

a. *Type of Application*: Request to use alternative procedures to prepare an application for exemption of a small hydroelectric power project from licensing.

b. *Project No.*: 11880-003.

c. *Date filed*: June 13, 2003.

d. *Applicant*: Colorado River Water Conservation District (River District).

e. *Name of Project*: Ritschard Dam Unit Water Power Project.

f. *Location*: On Muddy Creek, in Grand County, Colorado. The proposed project would occupy 557 acres of federal lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, 16 U.S.C. 2705, 2708.

h. *Applicant Contact*: James F. Pearce, Project Manager, Colorado River Water Conservation District, PO Box 1120, 201 Centennial Street, Suite 200, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602, (970) 945-8522.

i. *FERC Contact*: Dianne Rodman at (202) 502-6077; e-mail dianne.rodman@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for Comments*: 30 days from the 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 may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. 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.

k. The existing 120-foot-high, 2,100-foot-long Ritschard dam impounds the Wolford Mountain reservoir, which has a normal surface area of 1,550 acres and a storage volume of 65,985 acre-feet. The proposed powerhouse would be located at the toe of the dam next to the existing control house/terminal structure. The powerhouse would contain a single turbine and generator with a rated capacity of about 870 kilowatts. The average annual power generation would be 3,700 kilowatt-hours.

l. A copy of the request to use alternative procedures 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.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

m. The River District has demonstrated that it has made an effort to contact all federal and state resources agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGO), and others affected by the project. The River District has also demonstrated that a consensus exists that the use of alternative procedures is appropriate in this case. The River District has submitted a communications protocol that is supported by the stakeholders.

The purpose of this notice is to invite any additional comments on the River District's request to use the alternative procedures, pursuant to Section 4.34(i) of the Commission's regulations. Additional notices seeking comments on the specific project proposal, interventions and protests, and mandatory terms and conditions will be issued at a later date. The River District will complete and file a preliminary Environmental Assessment, in lieu of Exhibit E of the exemption application. This differs from the traditional process, in which an applicant consults with agencies, Indian tribes, NGOs, and other parties during preparation of the exemption application and before filing the application, but the Commission staff performs the environmental review after the application is filed. The alternative procedures are intended to simplify and expedite the exemption process by combining the pre-filing consultation and environmental review processes into a single process, to facilitate greater participation, and to improve communication and cooperation among the participants.

The River District intends to file 6-month progress reports during the alternative procedures process that leads to the filing of an exemption application by February 2005.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of the 2003 Clean Air Excellence Awards Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established the Clean Air Excellence Awards Program in February, 2000. This is an annual awards program to recognize outstanding and innovative efforts that support progress in achieving clean air. This notice announces the competition for the Year 2003 program.

Awards Program Notice: Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 7403(a)(1) and (2) and sections 103(a)(1) and (2) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), notice is hereby given that the EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) announces the opening of competition for the Year 2003 "Clean Air Excellence Awards Program" (CAEAP). The intent of the program is to recognize and honor outstanding, innovative efforts that help to make progress in achieving cleaner air. The CAEAP is open to both public and private entities. Entries are limited to the United States. There are six award categories: (1) Clean Air Technology; (2) Community Development/ Redevelopment; (3) Education/ Outreach; (4) Regulatory/Policy Innovations; (5) Transportation Efficiency Innovations; and (6) Outstanding Individual Achievement Award. Awards are recognition only and are given on an annual basis.

Entry Requirements and Deadline: All applicants are asked to submit their entry on a CAEAP entry form, contained in the CAEAP Entry Package, which may be obtained from the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee (CAAAC) Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/oar/caaac> and click on Awards Program or by contacting Mr. Paul Rasmussen, U.S. EPA at 202-564-1306 or 202-564-1352 (Fax), mailing address: Office of Air and Radiation (6102A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004. The entry form is a simple, three-part form asking for general information on the applicant and the proposed entry; asking for a description of why the entry is deserving of an award; and requiring information from three (3) independence references for the proposed entry. Applicants should also submit additional supporting documentation as necessary. Specific directions and information on filing an entry form are included in the Entry Package available through the directions

above. The deadline for all submission of entries is September 10, 2003.

Judging and Award Criteria: Judging will be accomplished through a screening process conducted by EPA staff, with input from outside subject experts, as needed. A workgroup of the CAAAC will provide advice to EPA on the entries. The final award decision will be made by the EPA Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation. Entries will be judged using both general criteria and criteria specific to each individual category. There are four (4) general criteria: (1) The entry directly or indirectly (*i.e.*, by encouraging actions) reduces emissions of criteria pollutants or hazardous /toxic air pollutants; (2) The entry demonstrates innovation and uniqueness; (3) The entry provides a model for others to follow (*i.e.*, it is replicable); and (4) The positive outcomes from the entry are continuing/sustainable. Although not required to win an award, the following general criteria will also be considered in the judging process: (1) The entry has positive effects on other environmental media in addition to air; (2) The entry demonstrates effective collaboration and partnerships; and (3) The individual or organization submitting the entry has effectively measured/evaluated the outcomes of the project, program, technology, etc. As mentioned above, additional criteria will be used for each individual award category. These criteria are listed in the 2003 Entry Package.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Concerning this new awards program please use the CAAAC Web site cited above or contact Paul Rasmussen at the telephone and address cited above.

Dated: July 7, 2003.

Robert Brenner,

Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Science Advisory Board; Notification of an Upcoming Meeting of the Multimedia, Multipathway, and Multireceptor Risk Assessment; (3MRA) Modeling System Panel

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Science Advisory Board Staff Office (SAB) announces an upcoming teleconference meeting of the Multimedia, Multipathway, and Multireceptor Risk Assessment (3MRA) Modeling System Panel at which the Panel will plan its review.

DATES: The teleconference meeting will take place on July 21, 2003 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time).

ADDRESSES: Participation in the teleconference will be by telephone only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain the call-in number and access code required to participate in the teleconference, contact Ms. Sandra Friedman, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff, at (202) 564-2526 or via e-mail at friedman.sandra@epa.gov. Those wishing further information about the Panel may contact Ms. Kathleen White, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board at (202) 564-4559 or via e-mail at white.kathleen@epa.gov. General information concerning the EPA Science Advisory Board can be found on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Multimedia, Multipathway, and Multireceptor Risk Assessment (3MRA) Modeling System Panel of the U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet to plan its review of EPA's Multimedia, Multipathway, and Multireceptor Risk Assessment (3MRA) Modeling System.

The panel was charged with responding to questions concerning the modeling system. These questions were published in a **Federal Register** Notice on April 11, 2003 (68 FR 17797-17800). More information regarding this review can be found at the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab/panels/3mramspanel.html>. The review documents provide and background information will be made available at <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/id/hwirwste/risk.htm> when they become available.

Individuals who are unable to access the documents electronically may contact Mr. Stephen Kroner of the Office of Solid Waste at 703 308-0468 or via e-mail at kroner.stephen@epa.gov to make other arrangements. A very limited number of paper copies can be made available in special circumstances.

The purpose of this meeting is to allow contemporaneous public access to

the Panel's introduction to the review, discussion of the charge, and preliminary organization for the review. Most of the review will be conducted at two face-to-face meetings currently planned for late August and late October, 2003. A copy of the draft agenda for the Teleconference will be posted on the SAB Web site (www.epa.gov/sab) (under the AGENDAS subheading) approximately 7 days before the meeting.

Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings: It is the policy of the EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The EPA SAB expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements.

Oral Comments: In general, each individual or group requesting an oral presentation at a face-to-face meeting will be limited to a total time of ten minutes (unless otherwise indicated) and no more than one hour total for all speakers. For teleconference meetings, opportunities for oral comment will usually be limited to no more than two minutes per speaker and no more than ten minutes total for all speakers. Interested parties should contact the DFO at least one week prior to the meeting in order to be placed on the public speaker list for the meeting. Speakers may attend the meeting and provide comment up to the meeting time. Speakers should bring at least 35 copies of their comments and presentation slides for distribution to the reviewers and public at the meeting.

Written Comments: Although the SAB accepts written comments until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), written comments should be received in the SAB Staff Office at least one week prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the review panel for their consideration. Comments should be supplied to the DFO at the address/contact information noted in the opening of this notice in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat, WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files (in IBM-PC/Windows 95/98 format). Those providing written comments and who attend the meeting are also asked to bring 35 copies of their comments for public distribution. Should comment be provided at the meeting and not in advance of the meeting, they should be in-hand to the DFO up to and immediately following the meeting. The SAB allows a grace period of 48 hours