

party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title “COMMENTS”, “RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS”, “PROTEST”, OR “MOTION TO INTERVENE”, as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

p. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

q. Comments, protests, and interventions 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 at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Draft License Application and Preliminary Draft Environmental Assessment (PDEA) and Request for Preliminary Terms and Conditions

March 28, 2002.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* Draft—New License.

b. *Project No.:* 201-013.

c. *Applicant:* Petersburg Municipal Power and Light (Petersburg).

d. *Name of Project:* Blind Slough Hydroelectric Project.

e. *Location:* On Crystal Creek, Mitkof Island, near the City of Petersburg, Alaska.

f. *Applicant Contacts:* Dennis C. Lewis, Superintendent, Petersburg

Municipal Power and Light, P.O. Box 329, 11 South Nordic, Petersburg, Alaska 99833, 907-772-4203, email: pmpl@alaska.net; and Nan A. Nalder, Relicensing Manager, Acres International, 150 Nickerson St., Suite 310, Seattle, WA 98109, 206-352-5730 email: acresnan@serv.net.

g. *FERC Contact:* Vince Yearick, FERC, 888 First Street, NE, Room 61-11, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 219-3073, email: vince.yearick@ferc.gov.

h. Petersburg distributed, to interested parties and Commission staff, the PDEA and draft application on March 18, 2002.

i. With this notice we are soliciting preliminary terms, conditions, and recommendations on the PDEA and draft license application. All comments on the PDEA and draft license application should be sent to the applicant contact address above in item (f) with an optional copy sent to Commission staff at the address above in item (g). For those wishing to file comments with the Commission, an original and eight copies must be filed at the following address: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St. NE., Washington, DC 20426. All comments should include the project name and number, and bear the heading “Preliminary Comments,” “Preliminary Recommendations,” “Preliminary Terms and Conditions,” or “Preliminary Prescriptions.” Comments and preliminary recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions 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.

j. *Comment deadline:* Any party interested in commenting must do so before May 28, 2002.

k. *Locations of the application:* A copy of the draft application and PDEA are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the “RIMS” link—select “Docket #” and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Copies are also available for inspection and reproduction at the Petersburg, Alaska address in item f above.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7166-9]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit the following Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Human Exposure to Particulates of High-risk Subpopulations; EPA ICR #: 1887.01; OMB Control # 2080-0058 Expiration Date: 7/31/2002. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 3, 2002.

ADDRESSES: National Exposure Research Laboratory; US EPA; Research Triangle Park, NC 27711.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Blackwell, Phone: 919-541-2886, Fax: 919-541-1111, E-mail: blackwell.barbara@epa.gov. For Technical Information Contact Lance Wallace, Phone: 703-648-4287, Fax: 703-648-4290, E-mail: wallace.lance@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those individuals that may be requested to take part in a study of human exposure to airborne particles.

Title: Human Exposure to Particulates in High-Risk Subpopulations, EPA ICR #: 1887.01, OMB Control Number: 2080-0058, Expires July 31, 2002.

Abstract: This information collection has been fully described in an earlier **Federal Register** notice of March 5, 1999 (63 FR 69073). Briefly, because of epidemiological studies relating daily mortality to fluctuations in outdoor particle concentrations, it has been deemed desirable by EPA and the National Academy of Sciences to determine the relationship between exposure of high-risk subpopulations and ambient concentrations of particles. Three cooperative agreements were awarded to University consortia to pursue studies of persons with respiratory and cardiovascular problems. Under the terms of the agreements, personal, indoor and

outdoor measurements of particle concentrations were to have been performed on a voluntary sample of residents of six cities. To help determine activities and conditions leading to increased exposure, each resident was to answer a questionnaire and fill out a time-activity daily diary, both of which have been approved by OMB. Two of the Universities have completed their field work, but the third will still be completing its planned field work past the expiration date of the OMB-approved questionnaire. This action is simply to extend the approval to use this questionnaire beyond the July 31, 2002 expiration date. No new burden beyond what has been already approved is planned. All responses to the questionnaire are voluntary. The information will be used to support the Agency's regulatory responsibilities under the Clean Air Act. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15. The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: The cost and hour burden on respondents has been fully described in the previous **Federal Register** notice. Since this request is only for an extension without any new information collection, the cost and burden detailed previously is unchanged. Briefly, the burden on the average respondent is estimated to be about 36 minutes per day filling out the questionnaire and time-activity diary. The cost to the respondent includes electricity to operate the monitors. This cost is repaid by the government, and the respondent also receives a small monetary award to repay him or her for

other costs. A total of no more than 50 respondents will be enrolled in the months following the original expiration date of July 31, 2002.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Dated: March 21, 2002.

Jewel F. Morris,

Acting Deputy Director or the National Exposure Research Laboratory.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Office of Research and Development

[FRL-7166-8]

Ambient Air Monitoring Reference and Equivalent Methods: Designation of One New Reference Method for PM₁₀, Four New Equivalent Methods for PM_{2.5}, and One New Reference Method for NO₂

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of designation of reference and equivalent methods.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has designated one new reference method for measuring concentrations of PM₁₀ in ambient air, four new equivalent methods for measuring concentrations of PM_{2.5} in ambient air, and one new reference method for measuring concentrations of NO₂ in ambient air.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Hunike, Human Exposure and Atmospheric Sciences Division (MD-46), National Exposure Research Laboratory, U.S. EPA, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711. Phone: (919) 541-3737, email: Hunike.Elizabeth@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with regulations at 40 CFR part 53, the EPA examines various methods for monitoring the concentrations of those ambient air pollutants for which EPA has established National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQSs), as set forth in 40 CFR part 50. Monitoring methods that are determined to meet specific requirements for adequacy are designated by the EPA as either reference methods or equivalent methods (as applicable), thereby permitting their use under 40 CFR part 58 by States and other agencies for determining attainment of the NAAQSs. The EPA hereby announces the designation of one new reference method for measuring concentrations of particulate matter as PM₁₀ in ambient air, four new equivalent methods for measuring concentrations of particulate matter as PM_{2.5} in ambient air, and one new reference method for measuring concentrations of NO₂ in ambient air. These designations are made under the provisions of 40 CFR part 53, as amended on July 18, 1997 (62 FR 38764).

The new reference method for PM₁₀ is a manual method that is based on a particular, commercially available high volume PM₁₀ sampler, as specified in appendixes J and M of 40 CFR part 50. The newly designated reference method is identified as follows:

RFPS-0202-141, "Tisch Environmental Model TE-6070 PM₁₀ High-Volume Air Sampler," consisting of a TE-6001 PM₁₀ size-selective inlet, 8" x 10" filter holder, aluminum outdoor shelter, mass flow controller or volumetric flow controller with brush or brushless motor, 7 day mechanical off/on-elapased timer or 11 day digital off/on-elapased timer, and any of the high volume sampler variants identified as TE-6070, TE-6070-BL, TE-6070D, TE-6070D-BL, TE-6070V, TE-6070V-BL, TE-6070-DV, or TE-6070DV-BL, with or without the optional stainless steel filter media holder/filter cartridge or continuous flow/pressure recorder.

An application for a reference method determination for the method based on this Tisch sampler was received by the EPA on September 24, 1998. The sampler is available commercially from the applicant, Tisch Environmental, Inc., 145 South Miami Avenue, Village of Cleves, Ohio 45002.

The four new equivalent methods for PM_{2.5} are manual monitoring methods that are based on particular, commercially available PM_{2.5} samplers. The methods are identified as Class II equivalent methods, which means that they are based on an integrated, filtered air sample with gravimetric analysis,