

burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: September 11, 2000.

John Tressler,

*Leader, Regulatory Information Management,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Revision

Title: The Evaluation of Exchange, Language, International and Area Studies (EELIAS), National Resource Centers (NRC), Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) and Institute for International Public Policy (IIPP), Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language (UISFL) Program (JS)

Frequency: Annually

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; individuals or household

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 60

Burden Hours: 2,100

Abstract: This fourth program, UISFL, is being added for clearance to the system that already contains the other three. Information collection assists the Office of International Education and Graduate Programs Service (OIEGPS) in meeting program planning and evaluation requirements. Program officers require performance information to justify continuation funding, and grantees use this information for self evaluations and to request continuation funding from ED.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request. Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to SCHUBART at (202) 708-9266. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

[FR Doc. 00-23722 Filed 9-14-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4000-01-M

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Oakland Operations Office; Energy Technology Engineering Center Environmental Restoration and Waste Management Activities

AGENCY: Oakland Operations Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental assessment and hold public scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) Oakland Operations Office (OAK) is announcing its intent to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the environmental effects of the Environmental Restoration Project at the Energy Technology Engineering Center (ETEC). The EA is being prepared in accordance with the Council of Environmental Quality's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing Regulations and the DOE NEPA Implementing Procedures of April 24, 1992, 10 CFR 1021. This notice announces DOE intent to prepare an EA and hold public scoping meetings for the proposed restoration project. This EA will analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with environmental restoration and closure waste management activities.

DATES: The public scoping period begins with the publication of this notice and will continue until October 30, 2000. Written comments postmarked by that date will be considered in the preparation of the EA. Comments postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

Public scoping meetings will be held at the two locations and times indicated below. This information will be published in local public notices prior to the meetings.

- (1) Meeting: Woodland Hills, California
Date and time: October 17, 2000, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Location: Warner Center Marriott
Woodland Hills, 21850 Oxnard Street, Woodland Hills, CA 91367
- (2) Meeting: Simi Valley, California
Date and time: October 18, 2000, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Location: Rancho Santa Susana Community Center, 5005-C Los Angeles Avenue, Simi Valley, CA 93063.

Following the review period comments will be considered and changes made as necessary. The final EA will be published and distributed to interested parties. The NEPA process begins with this notice. The draft EA is anticipated to be available in February or March 2001. A forty-five day review

period will be provided for public review following distribution of the draft EA. Review comments will be considered in the development of the final EA that should be distributed in June or July 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the scope of the EA or requests for information on the activities at ETEC should be sent to the following address: Ms. Donna Sutherland, Document Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, 1301 Clay Street, 700N, Oakland, CA 94612-5208, Phone (510) 637-1563, Facsimile (510) 637-2031.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information on National Environmental Policy Act process or status of a NEPA review, please contact: Ms. Janet Neville, NEPA Compliance Officer, U.S. Department of Energy Oakland Operations Office, 1301 Clay Street, 700 N, Oakland, CA 94612-5208, Phone: (510) 637-1813, Messages: (510) 637-1813.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ETEC site is within the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) located between the Simi and San Fernando Valley, north of Los Angeles, California. The ETEC site occupies about 90 acres within Area IV of the SSFL. The ETEC site supported DOE projects for nuclear research and energy development. The site includes buildings which house test apparatus for large scale heat transfer and fluid mechanics experiments, mechanical and chemical test facilities, office buildings, and auxiliary support facilities. The ETEC site is surplus to the DOE's current mission and is undergoing closure. The site has numerous facilities, including some where chemical and radioactive substances were used. Contamination may exist in structures and the physical media including soils, surface and groundwater. Deactivation of the site includes divestment of assets, remediation of contaminated areas, waste management and site restoration.

This EA will analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with environmental restoration and closure waste management activities. Waste management activities include operation, maintenance and closure of Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA) permitted facilities. The EA will also analyze environmental restoration activities for site-wide soil and groundwater remediation and the decontamination and decommissioning or dismantlement of government buildings and structures. Facilities to be D&D include former radiological facilities, former sodium facilities, and administrative facilities.

This notice announces DOE intent to prepare an EA and hold public scoping meetings for the proposed restoration project. This EA will analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with environmental restoration and closure waste management activities.

The scoping process will include notifying the general public, Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies of the proposed action. The purpose of scoping is to identify public and agency concerns, and alternatives to be considered in the EA. The DOE is preparing this EA to decide whether to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact or whether to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). In consideration of the possibility that the DOE will decide to prepare an EIS, a Notice of Intent will be issued and written comments on the scope of alternatives and impacts will still be accepted at that future time. Presently, in preparation of an EA, comments may be submitted in writing and/or orally at the public scoping meeting or in writing prior to the end of the scoping period as indicated in the **DATES** section of this notice.

Issued in Oakland, California, on September 11, 2000.

Donna Sutherland,

Deputy Director, Oakland Environmental Programs Division.

[FR Doc. 00-23879 Filed 9-13-00; 11:59 am]

BILLING CODE 6450-01-M

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science; Office of Science Financial Assistance Program Notice 00-20; Medical Applications Program

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice inviting grant applications.

SUMMARY: The Office of Biological and Environmental Research (OBER) of the Office of Science (SC), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), hereby announces its interest in receiving grant applications to support one specific research area within the Medical Applications Program: Innovative approaches to cell-targeted ablation therapy for cancer with in vivo radiation techniques. The emphasis will be on the therapeutic use of ionizing radiation such as may be achieved with radionuclide therapy or dual step techniques such as boron neutron capture therapy. The specific goals include development of novel ligands and delivery techniques to target and treat cancer at the cellular level.

Special consideration will be given to applications reflecting a well integrated, multidisciplinary team effort of scientists with skills to address such complex challenges as chemical ligand synthesis, tumor targeting, and dosimetry. Access to appropriate tumor models for pre-clinical testing will impact funding considerations.

Applications for clinical trials using already developed compounds and techniques will not be considered.

DATES: Before preparing a formal application, potential applicants are encouraged to submit a brief pre-application. All pre-applications referencing Program Notice 00-20, should be received by DOE by 4:30 p.m., E.D.T., October 16, 2000. A response encouraging or discouraging the submission of a formal application will be communicated by electronic mail within approximately 2 weeks.

Formal applications submitted in response to this Notice must be received by 4:30 p.m., E.S.T., January 5, 2001, to be accepted for merit review and consideration of an award in Fiscal Year 2001.

ADDRESSES: Pre-applications referencing Program Notice 00-20, are to be sent, if possible, by E-mail or Fax to Ms. Sharon Betson (sharon.betson@science.doe.gov; Fax: 301-903-0567). Pre-applications will also be accepted if mailed to the following address: Ms. Sharon Betson, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, SC-73, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290.

Formal applications referencing Program Notice 00-20, should be forwarded to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Grants and Contracts Division, SC-64, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, Attn: Program Notice 00-20. This address must also be used when submitting applications by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail or any other commercial overnight delivery service, or hand-carried by the applicant. An original and seven copies of the application must be submitted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Peter T. Kirchner, MD, or Prem C. Srivastava, Ph.D., Office of Biological and Environmental Research, Medical Sciences Division (SC-73), U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, telephone: (301) 903-3213, FAX: (301) 903-0567, E-mail: peter.kirchner@science.doe.gov or prem.srivastava@science.doe.gov. The full text of Program Notice 00-20 is available via the Internet using the following web site address: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Medical Applications Program supports directed nuclear medicine research in the areas of radiopharmaceutical development, molecular nuclear medicine and medical imaging to promote the use of radioisotopes for non-invasive diagnosis and therapy. Selective molecular targeting with radioligands will facilitate the analysis of cellular and tissue function and may enable purposeful disruption of specific cellular functions in tissues requiring therapy. The in-vivo distribution of radiopharmaceuticals and other cell-directed ligands may be defined and monitored with a variety of in-vivo imaging methods, such as the use of gamma cameras, positron emission tomographs (PET), fluorescent techniques and a variety of optical techniques. The development of in-vivo imaging techniques based on cell-targeting should assist reliable differentiation between normal and abnormal tissues at the molecular and/or metabolic levels, ideally leading to the development of more effective therapies and useful monitoring techniques for such therapies. Thus, highly selective substrate-binding molecules, when labeled with high energy-emitting radioisotopes or other noxious or pre-sensitizing agents, can become powerful tools for targeted molecular therapy of cancer.

Basic research in molecular biology has provided new insights to the molecular basis of human disease and its potential molecular targets. DOE's current Molecular Nuclear Medicine Program encourages development of new technologies for molecular delivery of radioisotopes to disease target sites with a high degree of molecular precision, recognition, and target selectivity. The availability of new technology for high resolution imaging of small animals should facilitate the evaluation of new molecular ligands for their potential value and subsequent use in human trials of cancer therapy.

This Notice is to solicit grant applications for developing innovative approaches to cell-targeted ablation therapy for tumors with in vivo radiation techniques. A well integrated team effort by scientists from overlapping disciplines of chemistry, radiopharmaceutical chemistry, cellular and molecular biology, and biological and nuclear medicine imaging will be judged important in the evaluation of submitted research applications. Methodological approaches that can be adapted to deliver more than one type