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Delegation of Authority: The Secretary of Education has delegated authority to Daniel T. Madzelan, Director, Forecasting and Policy Analysis for the Office of Postsecondary Education, to perform the functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

Dated: October 30, 2009.

Daniel T. Madzelan,

Director, Forecasting and Policy Analysis.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, intends to extend for three years, an information collection request with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This information collection request has expired; however, reinstatement is requested because the collection of information is still required when selling Government High Risk personal property. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the extended collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) 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; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before January 4, 2010. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the following: Helene Mattiello, Industrial Property

Management Specialist, MA-632/ L'Enfant Plaza Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-1615, helene.mattiello@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Helene Mattiello, at the above address, or by telephone at (202) 287-1593, or by fax at (202) 287-1656.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No. 1910-5121; (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* End-Use Certificate; (3) *Type of Review:* Renewal; (4) *Purpose:* The End-Use Certificate (EUC) is intended to determine the acceptability of the individual(s) acquiring High Risk Personal Property; inform buyers of the laws and regulations governing the use, disposition, export and re-export of High Risk Personal Property and ensure that the property is used as stipulated in the EUC.; (5) *Respondents:* 1000 annually; and (6) *Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 334 (approximately 20 minutes per respondent).

Authority: Department of Energy Personal Property Management Guide, DOE G 580.1-1.

Issued in Washington, DC on October 29, 2009.

Edward R. Simpson,

Director, Office of Procurement and Assistance Management, Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, intends to extend for three years, an information collection request with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This information collection request has expired; however, reinstatement is requested because the collection of information is still required by OMB Circular A-11 and the Federal Management Regulations. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the extended collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) 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; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Helene Mattiello, at the above address, or by telephone at (202) 287-1593, or by fax at (202) 287-1656.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No. 1910-1000; (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Exchange/Sale Report, Excess Personal Property Furnished to Non-Federal Recipients, Agency Report of Motor Vehicle Data, Annual Motor Vehicle Fleet Report; (3) *Type of Review:* Renewal; (4) *Purpose:* See the Information Collection description above; (5) *Respondents:* 44 respondents for each of the four reports equals 176 total respondents; and (6) *Estimated number of burden hours:* The total estimated number of burden hours is 2,552. A breakout of burden hours for each report is listed below:

- The burden hours for responding to the Exchange/Sale Report is estimated at 5 hours for each of the 44 estimated respondents, for a total of 220 burden hours.

- The burden hours for responding to the Excess Personal Property Furnished to Non-Federal Recipients is estimated at 5 hours for each of the 44 estimated respondents, for a total of 220 burden hours.

- The burden hours for responding to the Agency Report for Motor Vehicle Data is estimated at 24 hours for each of the 44 estimated respondents, for a total of 1056 burden hours.

- The burden hours for responding to the Annual Motor Vehicle Fleet Report

is estimated at 24 hours for each of the 44 estimated respondents, for a total of 1056 burden hours.

Authority: 41 CFR 102–39.75, 41 CFR 102–36.295 and 102–36.300, 41 CFR 102–34.335, OMB Circular A–11 section 25.5.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Kemper County IGCC Project, Kemper County, MS

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability and public hearing.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Kemper County IGCC Project (DOE/EIS–0409D) for public review and comment, as well as the date, location, and time for a public hearing. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is participating as a cooperating agency in the preparation of this document. The draft environmental impact statement (EIS) analyzes the potential environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of a project proposed by Southern Company, through its affiliate Mississippi Power Company (Mississippi Power), which was selected by DOE to receive financial assistance under the Clean Coal Power Initiative (CCPI) program. In addition, DOE may issue a loan guarantee to the project pursuant to the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA05). The loan guarantee would apply to the planning, design, permitting, equipment procurement, construction, and startup of the power plant.

DOE prepared this draft EIS in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations that implement the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), and the DOE procedures implementing NEPA (10 CFR part 1021).

DATES: DOE invites the public to comment on the Draft EIS during the public comment period, which ends December 21, 2009. DOE will consider

all comments postmarked or received during the public comment period in preparing the Final EIS, and will consider late comments to the extent practicable.

DOE will hold a public hearing on December 1, 2009, at Kemper County High School, 429 Philadelphia Road, DeKalb, Mississippi beginning at 7 p.m. An informational session will be held at the same location from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., preceding the public hearing on the same day. Requests to speak at the public hearing can be made by calling or writing the EIS Document Manager (see **ADDRESSES**). Requests to speak not submitted prior to the hearing will be accepted in the order in which they are received during the hearing. Speakers are encouraged to provide a written version of their oral comments for the record. Each speaker will be allowed five minutes to present comments unless more time is requested and available. Comments will be recorded by a court reporter and will become part of the public hearing record. Oral and written comments will be given equal consideration.

The public hearing will be accessible to people with disabilities. Any individual with a disability requiring special assistance, such as a sign language interpreter or a translator, should contact Mr. Richard A. Hargis, Jr., NEPA Document Manager, (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 48 hours before the meeting so that arrangements can be made.

ADDRESSES: Requests for information about this Draft EIS or to receive a copy of it should be directed to: Richard A. Hargis, Jr., NEPA Document Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, M/S 922–M217, P.O. Box 10940, Pittsburgh, PA 15236. Additional information about the Draft EIS may also be requested by electronic mail: *Kemper-EIS@netl.doe.gov* or by telephone at (412) 386–6065, or toll free at: (888) 322–7436, x6065.

The Draft EIS will be available at <http://www.gc.energy.gov/NEPA/>. Copies of the Draft EIS are also available for review at the locations listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this Notice. Written comments on the Draft EIS can be mailed to Richard A. Hargis, Jr., NEPA Document Manager, at the address noted above. Written comments may also be submitted by fax to: (412) 386–4604, or submitted electronically to: *Kemper-EIS@netl.doe.gov*. Oral comments on the Draft EIS will be accepted only during the public hearing scheduled for the

date and location provided in the **DATES** section of this Notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information on the proposed project or the draft EIS, please contact Mr. Richard A. Hargis, Jr., (see **ADDRESSES**). For general information regarding the DOE NEPA process, please contact: Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (GC–54), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585–0103; telephone: 202–586–4600; fax: 202–586–7031; or leave a message at: (800) 472–2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed project would demonstrate Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC) technology using lignite coal as a feedstock for a new electricity generating plant at a site in Kemper County, Mississippi. The facilities would convert lignite coal, produced at a new mine to be developed near the power plant site by North American Coal Company, into synthesis gas (syngas) for generating a nominal 582 megawatts of electricity while reducing sulfur dioxide, oxides of nitrogen, mercury, and particulate emissions as compared to conventional lignite-fired power plants. The project would also be designed to capture up to 67 percent of the carbon dioxide (CO₂) that would otherwise be emitted when firing syngas. The captured CO₂ would be transported by pipeline for beneficial use and geologic storage in existing enhanced oil recovery (EOR) operations in Mississippi.

The EIS will inform DOE's decisions on whether to provide a total of \$294 million in cost-shared funding (15 percent or less of the total project cost, which is currently projected to be greater than \$2 billion) for the proposed project under the CCPI program. It will also inform DOE's decision on whether to issue a loan guarantee to the project pursuant to EPA05. The USACE will evaluate the potential environmental impacts before deciding whether to issue permits under the Clean Water Act (CWA) for stream and wetland disturbances that would result from the proposed mine, power plant, electrical transmission lines, and pipelines.

The EIS evaluates the potential impacts of the proposed project, connected actions, and reasonable alternatives. Because the proposed project may affect floodplains and wetlands, the Draft EIS includes an assessment of impacts to floodplains and wetlands in accordance with DOE regulations for Compliance with Floodplains and Wetlands