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## DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

### Notice of Commission Meeting and Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Basin Commission ("DRBC" or "Commission") will hold an informal conference followed by a public hearing on Wednesday, March 19, 2003. The hearing will be part of the Commission's regular business meeting. Both the conference session and business meeting are open to the public and will be held at the Commission's offices at 25 State Police Drive, West Trenton, New Jersey.

The conference among the commissioners and staff will begin at 9:30 a.m. Topics of discussion include: the DRBC Water Resources Program for 2003; a progress report on development of the basinwide plan and new DRBC comprehensive plan; a discussion about the Delaware River Basin Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program; a proposal to extend Docket D-77-20 CP (Revision 5) (Amended) relating to New York City reservoir releases to protect tailwater fisheries; a proposal to amend the Commission's project review fees; a report on the coordinated EPA, state and DRBC approach to the staged PCB TMDL for the Delaware Estuary; and a discussion on proposed revision of the Commission's water quality standards for PCBs.

The subjects of the public hearing to be held during the 1 p.m. business meeting include, in addition to the dockets listed below, a resolution extending Docket D-77-20 CP (Revision 5) (Amended); a resolution amending Docket D-77-110 CP by the addition of a "Designated Unit" to Table A (Revised); a resolution adopting the 2003 Water Resources Program; and a resolution to approve the Commission's budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004.

1. *New Jersey-American Water Company D-85-2 CP Renewal 3.* A renewal of a ground water withdrawal

project to continue withdrawal of 51.8 million gallons (mg)/30 days to supply the applicant's public water distribution system from existing Wells Nos. 3, 4 and 5 in the Kittatinny Formation. The project is located in Washington Township, Warren County, New Jersey.

2. *Borough of Roosevelt D-85-8 CP Renewal 2.* A renewal of a ground water withdrawal project to supply up to 7 mg/30 days of water to the applicant's public water distribution system from existing Wells Nos. 3 and 4 in the Raritan Formation. No increase in the maximum allocation is proposed. The project is located in Roosevelt Borough, Monmouth County, New Jersey.

3. *Netcong Borough D-2000-41 CP.* A ground water withdrawal project to supply up to 17.8 mg/30 days of water to the applicant's public water distribution system from existing Wells Nos. 1A and 2 in glacial deposits, and Wells Nos. 5 and 6 in the Gneiss Formation, and to limit the withdrawal from all wells to 17.8 mg/30 days. The project is located in Netcong Borough and Roxbury Township, Morris County, New Jersey.

4. *Hanah Country Inn D-2002-7 (Revised).* A project revision to improve and expand a 9,000 gallons per day (gpd) septic treatment system to treat 13,830 gpd at the applicant's 900 acre lodging facility located in the Town of Middletown, Delaware County, New York, within the drainage area to DRBC's Special Protection Waters. The applicant had originally planned to provide a new subsurface discharge leach field, but now plans to provide advanced treatment followed by discharge to a new percolation trench. The site is located on both sides of State Route 30, between County Route 38 (Arkville Road) and East Hubbell Road. The project is in the East Branch Delaware River Watershed, upstream from Pepsacton Reservoir.

5. *Municipal Authority of the Township of Westfall D-2002-23 CP.* An upgrade and expansion of a 0.095 mgd advanced secondary sewage treatment plant (STP) to provide tertiary treatment of 0.3 mgd, using a sequencing batch reactor process. The proposed expansion is needed to serve residential and commercial development in Westfall Township, Pike County, Pennsylvania. The plant, known locally as the Hunts Landing STP, is located on the west bank of the Delaware River, just south of the Route 209 and I-84 interchange in Westfall Township. The plant was formerly owned by Delaware Valley Utilities, Inc., who constructed the facility in 1986 and expanded it in 1991. The plant uses an activated sludge treatment process and will be phased

out of operation. A new outfall line will be constructed and STP effluent will be discharged via submerged diffusers to the Delaware River in the Special Protection Waters of Water Quality Zone 1C.

6. *New Jersey Department of Corrections D-2002-31 CP.* An expansion of a 0.769 mgd STP to process 1.3 mgd while continuing to provide advanced secondary treatment. The expanded plant will continue to serve the A. C. Wagner Youth Correctional Facility and a portion of Chesterfield Township. The plant is located just less than one mile northeast of the intersection of Ward Avenue and Hogback Road in Chesterfield Township, Burlington County, New Jersey. STP effluent will continue to be discharged to Crosswicks Creek through the existing outfall diffuser. The project expansion is needed to eliminate malfunctioning septic systems serving Crosswicks Village and to provide treatment capacity to serve a planned 350 bed minimum security facility.

7. *Strausser Enterprises, Inc. D-2002-43.* A ground water withdrawal project to supply up to 9.31 mg/30 days of water to the applicant's golf course irrigation system from new Wells Nos. ITW 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the Allentown Formation. The project is located in the Delaware River Watershed in Forks Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania.

8. *North Coventry Water Authority D-2002-47 CP.* A transfer of up to 0.76 mgd of potable water from Pottstown Borough Authority (PBA) to serve customers in North Coventry and a portion of East Coventry Townships, both in Chester County, Pennsylvania. Most of these customers are currently served by PBA, which will transfer to North Coventry Water Authority its service area south of the Schuylkill River. PBA has adequate capacity at its 12 mgd filter plant, located at the confluence of the Schuylkill River and Manatawny Creek, to meet the applicant's potable water demand. The applicant currently operates two wells in the Southeastern Pennsylvania Ground Water Protected Area to provide customers in North Coventry Township with up to 16,500 gpd.

In addition to the public hearing items, the Commission will address the following at its 1 p.m. business meeting: Minutes of the January 29, 2003 business meeting; announcements; a report on Basin hydrologic conditions; a report by the executive director; a report by the Commission's general counsel; a resolution re-authorizing the Water Quality Advisory Committee; and a resolution authorizing the executive

director to enter into an agreement with the University of Delaware to acquire the expertise of faculty and staff in developing inputs for carbon parameters in the water quality model for the Delaware Estuary.

Draft dockets and other items scheduled for public hearing on March 19, 2003 are posted on the Commission's Web site, <http://www.drbc.net>, where they can be accessed through the Notice of Commission Meeting and Public Hearing. Additional documents relating to the dockets and other items may be examined at the Commission's offices. Please contact Thomas L. Brand at 609-883-9500 ext. 221 with any docket-related questions.

Persons wishing to testify at this hearing are requested to register in advance with the Commission Secretary at 609-883-9500 ext. 203. Individuals in need of an accommodation as provided for in the Americans With Disabilities Act who wish to attend the hearing should contact the Commission Secretary directly at 609-883-9500 ext. 203 or through the Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) at 711, to discuss how the Commission may accommodate your needs.

Dated: March 4, 2003.

**Pamela M. Bush,**

*Commission Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### National Energy Technology Laboratory; Notice of Availability of a Financial Assistance Solicitation

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy (DOE), National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of a Financial Assistance Solicitation.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the intent to issue Financial Assistance Solicitation No. DE-PS26-03NT41739-0 entitled "EE-IT Mining Industry of the Future: Exploration and Mining Technology". The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Industrial Technologies (OIT) is soliciting applications for cost-shared research and development of technologies which will reduce energy consumption, enhance economic competitiveness and reduce environmental impacts of the domestic mining industry. An efficient and productive mining industry requires constant progress in the processes and technologies used in

exploration and mining. While the mining industry uses many of the latest technologies to locate and mine materials, further process and technological advances are needed to enable enhanced and more efficient resource identification, characterization and production. The objective of the targeted solicitation is to support the stated national interests by funding research and development projects that address key industry-identified technology needs described in the Exploration and Mining Technology (EMT) Roadmap (Sept. 2002) (<http://www.oit.doe.gov/mining/pdfs/emroadmap.pdf>), and the Energy Analysis (<http://www.oit.doe.gov/mining/pdfs/energyanalysis.pdf>). Applications are being solicited in four (4) interest areas: (1) *Exploration and Mine Planning* (DE-PS26-03NT41739-1); (2) *Underground Mining* (DE-PS26-03NT41739-2); (3) *Surface Mining* (DE-PS26-03NT41739-3); and (4) *Energy Intensive Processes* (DE-PS26-03NT41739-4). Applications are sought for applied research at the bench-scale to field-scale level, for time periods of up to five (5) years.

**DATES:** The solicitation will be available on the "Industry Interactive Procurement System" (IIPS) Web page located at <http://e-center.doe.gov> on or about February 26, 2003, with a proposal due date of May 21, 2003, 8 p.m. Eastern Time. Applicants can obtain access to the solicitation from the address above or through DOE/NETL's Web site at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The U.S. Congress looks to the Department of Energy (DOE) to work toward improving the energy efficiency of America's most energy-intensive industries with special interest in industrial processing. DOE, through its Industrial Technologies Program (IT) supports industries in their efforts to increase energy efficiency, reduce waste and increase productivity. The goal of the IT Program is to accelerate the development and use of advanced, energy efficient, renewable and pollution prevention technologies that benefit industry, the environment and the U.S. energy security. At IT's core, is the Industries of the Future program that focuses on basic materials and processing industries, of which the

Mining Industry is one such business sector.

The objective of the targeted solicitation is to support the stated national interests by funding research and development (R&D) projects that address technology needs described in the Exploration and Mining Technology (EMT) Roadmap (Sept. 2002) (<http://www.oit.doe.gov/mining/pdfs/emroadmap.pdf>), and Energy Analysis (<http://www.oit.doe.gov/mining/pdfs/energyanalysis.pdf>). The Roadmap focuses on process and technological advances that will improve the exploration for, and extraction of, ore from the earth. The Energy Analysis is a 2-page presentation showing the results of a study to demonstrate where the largest energy saving opportunities are in Mining.

As stated above, the key industry-identified research areas as presented in the Roadmap and Analysis form the bases of this solicitation and are characterized in four interest areas as follows:

(1) *Exploration and Mining Planning* (DE-PS26-03NT41739-1). Exploration includes locating economic deposits and establishing their nature, shape and grade. Activities involved in exploration include geological surveys, geophysical prospecting (both ground and aerial), boreholes and trail pits, surface/underground headings, drifts or tunnels. Mining, as used here, is the extraction or removal of ore from surface or underground mines. This involves excavating activities such as digging, blasting, breaking, loading and hauling. Interests include prospecting, sampling and exploratory drilling such as rotary and percussive drilling, and other work involved in searching for ore.

(2) *Underground Mining* (DE-PS26-03NT41739-2). Mining that takes place underground. This type of mining is generally done where the valuable mineral is located deep enough where it is not economically viable to be removed by surface mining. Interests include near face (such as intelligent or remote controlled robotics); ancillary (activities not directly involved in ore mining such as ventilation and improved health conditions) and maintenance services and technical services are also of interest.

(3) *Surface Mining* (DE-PS26-03NT41739-3). Mining at or near the surface. This type of mining is generally done where the overburden can be removed without too much expense. Also called strip mining; placer mining; opencast; open cut mining; and/or open pit mining. Interests include solution mining; materials handling systems integration and automation/robotics for