

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Notice of Meeting, Notice of Vote, Explanation of Action Closing Meeting and List of Persons To Attend**

November 6, 2003.

The following notice of meeting is published pursuant to Section 3(a) of the Government in the Sunshine Act (Pub. L. No. 94-409), 5 U.S.C. 552b:

Agency Holding Meeting: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Date and Time: November 13, 2003, 2 P.M.

Place: Room 3M 4A/B, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Status: Closed.

Matters to be Considered: Non-Public Investigations and Inquiries and Enforcement Related Matters.

For Further Information Contact: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Telephone (202) 502-8400.

Chairman Wood and Commissioners Massey and Brownell voted to hold a closed meeting on November 13, 2003. The certification of the General Counsel explaining the action closing the meeting is available for public inspection in the Commission's Public reference Room at 888 First Street, NW., Washington, DC 20426.

The Chairman and the Commissioners, their assistants, the Commission's Secretary and her assistant, the General Counsel and members of her staff, and a stenographer are expected to attend the meeting. Other staff members from the Commission's program offices who will advise the Commissioners in the matters discussed will also be present.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OA-2003-0007, FRL-7586-4]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Annual Reporting Form for State Small Business Stationary Source Technical and Environmental Compliance Assistance Programs (SBAP) Under the Clean Air Act as Amended in 1990, EPA ICR Number 1748.03, OMB Control Number 2060-0337

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 a

proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This is a request to renew an existing approved collection. This ICR is scheduled to expire on October 31, 2004. 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 January 12, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments, referencing docket ID number OA-2003-0007, to EPA online using EDOCKET (our preferred method), or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen V. Brown, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, National Center for Environmental Innovation, Office of Business and Community Innovation, Small Business Division, 1808T, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 566-2816; fax number: (202) 566-2848; e-mail address: brown.karen@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID number OA-2003-0007, which is available for public viewing at the Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket, in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OEI Docket is (202) 566-1752. An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA Dockets (EDOCKET) at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>. Use EDOCKET to obtain a copy of the draft collection of information, submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the docket ID number identified above.

Any comments related to this ICR should be submitted to EPA within 60 days of this notice. EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made

available for public viewing in EDOCKET as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, Confidential Business Information (CBI), or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute. When EPA identifies a comment containing copyrighted material, EPA will provide a reference to that material in the version of the comment that is laced in EDOCKET. The entire printed comment, including the copyrighted material, will be available in the public docket. Although identified as an item in the official docket, information claimed as CBI, or whose disclosure is otherwise restricted by statute, is not included in the official public docket, and will not be available for public viewing in EDOCKET. For further information about the electronic docket, see EPA's **Federal Register** notice describing the electronic docket at 67 FR 38102 (May 31, 2002), or go to <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>.

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are State Small Business Assistance Programs (SBAPs).

Title: Annual Reporting Form for State Small Business Stationary Source Technical and Environmental Compliance Assistance Programs (SBAP) Under the Clean Air Act as Amended in 1990.

Abstract: As part of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, the U.S. Congress included, as part of Section 507, the requirement that each state establish a Small Business Stationary Source Technical and Environmental Compliance Assistance Program (SBAP) to assist small businesses in complying with the Act. EPA must provide the Congress with periodic reports from the EPA Small Business Ombudsman (SBO) on these programs, including their effectiveness, difficulties encountered, and other relevant information. Each state assistance program will submit requested information to EPA for compilation and summarization.

This collection of information is mandatory under section 507(a), (d), and (e) of the Clean Air Act as amended in 1990, Pub. L. 101-549, November 15, 1990. This Act directs EPA to monitor the SBTCPs and to provide a report to Congress. This responsibility has been delegated to the EPA SBO. Response to the collection is not required to obtain or retain a benefit. Information in the annual Report to Congress is aggregated and is not of a confidential nature. None of the information collected by this action results in or requests sensitive information of any nature from the states.

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 **Federal Register** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on March 27, 2001, (66 FR16671); no comments were received.

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 annual public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 80 hours per response. The estimated number of respondents is 50 State SBAPs, and 3 Territory SBAPs. The frequency of response is on an annual basis. The estimated total hours of burden is 4,240 hours. There is no annualized capital O&M cost associated with this activity.

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: October 28, 2003.

Karen V. Brown,

Director, Small Business Division, Small Business Ombudsman, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, National Center for Environmental Innovation, Office of Business and Community Innovation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7586-1]

Notice of Request for Initial Proposals (IP) for Projects To Be Funded From the Public Water Supply Supervision Program (CFDA 66.424—Surveys, Studies, Demonstrations and Special Purpose Grants—Section 1442 of the Safe Drinking Water Act)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA Region 6 is soliciting Initial Proposals (IP) from tribes, universities, non-profits, and other entities as defined by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) interested in applying for Federal assistance for Native American water system operation and management training, and technical assistance (circuit rider) projects to develop, expand, or carry out a program for training persons for methods and occupations involving the public health aspects of providing Safe Drinking Water as authorized by the Safe Drinking Water Act section 1442, 42 U.S.C. 300j-1 on Indian Lands in Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. Region 6 EPA estimates an incremental funding process with as much as \$750,000 available per year for three-year cooperative agreements. Multiple awards may be made for various purposes (i.e., regulatory compliance support, operator training and certification, source water assessment and protection), based on specific applicant qualifications. Awards may range from \$10,000 to \$500,000 based on complexity of project. Awards are expected to be incrementally funded at a similar level each year for the duration of the project period, pending availability of monies allocated to Region 6 for Tribal Direct Implementation of the SDWA including funds from the Underground Injection Control Program, Tribal Drinking Water Operator Training and Certification, and Tribal Public Water System Capacity Development. EPA Region 6 estimates that a total amount of EPA funds for the three-year project period to be as much

as \$2,250,000, with approximately \$350,000 of those funds going toward Tribal Source Water Assessment and Protection, \$350,000 going toward Tribal Drinking Water Operator Training and Certification, and the remainder going toward compliance assistance and capacity development activities.

DATES: EPA will consider all proposals received on or before 12 p.m. midnight Central Standard Time December 29, 2003. IPs received after the due date will not be considered for funding.

ADDRESSES: IPs should be mailed to: Yulonda Davis (6WQ-AT), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, Water Quality Protection Division, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733. Overnight Delivery may be sent to the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yulonda Davis, Project Officer, by telephone at 214-665-7154 or by e-mail at davis.yulonda@epa.gov or Blake Atkins, Tribal Drinking Water Program Coordinator, by telephone at 214-665-2297 or by e-mail at atkins.blake@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of This Request for Initial Proposals

EPA Region 6's Water Quality Protection Division is requesting proposals from tribes, universities, non-profits, and other entities as defined by the SDWA for administration of Public Water Supply Supervision (PWSS) program for Tribal Direct Implementation.

EPA Region 6 Has Identified the Following High Priority Areas for Consideration

The purpose of the Native American water system operation, and management training and technical assistance projects are to provide hands-on technical assistance in the operational and managerial aspects of managing drinking water facilities. Project work occurs mainly in the field, using a "circuit rider" approach for assisting tribes with drinking water compliance issues and technical issues which may impact drinking water quality.

Other project work includes providing/coordinating local classroom training for tribal operators, tribal utility directors, and other tribal environmental staff, and tribal officials, that range in subject matter through such topics as operator certification exam preparation, disinfection procedures, regulatory requirements, optimization and performance based training.