

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits; Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs and LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:
Responses: 900.
Burden Hours: 18,000.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 12, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Pat—Sherrill@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere

with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

Dated: March 8, 1999.

Patrick J. Sherrill,

Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Type of Review: New.

Title: Safe and Drug-Free Schools (SDFS) Recognition Program/Site Visits.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 130.

Burden Hours: 2,760.

Abstract: The SDFS Recognition Program was established to recognize public and private schools that have demonstrated exemplary practices in creating safe and orderly learning environments. The newly redesigned program will focus on: (1) research-based principles; (2) collaboration with partners and/or co-sponsors at the federal, state, and local levels (both public and private); and (3) effective diffusion of knowledge about what works to prevent drug use and violence among youth. The purpose of the site visits is to validate information contained in the applications. The site visit write-ups will be provided to the reviewers to help them make their final recommendations, and will become part of the school's file.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: New.

Title: Application for Anytime Anywhere Partnership (New Grant).

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profits; Not-for-profit institutions, State, local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:
Responses: 500.

Burden Hours: 9,000.

Abstract: The Learning Anytime Anywhere Partnerships is a new grant competition. The information collected will be used by outside reviewers and Department of Education staff to select grant recipients. It is expected that comments will be received from college and university faculty and administrators, higher education associations, software developers and publishers, industry training groups and other interested organizations and individuals.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for a Transuranic Waste Treatment Facility at Oak Ridge, Tennessee; Notice Extending the Public Scoping Period

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of extension of Public Scoping Period.

SUMMARY: The Department extends the public scoping period for a Transuranic Waste Treatment Facility at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. To ensure that the public has ample opportunity to provide comments since the public scoping meeting, the comment period is being extended until March 18, 1999.

DATES: The Department extends the public scoping period on the environmental impact statement until March 18, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written questions and comments should be submitted to: Gary L. Riner, U.S. Department of Energy, Oak Ridge Operations, P.O. Box 2001, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831, Telephone: (423) 241-3498, Facsimile: (423) 576-5333, or email riner@oro.doe.gov.

For general information on the Department's NEPA process, please contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, Telephone: (202) 586-4600 or leave a message at 800-472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 27, 1999, the Department published a notice in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 4079) announcing its intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for a Transuranic Waste Treatment Facility at Oak Ridge,

Tennessee. The original public scoping period was scheduled to end on February 26, 1999. The Department has separately notified interested and affected stakeholders of the change in date. Comments postmarked after March 18, 1999, will be considered to the extent practicable. Further information on the alternatives being considered in the environmental impact statement is contained in the Notice of Intent.

Issued in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, this 5th day of March 1999.

Rodney R. Nelson,

Assistant Manager for Environmental Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Office

Notice of Availability of Solicitations for Mining Industry of the Future Crosscutting Technologies

AGENCY: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EE) Office of Industrial Technologies (OIT) through the Federal Energy Technology Center (FETC), Pittsburgh, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Issuance of Two (2) Related Financial Assistance Solicitations.

SUMMARY: The U. S. Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EE) Office of Industrial Technologies (OIT) in conjunction with the Federal Energy Technology Center (FETC) announces that it intends to issue two (2) competitive Program Solicitations (PS), Nos. DE-PS26-99FT40298 and DE-PS26-99FT40299 in support of DOE/EE "Mining Industry Roadmap for Crosscutting Technologies" initiative <<http://www.oit.doe.gov/mining/roadmap.html>>. This announcement for the two solicitations is combined because each has identical program goals and evaluation criteria. One solicitation directs government funding to the DOE national laboratories (#40298), whereas the other is directed primarily at private sector (#40299) funding. Through the issuance of these solicitations, the DOE seeking field work proposals/applications for cost-shared research and development of technologies which will enhance economic competitiveness, reduce energy consumption and reduce environmental impacts of the mining industry. Field work proposals and applications will be subjected to a

comparative merit review by industry and DOE technical panels, and awards will be made to a limited number of proposers on the basis of the scientific merit of the field work proposals/applications, application of relevant program policy factors, and the availability of funds.

DATES: Both of the solicitations are expected to be ready for release by March 5, 1999. Field work proposals/applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms in the Program Solicitations and the respective closing dates are April 19, 1999 (i.e., National Laboratory field work proposals) and May 17, 1999 (private sector applications). Prior to submitting proposals or applications to these solicitations, check for any changes (i.e. closing date of solicitation) and/or amendments, if any through the Internet at FETC's Home Page <<http://www.fetc.doe.gov/business>>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Keith R. Miles, U.S. Department of Energy, Federal Energy Technology Center, P.O. Box 10940 (MS 921-143), Pittsburgh, PA 15236-0940; (Telephone: 412-892-5984; Facsimile: 412-892-6216; E-Mail: miles@fetc.doe.gov).

ADDRESSES: The solicitation will be available through the Internet at FETC's Home Page <<http://www.fetc.doe.gov/business>>. Telephone requests will not be accepted for any format version of the solicitation.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In June 1998, the mining industry and Department of Energy signed a compact pledging to work together through research and development partnerships. In September 1998, the mining industry released a vision for 2020 and beyond: "The Future Begins With Mining. A Vision of the Mining Industry of the Future" <<http://www.oit.doe.gov/mining/vision.html>> which focuses on advanced technologies that increase productivity and permit exploration, extraction, and processing to occur with minimal environmental impact.

The objective of these two (2) solicitation is to support this partnership by funding research, development and demonstration projects at the National Laboratories and within the private sector which address the priorities identified in the "Mining Industry Roadmap for Crosscutting Technologies". Proposals must address the selected research priorities from this document that meet the OIT programmatic objectives of increasing energy efficiency and reducing waste. The relevant passage from the roadmap

that justifies the proposed effort should be cited.

The specific focus of this solicitation is these three (3) research goals from Table 1 of the "The Future Begins With Mining. A Vision of the Mining Industry of the Future":

(1) Low Cost and Efficient Production—Use advanced technologies to improve process efficiencies from exploration to final product,

(2) Superior Exploration and Resource Characterization—Develop ways to find and define larger high grade reserves with minimal environmental disturbance, and

(3) Safe and Efficient Extraction and Processing—Use advanced technologies and training to improve the worker environment and reduce worker exposure to hazards that reduces lost time accidents and occupational diseases to near zero.

Note: Applications offering emissions or waste disposal, remediation, or treatment as a primary focus are not eligible for funding under this solicitation. This limitation does not include applications which target materials recycling or by-product utilization as their primary focus.

DOE currently has available \$1.8 million for the first year of selected National Laboratory research efforts and has budgeted \$2.0 million in FY 2000 for private sector projects. Out-year funding shall depend upon availability of future year appropriations. DOE anticipates multiple awards with a duration of 3 years or less. A minimum 50% non-federal cost-share is required for all applications. Collaboration between industry, university, and DOE National Laboratories is strongly encouraged.

Issued in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on March 2, 1999.

Dale A. Siciliano,

Contracting Officer, Acquisition and Assistance Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-262-000]

Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Compliance Filing and Joint Stipulation and Agreement

March 8, 1999.

Take notice that on March 4, 1999, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised