

consultations and notifications; and DOE Orders on waste management, waste minimization, and environmental protection.

10. Impacts to air quality, visual resources, NTS and surrounding land uses, NTS missions and infrastructure and impacts to transportation during the construction phase.

EIS Schedule: The sensitivity to respond to the current energy needs has placed this project on an accelerated schedule. To support a Record of Decision for this EIS by April 2002, the major milestones that must be met for the EIS are shown below.

Public Scoping Meetings—August 2001
Issue Draft EIS October—2001

Draft EIS Public Hearings—December 2001

Issue Final EIS—March 2002

Record of Decision—April 2002

Public Scoping Process: To assist in defining the appropriate scope of the EIS and to identify significant environmental issues to be addressed, NNSA representatives will conduct public scoping meetings at the locations, dates, and times described above under **DATES**. Each scoping meeting will begin with an overview of the proposed project, the current EIS alternatives, and the proposed EIS scope. Following the initial presentation, NNSA representatives will answer questions and accept comments. Copies of handouts from the meetings will be available to those unable to attend, by contacting the NNSA as described above under **ADDRESSES**. DOE invites the public to comment on the proposed project. To ensure consideration in the preparation of the EIS, written comments must be postmarked by August 24, 2001.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 17th day of July 2001.

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Deputy Secretary of Energy, Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Availability of Solicitation

AGENCY: Albuquerque Operations Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability of solicitation-research and development to increase engine efficiency, reduce emissions, and improvement in systems efficiency for off-highway vehicles, including construction, agriculture, and mining equipment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Albuquerque Operations Office (AL), is seeking applications for research and development to increase engine efficiency, reduce emissions, and improvement in systems efficiency for off-highway vehicles, including construction, agriculture, and mining equipment. Through this solicitation, DOE seeks to improve the energy efficiency and emissions performance of Class 1-8 trucks and off-highway vehicles. A DOE technical panel will perform a scientific and engineering evaluation of each responsive application to determine the merit of the approach. DOE anticipates issuing one or more financial assistance instruments from this solicitation. Funding in the amount of \$2,500,000 and \$5,000,000 is anticipated to be available. Cost sharing of 50% by the applicant is required.

DATES: Applications are to be received no later than 3 p.m. local prevailing time on August 15, 2001. Any application received after the due date will not be evaluated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erwin E. Fragua, Contract Specialist, DOE/AL, at (505) 845-6442 or by e-mail at efragua@doeal.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The solicitation will be available on the internet on or about July 20, 2001 at the following web site: <http://www.doeal.gov/cpd/default.htm>. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the solicitation. For profit and not-for-profit organizations, state and local governments, Indian tribes, and institutions of higher learning are eligible for awards under this solicitation. Collaboration between industry, industry organizations, and universities are encouraged.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC01-576-000, FERC-576]

Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

July 19, 2001.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

DATES: Consideration will be given to comments submitted on or before September 24, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained from and written comments may be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Attn: Michael Miller, Office of the Chief Information Officer, CI-1, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 208-1415, and by e-mail at mike.miller@ferc.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected under the requirements of FERC-576 "Report by Certain Natural Gas Companies on Service Interruptions" (OMB No. 1902-0004 is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Sections 4, 7, 10 and 16, of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)(PL 75-688, 52 Stat. 821-833, 15 U.S.C. 717-717w). The Commission is empowered to oversee continuity of service in the transportation of natural gas in interstate commerce. The information collected by FERC-576 notifies the Commission in a timely manner of any interruption of service or possible hazard to public health or safety.

The Commission in response to timely notification of a serious interruption, may contact other pipelines to determine available supply, and if required, authorize transportation or construction of facilities to alleviate the problem. The data collected pertains to serious interruptions of service to any wholesale customer involving facilities operated under certificate authorization from the Commission. Specifically, the data collected may include: (1) Date of service interruption, (2) date of reporting the interruption to the Commission, (3) the location, (4) brief description of facility involved and cause of interruption, (5) customers affected, (6) duration of interruption, and (7) volumes of gas interrupted.

These data are required by the Commission to provide timely information concerning interruptions to wholesale service. The reporting of