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More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-14237-000) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: September 29, 2011.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14236-000]

#### NorthHydro, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On July 29, 2011, NorthHydro, LLC (NorthHydro or applicant) filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), to study the feasibility of developing the proposed 16.4 Wasteway Hydroelectric project (project) near Richland in Franklin County, Washington. The wasteway was constructed by the U.S Bureau of Reclamation as part of the Columbia Basin Project, and is situated within and operated by the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District. The wasteway functions as a diversion of surplus water from the irrigation system. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application

during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The project would collect all excess flows below the wasteway outlet structure. The following new facilities are proposed: (1) A diversion structure that would collect water from the wasteway; (2) three 63-inch diameter, 4,900 foot-long underground penstocks connecting the diversion structure with a powerhouse; (3) three turbine/generator units with a combined capacity of 1,750 kilowatts; (4) a 7.5-mile-long, 115-kilovolt transmission line connecting to the existing Ringold substation; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The estimated annual generation of the project would be 10.0 gigawatt-hours.

*Applicant Contact:* Mr. Darius Ruen, P.E., NorthHydro, LLC, 3201 Huetter Road, Suite 102, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814; phone (208) 292-0820.

*FERC Contact:* Patrick Murphy; phone (202) 502-8755.

*Deadline for Filing Comments, Motions to Intervene, Competing Applications (Without Notices of Intent), or Notices of Intent to File Competing Applications:* 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR

385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9475-4]

### Clean Water Act Section 303(d): Availability of List Decisions

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of EPA's Responsiveness Summary Concerning EPA's April 13, 2011 Public Notice of Proposed Decisions to Add Waters and Pollutants to Louisiana's 2008 Section 303(d) List.

On April 13, 2011 EPA published a notice in the **Federal Register** at 76 FR 20664-20665 providing the public the opportunity to review its decision to partially approve and proposal to partially disapprove Louisiana's 2008 Section 303(d) List. Specifically, EPA approved Louisiana's listing of 409 waterbody pollutant combinations, and associated priority rankings. EPA proposed to disapprove Louisiana's decisions not to list three waterbodies. These three waterbodies were added by EPA because the applicable numeric water quality standards marine criterion for dissolved oxygen was not attained in these segments.

Based on the Responsiveness Summary, EPA finds no new information or persuasive arguments as to why the three waters should not be added to the 2008 Louisiana Section 303(d) List as proposed. Therefore, EPA is taking Final Action on the addition of three waterbody pollutant combinations to the final Louisiana 2008 Section 303(d) List. The basis for these decisions is described in EPA's Responsiveness Summary and the Record of Decision.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of EPA's Responsiveness Summary Concerning EPA's September 28, 2011 Public Notice of Final Decisions to Add Waters and Pollutants to Louisiana's 2008 Section 303(d) List can be obtained at EPA Region 6's Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region6/water/npdes/tmdl/index.htm#303dlists>, or by writing or calling Ms. Diane Smith at Water Quality Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Region 6, 1445 Ross Ave., Dallas, TX 75202–2733, telephone (214) 665–2145, facsimile (214) 665–6490, or e-mail: [smith.diane@epa.gov](mailto:smith.diane@epa.gov). Underlying documents from the administrative record for these decisions are available for public inspection at the above address. Please contact Ms. Smith to schedule an inspection.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diane Smith at (214) 665–2145.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) requires that each state identify those waters for which existing technology-based pollution controls are not stringent enough to attain or maintain state water quality standards. For those waters, states are required to establish Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) according to a priority ranking.

EPA's Water Quality Planning and Management regulations include requirements related to the implementation of Section 303(d) of the CWA (40 CFR 130.7). The regulations require states to identify water quality limited waters still requiring TMDLs every two years. The list of waters still needing TMDLs must also include priority rankings and must identify the waters targeted for TMDL development during the next two years (40 CFR 130.7).

Consistent with EPA's regulations, Louisiana submitted to EPA its 2008 listing decisions under Section 303(d) on August 25, 2009. On April 13, 2011, EPA approved Louisiana's 2008 listing of 409 water body-pollutant combinations and associated priority rankings, and proposed to disapprove Louisiana's decisions not to list three waterbodies. On September 28, 2011, EPA finalized the action to disapprove Louisiana's 2008 listing decisions not to list three water quality limited segments. EPA identified these additional waters and pollutants along with priority rankings for inclusion on the 2008 Section 303(d) List.

Dated: September 28, 2011.

**Miguel I Flores,**

*Director, Water Quality Protection Division, Region 6.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–9476–4]

### Good Neighbor Environmental Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Teleconference

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notification of Public Advisory Committee Teleconference.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, notice is hereby given that the Good Neighbor Environmental Board (GNEB) will hold a public teleconference on November 2, 2011 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. The meeting is open to the public. For further information regarding the teleconference and background materials, please contact Mark Joyce at the number listed below.

*Background:* GNEB is a Federal advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, PL 92463. GNEB provides advice and recommendations to the President and Congress on environmental and infrastructure issues along the U.S. border with Mexico.

*Purpose of Meeting:* The purpose of this teleconference is to discuss and approve the Good Neighbor Environmental Board's Fourteenth Report, which focuses on the potential environmental and economic benefits of renewable energy development in the U.S.-Mexico border region.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** If you wish to make oral comments or submit written comments to the Board, please contact Mark Joyce at least five days prior to the meeting.

*General Information:* Additional information concerning the GNEB can be found on its Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/ofacmo/gneb>.

*Meeting Access:* For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Mark Joyce at (202) 564–2130 or e-mail at [joyce.mark@epa.gov](mailto:joyce.mark@epa.gov). To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Mark Joyce at least 10 days prior to the meeting to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: September 30, 2011.

**Mark Joyce,**

*Acting Designated Federal Officer.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OAR–2011–0786; FRL–9476–3]

### Proposed Approval of the Central Characterization Project's Remote-Handled Transuranic Waste Characterization Program at Sandia National Laboratory

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; opening of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or we) is announcing the availability of, and soliciting public comments for 45 days on, the proposed approval of the radioactive, remote-handled (RH), transuranic (TRU) waste characterization program implemented by the Central Characterization Project (CCP) at Sandia National Laboratory (SNL) in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This waste is intended for disposal at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in New Mexico.

In accordance with the WIPP Compliance Criteria, EPA evaluated the characterization of RH TRU debris waste from SNL–CCP during an inspection conducted in three steps: Observation of the Visual Examination (VE) and sampling process at SNL on March 8, 2011; dose-to-curie (DTC) measurements on May 10, 2011 at SNL; and, the formal baseline inspection on June 7–8, 2011 in Golden, Colorado. Using the systems and processes developed as part of the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) program, EPA verified whether DOE could adequately characterize RH TRU waste consistent with the Compliance Criteria. The results of EPA's evaluation of SNL–CCP's RH program and its proposed approval are described in the Agency's inspection report, which is available for review in the public dockets listed in **ADDRESSES**. We will consider public comments received on or before the due date mentioned in **DATES**.

This notice summarizes the waste characterization processes evaluated by EPA and EPA's proposed approval. As required by the 40 CFR 194.8, at the end of a 45-day comment period EPA will evaluate public comments received, and if appropriate, finalize the reports responding to the relevant public comments, and issue a final report and approval letter to DOE.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before November 21, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OAR–2011–0786, by one of the following methods: