Assessment will examine the proposed construction activities in floodplains/wetlands, in accordance with DOE's Floodplain/Wetland Review Requirements (10 CFR part 1022).

It is Western's goal to rebuild the Cheyenne-Miracle Mile transmission line in a manner that minimizes impacts to the natural, human, and cultural environments while improving our ability to maintain and operate the transmission line in a safe and environmentally sound manner. To the extent possible, the proposed rebuild would use the existing transmission line corridor and established trails and roads for access.

Maps and further information are available from Western from the contact above.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Science Advisory Board; Request for Comments on the Use of the Environmental Engineering Committee for a Consultation and Notification of Two Environmental Engineering Committee Meetings

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA, SAB is announcing that the Environmental Engineering Committee, a standing committee of the SAB, will provide a consultation on improving leach testing of waste at a conference call May 16 and a face-to-face meeting June 17-19, 2003. The Staff Office solicits comments from the public about the appropriateness of the use of the EEC for this consultation.

**DATES:** Comments on the use of the EEC for this consultation should be

submitted no later than May 19, 2003. The conference call meeting will be held Friday May 16, 2003 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Eastern Time. The face-to-face meeting will be held June 17-18, 2003. The meeting will begin each day at 9 a.m., adjourn no later than 6 p.m. on Tuesday June 17 and no later than 4 p.m. on Wednesday June 18.

**ADDRESSES:** Any member of the public wishing to provide comment on the proposed use of the EEC for this consultation should contact the individual named below. The roster for the EEC and biosketches for its members can be viewed on the SAB Web site <http://www.epa.gov/sab/eecconsultationonleaching.html>.

Participation in the May 16, 2003 conference call meeting will be by teleconference only. The June 17-18, 2003 face-to-face meeting will be held in the metropolitan Washington DC area; the specific location will be announced in a subsequent **Federal Register** notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public wishing further information regarding the conference call, face-to-face meeting, or the use of the EEC for this consultation may contact Ms. Kathleen White, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board (1400A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington DC 20460-0001 (for overnight delivery, please specify room 6450 Z and use zip code 20004). Ms. White can also be reached by telephone/voice mail at (202) 564-4559, by fax at (202) 501-0582; or via e-mail at [white.kathleen@epa.gov](mailto:white.kathleen@epa.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Summary:** The EPA SAB is announcing that the Environmental Engineering Committee, a standing committee of the SAB, will provide a consultation on improving leach testing of waste at a face-to-face meeting June 17-19, 2003. Planning for the face-to-face meeting will take place at a conference call meeting to be held May 16. The public is offered the opportunity to comment on the appropriateness of the use of the EEC for this consultation.

**Background—**The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) defines hazardous wastes as solid wastes that may pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health and the environment when improperly managed. When EPA promulgated characteristics that classify wastes as hazardous by virtue of their inherent properties (45 FR 33084, May 19, 1980), it established two criteria for identifying hazardous waste characteristics: "(1) The characteristic