

NEW NOTICE OF INTENT: Colorado Springs Utilities Next-Generation CFB Coal Generating Unit, Fountain, CO (DOE/EIS-0362) (August 15, 2003). The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of a project proposed by Colorado Springs Utilities to design, construct, and operate a Next-Generation Circulating Fluidized Bed (CFB) Coal Generating Unit demonstration plant near Fountain, El Paso County, Colorado. The plant is proposed for a site adjacent to the existing 227 megawatt (MW) Ray D. Nixon Power Plant on the Clear Springs Ranch, a 5,000-acre Colorado Springs Utilities-owned property located approximately 17 miles south of Colorado Springs.

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT: The scoping period commences on **August 15, 2003**, and ends on **September 19, 2003**. Written comments are due no later than **September 19, 2003**. Send letters with comments and/or suggestions on the proposed scope of the Draft EIS to the NEPA Document Manager for the CFB Generating Unit project: Mr. Lloyd Lorenzi, National Energy Technology Laboratory, U.S. Department of Energy, P.O. Box 10940, Pittsburgh, PA 15236-0940. Individuals who would like to otherwise participate in the public scoping process should contact Mr. Lloyd Lorenzi directly by telephone: 412-386-6159; toll free number for recording messages: 1-800-276-9851; fax: 412-386-4604; or electronic mail: lorenzi@netl.doe.gov. In addition to receiving comments in writing and by telephone, DOE will conduct a public scoping meeting in which agencies, organizations, and the general public are invited to present oral comments or suggestions with regard to the range of actions, alternatives, analysis methods, and environmental issues to be considered in the EIS. The public is invited to an informal session at this location beginning at 5 pm to learn more about the proposed action. The scoping meeting will be held on:

- **Wednesday, September 3, 2003, at Fountain Middle School, 515 North Santa Fe Avenue, Fountain, CO, at 7 pm.**

For further information regarding the Project, to receive a copy of the draft EIS for review when it is issued, send requests to the NEPA Document Manager for the CFB Generating Unit project at the address given above. [For more details, see the Notice of Intent, [69 FR 48893](#), August 15, 2003.]