

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Preventive Health Allowance Demonstration Project**

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs)/TRICARE Management Activity, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of a Preventive Health Allowance Demonstration Project.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested parties of a Military Health System (MHS) demonstration project entitled "Preventive Health Allowance Demonstration Project for TRICARE Active Duty Personnel and their Family Members". This demonstration project is designed to evaluate the efficacy of providing a preventive health services allowance to encourage healthy behaviors on the part of eligible MHS beneficiaries.

DATES: *Effective Date:* This demonstration is effective from December 1, 2009, until December 31, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Barry Cohen, Director, Healthcare Operations—TRICARE Management Activity, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Suite 810, Falls Church, VA 22041-3206; telephone (703) 681-4029.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Background**

Studies have been performed in health organizations to assess the effectiveness of waiving co-pays for clinical preventive services, as well as financial incentives for healthy behavioral change. No studies to date have assessed the effects of providing financial incentives for increasing compliance with recommended and, in some instances, mandated clinical preventive services in an Active Duty military population. This demonstration project will be the first such effort among Active Duty military personnel and their family members. The results of this demonstration will have a direct impact on the future utility of this type of intervention.

B. National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2009 (FY09) Preventive Health Allowance Directive

Section 714 of the NDAA for FY09 authorizes the Department to conduct a demonstration project designed to evaluate the efficacy of providing an annual allowance to members of the armed forces to increase the use of preventive health services by such members and their dependents. To meet

eligibility standards to receive this benefit, the member of the armed forces must be serving on active duty for a period of more than 30 days and meet the medical and dental readiness requirements for their branch of service.

Not more than 1,500 members of each of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps may receive a preventive health services allowance during any year, of which half in each Service shall be members without dependents and half shall be members with dependents. The Secretary of the military department concerned shall pay a preventive health services allowance to a member selected to receive the allowance in an amount equal to \$500 per year in the case of a member without dependents, and \$1,000 per year in the case of a member with dependents.

C. Description of Demonstration Project

The Preventive Health Allowance demonstration project will be conducted to evaluate whether a preventive health services allowance will increase the utilization of clinical preventive services among Active Duty personnel and their family members. Clinical Preventive Services, with respect to age and gender-specific recommendations included in this study, are screening for colorectal cancer, breast cancer, cervical cancer, and prostate cancer; an annual physical exam; an annual dental exam; weight and body mass screening; and immunizations.

The TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) will establish the methodology, implement the demonstration, and obtain the necessary data to evaluate the outcome effectively. There will be 1,500 Active Duty members enrolled from each Service, with 750 being single Active Duty members, and 750 having family members. The Secretary of the military department concerned shall pay the preventive health allowance at the rate of \$500 or \$1,000 per year for single Active Duty members or for Active Duty with family members respectively for those in compliance with the appropriate clinical preventive services recommendations. The selected participants will be provided information regarding the nature of the study, their obligations during the study, the incentive that can be achieved with compliance and a toll-free telephone number for enrollment and/or questions.

D. Evaluation

An independent evaluation of the demonstration will be conducted. The evaluation will be designed to determine whether the provision of a

preventive health allowance increased the utilization rate of clinical preventive services among TRICARE Active Duty personnel and their family members.

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Patricia L. Toppings,

*OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,
Department of Defense.*

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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, has obtained emergency approval of an information collection request with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). In order to obtain OMB's approval for the next three years, comments are now invited on: (a) Whether the 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 26, 2010. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to Tony Johnson, Program Analyst, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, Washington, DC 20585 or by fax at 202-586-0573 or by e-mail at Tony.Johnson@Hq.Doe.Gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Tony Johnson as described above in the address section.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No. 1910-5142; (2) *Information*

Collection Request Title: Recovery Act Reviewer Web site; (3) *Type of Review:* New; (4) *Purpose:* This website site uses approximately 30 information fields to ask for the biographical information, educational background, and area of specialty of potential reviewers of financial assistance proposals under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. DOE will then use the information to select reviewers; (5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2000; (6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 2000; (7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 300; (8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* 0.

Statutory Authority: Department of Energy Organization Act, Public Law 95–91, Section 5315, title 5, August 4, 1977, which vests the Secretary of Energy with the executive direction and management functions, authority, and responsibilities for the Department.

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Ingrid Kolb,

Director, Office of Management, Office of Management—MA–1.1.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

National Coal Council

AGENCY: Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Charter Re-establishment.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92–463) and in accordance with Title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 102–3.65, and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the National Coal Council has been re-established for a two-year period ending November 6, 2011. The Council will continue to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on a continuing basis regarding general policy matters relating to coal issues.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Council members are chosen to assure a well-balanced representation from all sections of the country, all segments of the coal industry, including large and small companies, and commercial and residential consumers. The Council also has diverse members who represent interests outside the coal industry,

including the environment, labor, research, and academia. Membership and representation of all interests will continue to be determined in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and implementing regulations.

The renewal of the Council has been deemed essential to the conduct of the Department's business and in the public interest in conjunction with the performance of duties imposed upon the Department of Energy by law. The Council will continue to operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and implementing regulations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rachel Samuel at 202/586–3279.

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Carol A. Matthews,

Acting Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for a Proposed Federal Loan Guarantee to Support the Construction and Startup of the Medicine Bow Fuel & Power Coal-to-Liquid Facility in Carbon County, WY

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Conduct a Public Scoping Meeting, and Notice of Proposed Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announces its intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) NEPA regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), and the DOE NEPA implementing procedures (10 CFR part 1021) to assess the potential environmental impacts for its proposed action of issuing a Federal loan guarantee to Medicine Bow Fuel & Power LLC (MBFP) (DOE/EIS–0432). MBFP, a wholly-owned subsidiary of DKRW Advanced Fuels LLC, submitted an application to DOE under the Federal loan guarantee program pursuant to the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA 2005) to support the construction and startup of the MBFP coal-to-liquids (CTL) facility, a coal mine and associated coal handling facilities in Carbon County, Wyoming (the Facility).

MBFP proposes to develop the Facility in eastern Carbon County north of I–80 between Rawlins and Laramie, Wyoming. The CTL facility and coal-handling facility would be located near the mouth of the Saddleback Hills Mine, located approximately 6 miles northeast of the Town of Elk Mountain and approximately 13 miles southwest of the Town of Medicine Bow. The CTL facility would use an advanced industrial gasification and liquefaction (IGL) process to convert coal into approximately 21,000 barrels per day (bpd) of low-sulfur, low-benzene regular gasoline. The Facility would capture at least 50 percent of the CO₂ and over 99 percent of the sulfur compounds that would be otherwise be emitted. The CO₂ stream would be compressed and delivered at the fenceline to another party for pipeline transportation to enhanced oil recovery operations and geologic storage at a location to be determined by the offtaker.

The EIS will evaluate the potential impacts of the issuance of a DOE Loan Guarantee for MBFP's proposed project and reasonable alternatives.

The purpose of this Notice of Intent is to inform the public about DOE's proposed action, invite public participation in the EIS process, announce plans for a public scoping meeting, solicit public comments for consideration in establishing the scope and content of the EIS, and provide notice of proposed floodplain and wetlands involvement. DOE invites those agencies with jurisdiction by law or special expertise to be cooperating agencies. The Bureau of Land Management has expressed interest in becoming a cooperating agency for this EIS.

DATES: To ensure that all of the potential environmental issues related to this proposal are addressed, DOE invites comments on the proposed scope and content of the EIS from all interested parties. Comments must be postmarked or e-mailed by December 28, 2009 to ensure consideration. Late comments will be considered to the extent practicable. In addition to receiving written comments (see **ADDRESSES** below), DOE will conduct a public scoping meeting in the vicinity of the proposed project at which government agencies, private-sector organizations, and the general public are invited to provide comments or suggestions with regard to the alternatives and potential impacts to be considered in the EIS. Further details about the public scoping meeting will be announced through local news media and on the DOE Loan Guarantee Program Office Web site