

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments, motions to intervene and protests may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

The Commission's rules of practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *The existing Portal Project consists of:* (1) A 795-foot-long compacted earth and rock-fill dam; (2) Portal Forebay, with a 325 acre-foot useable storage capacity at elevation 7,185 feet; (3) an open channel spillway at the left abutment of the dam, discharging into Camp 61 Creek; (4) an outlet channel consisting of (a) the Adit 2 tunnel and shaft between Portal Forebay and Ward Tunnel, (b) Ward Tunnel for a distance of about 32,000 feet from Adit 2 to the base of the surge chamber on the tunnel, (c) a rock trap immediately downstream of the surge chamber, and (d) a 1,180-foot-long penstock from the rock trap to where it bifurcates just upstream of the Portal Powerhouse; (5) a 10.8-MW turbine located in the concrete powerhouse; and (6) a 2.5-mile-long 480 kV transmission line.

m. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" 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 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

n. Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining

the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests 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 protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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Solicitation of Public Comment Into the Development of a Joint U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and American Chemistry Council (ACC) Request for Applications on "Environmental Statistics Research: Novel Analyses of Human Exposure Related Data;" Announcement of Memorandum of Understanding Between EPA and ACC on the Procedure for the Joint Solicitation of Research Proposals

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Research and Development (ORD) and the American Chemistry Council's (ACC) Long-Range Research Initiative (LRI) are interested in issuing joint solicitations for research proposals. A Memorandum of Understanding has been developed that sets forth a public process for bringing together government and industry to engage the best scientists in the research community to assist in improving the quantity and quality of data for use in human health and

ecological risk assessment. Discussions have led ORD and ACC to agree to pursue, as a first area of collaboration, a joint request for applications (RFA) in the area of "Environmental Statistics Research: Novel Analyses of Human Exposure Related Data." The purpose of this notice is to solicit specific input into the development of a joint RFA on novel approaches for analysis of human exposure data, and announce a Memorandum of Understanding on the procedures for the public process of issuing joint RFAs.

DATES: Public comment on the draft RFA must be received on or before June 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Public comment may be submitted via overnight mail, in person or electronically.

1. By overnight mail, in person, or by courier. You may submit written comments to: Elaine Z. Francis, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 51141, Washington, DC 20004

2. Electronically. You may submit written comments electronically by e-mail to: francis.elaine@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elaine Z. Francis, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 51141, Washington, DC 20004; Telephone: 202-564-6789; Fax: 202-565-2444; E-mail: francis.elaine@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On May 7, 2002, a *Federal Register* notice was published (67 FR 30680) on the availability of a draft document on procedures for the joint solicitation of research proposals by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Research and Development and the American Chemistry Council's Long-Range Initiative, the announcement of a public meeting to discuss the draft document, and solicitation of written public comments. The notice also solicited initial input toward the development of an RFA on novel analyses of human exposure related data, both at the public meeting and through the written comment period. The public meeting was held on May 23, 2002, and the public comment period closed on June 12, 2002.

The public process for the joint solicitation of RFAs was finalized into a Memorandum of Understanding between ORD and ACC. Consistent with the finalized procedures, this notice solicits public comment on the draft RFA. The draft RFA on novel analyses of human exposure related data and the MOU may be obtained electronically through: (1) The EPA Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/partners/acc>, (2)