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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Hydrogen Storage Engineering Center of Excellence Pre-Solicitation Meeting

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of pre-solicitation meeting on October 15, 2007 in San Antonio, Texas.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) Hydrogen, Fuel Cells and Infrastructure Technologies Program is holding a pre-solicitation meeting on a planned Hydrogen Storage Engineering Center of Excellence on October 15, 2007 in San Antonio, Texas at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center at 3:30 p.m. CDT. A Web cast will also be available for anyone unable to attend the meeting in person. Detailed

information regarding the meeting location, Web cast, and the solicitation materials for comment will be updated on the DOE Web site, http://www.hydrogen.energy.gov/news_storage_center.html.

At the meeting, DOE seeks questions and comments from the public on the draft solicitation materials that will be posted on this Web site. This information will be used in determining the scope of work of this new center of excellence and the associated solicitation, otherwise known as a

Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA). Questions and comments will also be accepted via e-mail. All of the questions received (from the meeting and via e-mail) and the associated answers provided at the meeting will be posted on this Web site after the meeting.

DATES: Written questions and comments are welcome. These may be submitted via e-mail and must be received by 5 p.m. CDT on October 11, 2007. Questions will also be taken during the actual meeting on October 15, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Please submit all questions and comments to engineeringCoE@go.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The mission of the DOE's Hydrogen Program is to research, develop and validate fuel cell and hydrogen production, delivery, and storage technologies so that hydrogen from diverse domestic resources can be used in a clean, safe, reliable and affordable manner in fuel cell vehicles, electric power generation and combined heat and power applications. A critical requirement for enabling hydrogen fuel cell vehicles to achieve mass market penetration is the development of on-board hydrogen storage systems with enough capacity to meet driving range expectations (more than 300 miles in the United States), while meeting a number of requirements such as weight, volume and cost. Detailed technical targets developed by DOE, with input through the FreedomCAR and Fuel Partnership, are available at: <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/hydrogenandfuelcells/mypp/pdfs/storage.pdf>.

For more information about the DOE Hydrogen Program and related on-board hydrogen storage activities visit the Program's Web site at <http://www.hydrogen.energy.gov> and <http://www.eere.energy.gov/hydrogenandfuelcells>.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at 202-564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 6, 2007 (72 FR 17156).

DRAFT EISs

EIS No. 20070243, ERP No. D-AFS-65485-WY, Thunder Basin Analysis Area Vegetation Management, To Implement Best Management Grazing Practices and Activities, Douglas Ranger District, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland, Campbell, Converse and Weston Counties, WY. *Summary:* EPA's comments on the draft EIS have not been addressed or incorporated into the final EIS. Accordingly, EPA continues to have environmental concerns related to riparian area condition, water quality, drought management plans, soil quality and the degree of planning and commitment to adaptive management. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20070247, ERP No. D-NRC-C06017-NY, GENERIC—James A. Fitzpatrick Nuclear Power Plant, License Renewal of Nuclear Plant, Site Specific Supplement 31 to NUREG-1437, Town of Sriba, NY. *Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concern about entrainment issues and requested an analysis of intentional destructive acts. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20070266, ERP No. D-SFW-B64005-00, Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge, Comprehensive Conservation Plan, 15 Year Guidance for Management of Refuge Operations, Habitat and Visitor Services, Implementation, Coos County, NH and Oxford County, ME. *Summary:* EPA does not object to the proposed project. Rating LO.

EIS No. 20070278, ERP No. D-FHW-K40264-CA, Tier 1—Placer Parkway Corridor Preservation Project, Select and Preserve a Corridor for the Future Construction from CA-70/99 to CA 65, Placer and Sutter Counties, CA. *Summary:* EPA expressed

environmental concerns about water quality and air quality impacts and growth-inducing effects to aquatic and biological resources. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20070289, ERP No. D-SFW-K99037-AZ, Horseshoe and Bartlett Reservoirs Project, To Store and Release Water, Issuance of an Incidental Take Permit for Operation, Located Northeast of Phoenix, Maricopa and Yavapai Counties, AZ. *Summary:* EPA does not object to the proposed project. Rating LO.

EIS No. 20070327, ERP No. D-FTA-G59003-TX, Denton to Carrollton Regional Rail Corridor Project, Transportation Improvements between Downtown Denton and the Dallas Area Rapid (DART) System, Right-of-Way Grant, Denton and Dallas Counties, TX. *Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns about wetland and air quality impacts. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20070216, ERP No. DS-AFS-L65369-00, Southwest Idaho Ecogroup Land and Resource Management Plan, Additional Information Concerning Terrestrial Management Indicator Species (MIS), Boise National Forest, Payette National Forest and Sawtooth National Forest, Forest Plan Revision, Implementation, Several Counties, ID; Malheur County, OR and Box Elder County, UT. *Summary:* EPA supports the management directions and objectives to improve land condition based on MIS habitat, as well as reducing grazing when needed. Rating LO.

EIS No. 20070273, ERP No. DS-MMS-E02011-00, Eastern Planning Area Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Lease Sale 224, Gulf of Mexico Offshore Marine Environment and Coastal Parshes/ Counties of LA, MS, AL, and North Western Florida. *Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns about air quality impacts and impacts related to oil spills and drilling discharges. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20070338, ERP No. DS-TVA-E65073-TN, Watts Bar Reservoir Land Management Plan, Amend and Update the 2005 Plan, Guide Land Use Approvals, Private Water Use Facility, and Resource Management Decisions, Loudon, Meigs, Rhea and Roane Counties, TN. *Summary:* EPA continues to have environmental concerns about reservoir water quality and shoreline habitat impacts, and prefers the selection of the Modified C alternative due to the reduced development, which would reduce impacts to reservoir water quality and shoreline habitat. Rating EC1.