Draft Grant Guidelines for States and Draft Tribal Strategy; Solid Waste Disposal Act, Subtitle I, as Amended by Title XV, Subtitle B of the Energy Policy Act of 2005

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: By this notice, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Underground Storage Tanks (OUST) is advising the public of the future availability of draft grant guidelines EPA is developing to help states comply with requirements for receiving funding under Subtitle I of the Solid Waste Disposal Act as established in Title XV, Subtitle B of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. EPA is asking the public to comment on the guidelines as they become available. EPA also is advising the public of the future availability of a draft tribal strategy to implement section 1529 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, and asking for public comment as it becomes available. EPA encourages interested stakeholders to regularly check EPA’s Web site at: http://www.epa.gov/oust/fedlaws/epact_05.htm#Drafts where we will post the draft guidelines and draft tribal strategy as they become available over the next three months. You may also send an e-mail to OUST_Energy_Policy_Actor_Email_List@epa.gov requesting that we notify you when the drafts are posted on EPA’s Web site.

DATES: The draft guidelines and draft tribal strategy will become available between May 22, 2006 and August 1, 2006.

ADDRESSES: EPA will post the draft guidelines and draft tribal strategy on our web site at: http://www.epa.gov/oust/fedlaws/epact_05.htm#Drafts as they become available over the next three months. You also may send an e-mail to OUST_Energy_Policy_Actor_EMail_List@epa.gov requesting that we notify you when the drafts are posted on EPA’s Web site. After the draft guidelines and tribal strategy are posted on EPA’s Web site, paper copies will be available from the National Service Center for Environmental Publications (NSCEP), EPA’s publications distribution warehouse upon request. You may request copies from NSCEP by calling 1-800-490-9198; writing to U.S. EPA/NSCEP, Box 42419, Cincinnati, OH 45242-0419; or faxing your request to NSCEP at 513-489-8695.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The EPA’s Office of Underground Storage Tanks, (703) 603-9900.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 8, 2005, President Bush signed the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Title XV, Subtitle B of this act, entitled the Underground Storage Tank Compliance Act of 2005, contains amendments to Subtitle I of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, the original legislation that created the underground storage tank (UST) program. This is the first Federal legislative change for the UST program since its inception over 20 years ago. The UST provisions of the new law focus on preventing tank releases, will significantly affect federal and state underground storage tank programs, and will require major changes to the programs. Among other things, the UST provisions of the Energy Policy Act require that states receiving funding under Subtitle I comply with certain requirements contained in the law. OUST is working with its partners to develop grant guidelines which EPA regional tank programs will incorporate into states’ grant agreements. The guidelines will provide states with specific requirements, based on the UST provisions of the Energy Policy Act, for their state underground storage tank programs.

To implement the new law, OUST, EPA regions, and states are working closely with tribes, other federal agencies, tank owners and operators, UST equipment industry, and other stakeholders to bring about the mandated changes affecting underground storage tank programs. Over the next few months, EPA will issue individual draft grant guidelines that contain information on requirements, as provided for in the UST provisions of the Energy Policy Act, such as: Fuel delivery prohibition; secondary containment; financial responsibility for tank installers and manufacturers; public record; and inspections. In addition, the UST provisions of the Energy Policy Act require that EPA, in coordination with Indian tribes, develop and implement a strategy for implementing the UST program in Indian country.

The UST provisions of the Energy Policy Act require EPA implement some of the provisions by August 2006; other provisions will need to be implemented in subsequent years. Once the guidelines are issued and become effective, EPA regions will incorporate the guidelines in grant agreements between EPA and states. States receiving funds from EPA for their underground storage tank programs must comply with the UST provisions of the Energy Policy Act and will be subject to action by EPA under 40 CFR 31.43 if they fail to comply with the guidelines.

The Agency is providing the public with an opportunity to comment on these draft grant guidelines and draft tribal strategy by following the process specified below. As provided in 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2), the grant guidelines are exempt from the notice and comment rule-making procedures. Consequently, EPA will not establish a public docket for comments and may not issue separate responses to comments when it issues the final guidelines and tribal strategy.

EPA encourages interested stakeholders to regularly check EPA’s Web site at: http://www.epa.gov/oust/fedlaws/epact_05.htm#Drafts where we will post the draft guidelines and draft tribal strategy as they become available over the next three months. You may also send an e-mail to OUST_Energy_Policy_Actor_EMail_List@epa.gov requesting that we notify you when the drafts are posted on EPA’s Web site. As each draft guideline and tribal strategy is posted on EPA’s Web site, we will accept comments on each for 30 days. EPA’s Web site will provide information about document availability and specific public comment periods. You may submit comments by e-mail, facsimile, or mail as described on EPA’s Web site. After the draft guidelines and strategy are posted on EPA’s Web site, paper copies will be available from NSCEP, EPA’s publications distribution warehouse upon request. You may request copies from NSCEP by calling 1-800-490-9198; writing to U.S. EPA/NSCEP, Box 42419, Cincinnati, OH 45242-0419; or faxing your request to NSCEP at 513-489-8695.

After considering public comments, EPA will issue final grant guidelines which EPA regions will incorporate into states’ grant agreements. EPA will also solicit comments on a draft strategy about tanks in Indian country and, after considering public comments, will issue a final strategy about tanks in Indian country.
EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

Notice of Open Special Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank)

Summary: The Advisory Committee was established by Pub. L. 98-181, November 30, 1983, to advise the Export-Import Bank on its programs and to provide comments for inclusion in the reports of the Export-Import Bank of the United States to Congress.

Time and Place: Wednesday, June 7, 2006, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. The meeting will be held at Ex-Im Bank in the Main Conference Room 1143, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571.

Agenda: This meeting will focus on the Congressionally mandated Competitiveness Report which focuses on how Ex-Im Bank’s programs compare with their major G-7 ECA counterparts during 2005, as well as identifying certain related emerging issues.

Public Participation: The meeting will be open to public participation, and the last 10 minutes will be set aside for oral questions or comments. Members of the public may also file written statement(s) before or after the meeting. If you plan to attend, a photo ID must be presented at the guard’s desk as part of the clearance process into the building, and you may contact Teri Stumpf to be placed on an attendee list. If any person wishes auxiliary aids (such as a sign language interpreter) or other special accommodations, please contact, prior to June 1, 2006, Terri Stumpf, Room 1203, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571, Voice: (202) 565–3502 or TDD (202) 565–3377.

Further Information: For further information, contact Teri Stumpf, Room 1203, 811 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20571, (202) 565–3502.

Howard A. Schweitzer,
Acting General Counsel.

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Forms of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 et seq.) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center Web site at http://www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than June 16, 2006.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

(Patrick M. Wilder, Assistant Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414:

1. Oswego Community Bank Employee Stock Ownership Plan, Oswego, Illinois; to acquire an additional 13.29 percent, for a total of 51 percent, of the voting shares of Oswego Bancshares, Inc., and thereby indirectly acquire additional voting shares of Oswego Community Bank, both of Oswego, Illinois.


Robert deV. Frierson,
Deputy Secretary of the Board.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer at (404) 639–5960 or send an e-mail to omb@cdc.gov. Send written comments to CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC or by fax to (202) 395–6974. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

Proposed Project


Background and Brief Description

Each year approximately 400,000 residential fires occur in the United States. Smoke alarms have been shown to reduce fire-related injury and fatality. This project will use data from in-person interviews, paper and pencil (PAPI) and telephone surveys to determine the degree to which the Smoke Alarm Installation and Fire Safety Education (SAIFE) program improves knowledge, attitudes, and practices about fire and burn safety and its efficacy in delivering fire safety information. The data will be collected from a convenience sample of adults 18 years of age or older who volunteer to participate in the SAIFE program. Program participants will be asked to complete a 15-minute survey twice while taking part in the SAIFE program, once immediately before the intervention and 6 months after equipment installation. Approximately 10% of the respondents surveyed will be randomly selected for an extensive 1 hour face to face interview 6 months following the installation period. The evaluation will measure changes across time, between groups, and within groups among communities involved in the program. CDC currently funds 16 states to provide installation of smoke alarms plus general fire safety education.