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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

January 31, 2003.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(h), of the receipt of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or a prohibited off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of

a contested on-the-record proceeding, to deliver a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication, to the Secretary.

Prohibited communications will be included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such requests only when it determines that fairness so requires.

Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication should serve the

document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications will be included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications recently received in the Office of the Secretary. These filings are available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For Assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

EXEMPT

Docket No.	Date Filed	Presenter or Requester
ER02-2330-001/002/003, EL00-62-052/053/054	1-28-03	Deborah B. Goldberg
CP02-396-000	1-30-03	Tony Froomjian
CP02-396-000	1-30-03	Jeff Wakefield
Project No. 184-000	1-31-03	Sharon Waechter

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Financial Assistance for an Environmental Professional Intern Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The programmatic objective of this Environmental Professional Intern Program is to provide unique research training opportunities in cooperative study, applied research, research techniques, and developmental activities that would be of major benefit in advancing the number and diversity of environmental professionals in the workforce.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces the availability of Federal Assistance to conduct an Environmental Professional Intern Program (Intern Program) to provide-on-the-job training for graduate and undergraduate students interested in careers in the environmental area. The need for wise stewardship of the Nation's environmental resources is increasing and with it a need to enlarge the pool of skilled environmental professionals while, at the same time, increasing the diversity of this pool. The EPA recognizes that there is a shortage of skilled environmental professionals. The programmatic objective of this Intern Program is to provide unique opportunities for cooperative study, research, and development that would increase the number and diversity of skilled engineers, scientists, policymakers, legal professionals, and managers in the environmental area.

This solicitation is to find a recipient organization to carry out this Intern Program. The student interns will be considered employees of the recipient organization rather than of the EPA

during their training period. All student interns must be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program, or accepted into an undergraduate or graduate program that will commence within nine months of selection as a student intern. This recipient organization would be responsible for locating candidate interns, selecting the interns and administering the funding to the interns.

The EPA would identify the intern's opportunities at the Agency or at an EPA stakeholder facility, provide advice to the organization in the selection of the candidate interns, and provide space, technical guidance and training to the interns during their internship period at either an EPA facility or an EPA stakeholder facility. All projects awarded under this agreement must be of a research nature. They must relate to the detection, assessment, and evaluation of the effects on and risks to human health from hazardous substances and the detection of hazardous substances in the environment. The internships must be to conduct a survey or to research,