

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions**

February 27, 2004.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* Original minor license.

b. *Project No.:* 12449-000.

c. *Date Filed:* February 28, 2003.

d. *Applicant:* Neshkoro Power Associates, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Big Falls Milldam Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Little Wolf River (north branch), near the Village of Big Falls, in Waupaca County, Wisconsin. The project does not affect any Federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Charles Alsberg, North American Hydro, Inc., P.O. Box 167, Neshkoro, Wisconsin 54960, (902) 293-4628 ext. 11.

i. *FERC Contact:* Timothy Konnert, timothy.konnert@ferc.gov, or (202) 502-6359.

j. Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

Anyone may obtain an extension of time for these deadlines from the Commission only upon a showing of good cause or extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2008.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's rules of practice and procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

Comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions may be filed electronically via the Internet in

lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "eFiling" link.

k. *Status of Environmental Analysis:* This application is ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *Description of Project:* The existing Big Falls Milldam Hydroelectric Project consists of the following facilities: (1) A 256-foot-long by 18-foot-high dam, topped with a 76-foot-long fixed crest ogee with 6-inch flashboards and one 16-foot-wide Taintor gate; (2) a 23.27-acre reservoir (Big Falls Flowage) with a negligible gross storage capacity at a normal elevation of 901.65 feet Mean Sea Level; (3) a 7-foot-diameter by 175-foot-long penstock leading to; (4) a powerhouse containing one, vertical-shaft Francis turbine generator with an installed generating capacity of 350 kilowatts (kW), producing a total of 1,513,514 kilowatt-hours (kWh) annually, and (5) appurtenant facilities.

m. A copy of the application is 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 "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support. To view upcoming FERC events, go to <http://www.ferc.gov> and click on "View Entire Calendar."

n. All filings must: (1) Bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "REPLY COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b).

Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b), and 385.2010.

o. *Procedures Schedule:* The Commission staff proposes to issue one Environmental Assessment (EA) rather than issuing a draft and final EA. Staff intends to allow at least 30 days for entities to comment on the EA, and will take into consideration all comments received on the EA before final action is taken on the license application. If any person or organization objects to the staff proposed alternative procedure, they should file comments as stipulated in item k above, briefly explaining the basis for their objection. The application will be processed according to the following schedule, but revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate:

Issue Notice of availability of EA—June 2004.

Ready for Commission decision on the application—August 2004.

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of this notice.

Linda Mitry,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OECA-2003-0034; FRL-7631-8]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review and Approval; Comment Request; NESHAP for Chromium Emissions From Hard and Decorative Chromium Electroplating and Chromium Anodizing, EPA ICR Number 1611.05, OMB Number 2060-0327

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 an Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This is a request to renew an existing approved collection. This ICR is scheduled to expire on February 29, 2004. Under OMB regulations, the Agency may

continue to conduct or sponsor the collection of information while this submission is pending at OMB. This ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated burden and cost.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before April 5, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing docket ID number OECA-2003-0034, to (1) EPA online using EDOCKET (our preferred method), by e-mail to docket.oeca@epa.gov, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Enforcement and Compliance Docket and Information Center (ECDIC), Mail Code 2201T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, and (2) OMB at: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

María Malavé, Compliance Assessment and Media Programs Division, Office of Compliance, Mail Code 2223A, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC, 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-7027; fax number: (202) 564-0050; e-mail address: malave.maria@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has submitted the following ICR to OMB for review and approval according to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12. On May 19, 2003 (68 FR 27059), EPA sought comments on this ICR pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). EPA received no comments.

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID Number OECA-2003-0034, which is available for public viewing at the Enforcement and Compliance Docket and Information Center 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 Enforcement and Compliance Docket and Information Center 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 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. When 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 and OMB within 30 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, 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 placed 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>.

Title: NESHAP for Chromium Emissions From Hard and Decorative Chromium Electroplating and Chromium Anodizing (40 CFR part 63, subpart N), EPA ICR Number 1611.05, OMB Control Number 2060-0327.

Abstract: The national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAP) using maximum achievable control technology (MACT) for control of chromium emissions from hard and decorative chromium electroplating and chromium anodizing tanks were proposed on December 16, 1993 and promulgated on January 25, 1995.

In general, all NESHAP-MACT standards require initial notifications, performance tests, and periodic reports. Respondents that are not required to conduct an initial performance test (*i.e.*, decorative chromium electroplating or chromium anodizing operations that use a wetting agent and meet the surface tension limit required by the rule, and decorative chromium electroplating operations that use a trivalent chromium bath) are required to notify the Administrator of the initial compliance status of the source. Owners or operators are also required to maintain records of a source's operations including the occurrence and duration of any startup, shutdown, or malfunction in the operation of an affected facility, or any period during which the monitoring system is inoperative. The types of reports required by these standards include initial compliance status reports.

Periodic reports required by this standard include annual compliance status reports for area sources and semiannual compliance status reports for major sources, unless an exceedance has occurred which requires sources to submit such reports on a more frequent basis. These notifications, reports, and records are essential in determining compliance, and are required of all sources subject to NESHAP-MACT standards.

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, and are identified on the form and/or instrument, if applicable.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 83 hours per response. 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.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Operators of hard chromium electroplating, decorative chromium electroplating, and chromium anodizing facilities/chromium electroplating or chromium anodizing tanks.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,020.

Frequency of Response: Initially, annually, semiannually, and quarterly.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 495,774 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Costs: \$106,662,892 which accounts for annual O&M costs of \$75,300,000 only since there are no annualized capital/startup costs associated with this ICR, as well as Respondent Labor costs of \$31,362,892.

Changes in the Estimates: There is a decrease of 20,412 hours in the total estimated burden currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved ICR Burdens. This decrease in labor hours is

the result of changing the percentage from 10 percent to 5 percent to calculate the management person-hours since we believe this is a more accurate estimate.

Dated: February 25, 2004.

Oscar Morales,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7630-7]

Request for Wetlands Project Proposals

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Solicitation of proposals.

SUMMARY: EPA Region 6 is soliciting proposals from State agencies, local governments, and Tribes interested in applying for Federal assistance for the State/Tribal/Local Government Wetlands Protection Development Grant Program under the Clean Water Act section 104(b)(3), 33 U.S.C.1254(b)(3) in the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. This solicitation notice distributes EPA Region 6 requirements. For the FY 04 National Wetlands Guidance please see the **Federal Register** 69 FR 6284, February 10, 2004 or the national Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/grantguidelines>.

DATES: Proposals must be postmarked by May 3, 2004, for acceptance. No exceptions will be made. Once the proposal is approved for further funding consideration, applicants will be notified to submit a formal application.

ADDRESSES: Send proposals with a cover sheet (included in this guidance) to: Tyrone Hoskins, State/tribal Programs Section (6WQ-AT), EPA Region 6; 1445 Ross Avenue Suite 1200; Dallas, TX 75202-2733. This solicitation notice may also be found at the Assistance Program Branch—State/tribal Programs Section Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6wq/at/wetlands/index.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tyrone Hoskins, State/tribal Programs Section EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue Suite 1200; Dallas, TX 75202-2733, telephone: (214) 665-7375, fax: (214) 665-6490, e-mail: hoskins.tyrone@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Federal Agency Name: Region 6 Environmental Protection Agency Water Division.

Funding Opportunity Title: Wetland Program Development Grants.

Announcement Type: Notice.
Catalog of Domestic Assistance Number: 66.461.

Overview

The goals of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) wetland program include increasing the quantity and quality of wetlands in the U.S. by conserving and restoring wetland acreage and improving wetland health. In pursuing these goals, EPA seeks to build the capacity of all levels of government to develop and implement effective, comprehensive programs for wetland protection and management. The six program areas central to achieving these goals are: regulation, monitoring and assessment, restoration, wetland water quality and watershed management, public-private partnerships, and coordination among agencies with wetland or wetland-related programs.

The Wetland Program Development Grants (WPDGs), initiated in FY90, provide States, Tribes, local governments (S/T/LGs), interstate associations, intertribal consortia, and national non-profit, non-governmental organizations (hereafter referred to as applicants or recipients) an opportunity to carry out projects to develop and refine comprehensive wetland programs. WPDGs provide eligible applicants an opportunity to conduct projects that promote the coordination and acceleration of research, investigations, experiments, training, demonstrations, surveys, and studies relating to the causes, effects, extent, prevention, reduction, and elimination of water pollution.

While WPDGs can continue to be used by recipients to build and refine any element of a comprehensive wetland program, emphasis through the competition process will be given to funding projects that address these six areas as identified by EPA: (1) Wetland and stream restoration; (2) protecting at risk waters; (3) watershed planning; (4) hydrogeomorphic assessment; (5) wetlands monitoring strategy; and (6) community environmental stewardship. States, Tribes, local governments (S/T/LGs), interstate associations, intertribal consortia are eligible to apply. Local/regional chapters/affiliations of a nonprofit organization are not eligible for WPDGs.

Interest in the grant program has continued to grow over the years and Congress has appropriated \$15 million annually to support the wetland grant program. Since the Wetland Grant Development Program started in FY90, grant funds are awarded on a competitive basis to support

development of State and Tribal wetland programs.

The statutory authority for WPDGs is section 104(b)(3) of the Clean Water Act (CWA). Section 104(b)(3) of the CWA restricts the use of these grants to developing and refining wetland management programs by conducting or promoting the coordination and acceleration of research, investigations, experiments, training, demonstrations, surveys, and studies relating to the causes, effects, extent, prevention, reduction, and elimination of water pollution. These competed grants may not be used for the operational support of wetland programs unless it is included in a Performance Partnership Grant (PPG). States and Tribes may not use WPDG funds for implementation of a wetlands program. However, funds available for WPDG grants may be combined in a PPG which may, in certain circumstances, provide the authorization to undertake implementation activities. For further information, see the final rules on Environmental Program Grants for State, Interstate, and local government agencies at 40 CFR part 35, subpart A and Tribes at 40 CFR part 35, subpart B. All projects funded through this program must contribute to the overall development and improvement of S/T/LG wetland programs. Grant applicants must demonstrate that their proposed project integrates with S/T/LG wetland programs.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

The EPA Wetlands Program will award Wetland Program Development Grants to assist States, tribes, and local governments with developing new wetland programs or refining existing wetland programs, and NOT for operational support of wetland programs. Reviewers will pay special attention to the project's longevity and self-sustaining ability. Additional consideration may be given to implementation projects that actually demonstrate protection, restoration or enhancement of wetlands. If a proposal does not meet EPA priorities, the proposal will not be ranked. An applicant should choose the priority which is suitable for their proposed project. EPA will use the selected priority for the evaluation of the proposed project with criteria specific to that priority. Each of the following priorities must also include an outreach component:

1. Wetland and stream restoration: EPA is interested in partnering with state, tribal, and local governments in the area of wetland and stream restoration. Projects should focus on