

Assessment (APEA) and license application for the Niagara Power Project. The Power Authority expects to file, with the Commission, the license application and APEA for the Niagara Power Project by August 31, 2005.

The Commission staff intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The EA will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental effects and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. These scoping meetings will satisfy the scoping requirements, pursuant to NEPA, as amended.

The purpose of this notice is to inform you of the opportunity to participate in the scoping meetings, identified below.

i. *Scoping Meetings:* Information presented at the scoping meetings will: (1) Provide a brief overview of the Niagara Power Project; (2) provide a brief overview of the ALP for relicensing the project; (3) provide a discussion of the issues identified for analysis in the APEA and those not requiring analysis; and (4) solicit comments from the public on Scoping Document 1.

The staff from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation will provide an overview of the State's regulatory process and its role in the relicensing of the Niagara Power Project.

The Commission staff will conduct one agency scoping meeting and one public meeting. The agency scoping meeting will focus on resource agency, Indian Tribes, and non-governmental organizations concerns, while the public scoping meeting is primarily for public input. All interested agencies, Indian Tribes, organizations, and individuals are invited to attend one or both meetings, and assist the staff in identifying the scope of the environmental issues that should and should not be analyzed in the APEA. The location and times of these meetings are as follows:

#### Agency Scoping Meeting

*Date:* Wednesday, August 13, 2003.  
*Time:* 2 p.m.

*Address:* Niagara Falls High School Amphitheater, 4455 Porter Road, Niagara Falls, New York.

#### Public Scoping Meeting

*Date:* Wednesday, August 13, 2003.  
*Time:* 7 p.m.

*Address:* Same as agency scoping meeting.

To help focus the discussions, Scoping Document 1 will be issued in late July 2003, and will be on the Niagara Power Project's relicensing Web

site at <http://niagara.nypa.gov>. Scoping Document 1 will also be available in the Public Information File, located at the Niagara Power Project Power Vista, and at the following public libraries: Lewiston Public Library; Niagara Falls Public Library; Lockport Public Library; Buffalo & Erie County Public Library; North Tonawanda Public Library; and Grand Island Public Library.

A copy of Scoping Document 1 will be 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY (202) 502-8659.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov.esubscribenow.htm> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to the Niagara Power Project or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support. ii. *Meeting Procedures:* The scoping meetings will be conducted according to the procedures used at Commission scoping meetings. The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become a part of the formal record of the proceedings on the project.

Interested agencies, Indian Tribes, organizations, and individuals are invited and encouraged to attend and assist in identifying and clarifying the scope of issues that should and should not be analyzed in the APEA. Speaking time allowed for individuals will be determined before each meeting, based on the number of persons wishing to speak and the approximate amount of time available for the meeting. Persons choosing not to speak, but wishing to express an opinion, as well as speakers unable to summarize their positions within the allotted time, may submit written statements for inclusion in the public record.

Written scoping comments may also be mailed to Keith Silliman, Director, Niagara Relicensing, New York Power Authority, 30 South Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12207-3425, by October 14, 2003. For further information, please contact Keith Silliman of NYPA at (518) 433-6735; Patti Leppert of Commission staff, at

(202) 502-6034; or Steve Kartalia of Commission staff, at (202) 502-6131.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### National Nuclear Security Administration

#### Los Alamos Site Office Notice of Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement for Two Monitoring Wells at Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, NM

**AGENCY:** National Nuclear Security Administration, Los Alamos Site Office, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of floodplains and wetlands involvement.

**SUMMARY:** The Los Alamos Site office of the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), United States Department of Energy (DOE) plans to install and operate two groundwater monitoring wells within two separate canyon floodplain locations. Monitoring well CdV-16-1 (i) would be located within Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) in Canyon del Valle (see Figure 1), and monitoring well R-2 would be located near the LANL boundary within the Incorporated County of Los Alamos in Pueblo Canyon (see Figure 2). The installation process for the wells will include the placement of small cement pads around the wells, along with a gravel-covered area, and road improvements, culverts and erosion control materials and mechanisms as needed. The wells would be operated and monitored periodically after installation was completed. In accordance with 10 CFR Part 1022, DOE has prepared a floodplain/wetland assessment and will perform this proposed action in a manner so as to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected floodplains.

**DATES:** Comments are due to the address below no later than August 5, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to: Elizabeth Withers, Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Los Alamos Site Office, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544, or submit them to the Mail Room at the above address between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Written comments may also be sent electronically to: [ewithers@doeal.gov](mailto:ewithers@doeal.gov) or by facsimile to (505) 667-9998.