

programs and projects that complement existing environmental program grants, including interagency agreements. The conference report's language clarifies that these funds will allow states and tribes to have the necessary flexibility to direct resources for the implementation of high priority activities, including the processing of permits, which complement programs under established environmental statutes.

The multi-purpose categorical grant program is funded under EPA's STAG appropriations account and, therefore, is eligible for inclusion in PPGs. This notice is made pursuant to 40 CFR 35.133(b), to inform entities eligible to receive PPGs that the program listed above may be included in a PPG subject to any limitations herein defined. Hereafter, multi-purpose grants are eligible for inclusion in PPGs and may be included in a PPG at the request of the appropriate official of an eligible entity, subject to EPA's regulations at 2 CFR part 200 and 2 CFR part 1500 and 40 CFR 35.001–35.138 and 35.500–35.538. The authority to issue this **Federal Register** notice has been delegated to the Deputy Associate Administrator for Intergovernmental Relations.

Dated: April 11, 2016.

Mark W. Rupp,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Intergovernmental Relations.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564–7146 or <http://www2.epa.gov/nepa>. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) Filed 04/04/2016 Through 04/08/2016 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

Notice

Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA's comment letters on EISs are available at: <https://cdxnodengn.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-public/action/eis/search>.

EIS No. 20160076, Final, BLM, WY, Continental Divide Creston Natural Gas Development Project, Review Period Ends: 05/16/2016, Contact: Jennifer Fleuret 307–775–6329.

EIS No. 20160077, Draft, BLM, UT, Nenefit Utility Corridor Project, Comment Period Ends: 06/07/2016, Contact: Stephanie Howard 435–781–4469.

EIS No. 20160078, Draft, USFWS, MN, Midwest Wind Energy Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan, Comment Period Ends: 07/14/2016, Contact: Rick Amidon 612–713–5164.

EIS No. 20160079, Final, BLM, OR, Western Oregon Resource Management Plan, Review Period Ends: 05/16/2016, Contact: Mark Brown 503–808–6233.

Dated: April 12, 2016.

Dawn Roberts,

Management Analyst, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Change in Public Notice Procedures for EPA Region 5's Proposed Establishment of TMDLs and Proposed Impaired Waters Listings Under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of change in public notice procedures.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 5 is announcing a change to its procedures for issuing public notices seeking comment when the Region proposes to list impaired waters after disapproving or partially disapproving a state's list of impaired waters (303(d) list) under Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 303(d), or the Region proposes to establish a total maximum daily load (TMDL) under CWA Section 303(d). For any future proposed action to include waters on a state's 303(d) list or establish a TMDL, EPA Region 5 will provide public notice on the 303(d)/TMDL Program Web page (<http://www.epa.gov/tmdl/impaired-waters-and-tmdls-region-5>) rather than by publication in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: This change in procedures will be effective on April 15, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vilma Rivera-Carrero at (312) 886–7795 or by email at rivera-carrero.vilma@epa.gov; or Donna Keclik at (312) 886–6766 or by email at keclik.donna@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces a change in

procedures by which EPA Region 5 issues public notices seeking comment under 40 CFR 130.7(d)(2) for its proposed listing of impaired waters where the Region disapproves a state's 303(d) list, or proposes to establish TMDLs.

Under Section 303(d)(1)(A) of the CWA, each state is required to identify and prioritize the waters within its boundaries for which technology-based effluent limitations and other required controls are not stringent enough to achieve the applicable water quality standards. *See also* 40 CFR 130.7(b)(1). Each state must submit biennially a 303(d) list to the EPA Regional Administrator for review and approval. *See* 40 CFR 130.7(d)(1). Within 30 days of a state's submission, EPA must approve or disapprove the state's list. If EPA disapproves the state's 303(d) list, it must identify the impaired waters that should be listed within 30 days from the date of disapproval. EPA regulations provide that the Regional Administrator must promptly issue a public notice seeking comment on EPA's listing decision. After considering public comment and making appropriate revisions, the Region is required to transmit the list to the state. *See* 40 CFR 130.7(d)(2).

Under Section 303(d)(1)(C) of the CWA, each state is required to establish TMDLs for 303(d) listed waters. *See also* 40 CFR 130.7(c)(1). After a state develops a TMDL, the state must submit the TMDL to EPA for review and approval. *See* 40 CFR 130.7(d)(1). Within 30 days of a state's submission, EPA must approve or disapprove the state's TMDL. If EPA disapproves the state's TMDL, it must establish the TMDL within 30 days from the date of disapproval. EPA may also establish TMDLs in certain circumstances where the State has not previously submitted a TMDL for review. EPA regulations provide that the Regional Administrator must promptly issue a public notice seeking comment on EPA's TMDL. After considering public comment and making appropriate revisions, the Region is required to transmit the TMDL to the state. *See* 40 CFR 130.7(d)(2).

In the past, EPA Region 5 has issued public notices through publication in the **Federal Register**. In light of EPA's quest for improvements in efficiency, EPA Region 5 intends to notify the public of listing and TMDL actions under 40 CFR 130.7(d)(2) by placing notices directly on the Regional Internet Page rather than by publication in the **Federal Register**. The Region believes that placing the notices on the 303(d)/TMDL Program Web page (<http://www.epa.gov/tmdl/impaired-waters->

and-tmdl-region-5) provides a more effective, and efficient of providing notice. The Region also plans to issue notifications to the affected states so that these states can include links to the notices on their state Web sites. The letters and accompanying documents transmitting final lists and/or federal TMDLs to the state will also be accessible from the 303(d)/TMDL Program Web page.

To the extent that this announcement may be considered a rule, EPA considers it to be a procedural rule, which is exempt from notice and comment rulemaking requirements under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(A).

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1313(d); 40 CFR 130.7.

Dated: March 25, 2016.

Tinka G. Hyde,

Director, Water Division, EPA Region 5.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9945-16-OA]

National Environmental Education Advisory Council

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) office of Public Engagement and Environmental Education is soliciting applications for environmental education professionals for consideration to serve on the National Environmental Education Advisory Council (NEEAC). There are up to eleven vacancies on the Advisory Council that must be filled. Additional avenues and resources may be utilized in the solicitation of applications. In an effort to obtain nominations of diverse candidates, EPA encourages nominations of women and men of all racial and ethnic groups.

DATES: Applications date is extended thru April 29, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Submit non-electronic application materials to Javier Araujo, Designated Federal Officer, National Environmental Education Advisory Council, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Public Engagement and Environmental Education (MC 1704A), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Room 1426 (WJCN), Washington, DC 20460, Phone: (202) 564-2642, Fax (202) 564-2753, email: araujo.javier@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding this Request for Nominations, please contact Mr. Javier Araujo, Designated Federal Officer, araujo.javier@epa.gov, 202-564-2642, U.S. EPA, Office of Environmental Education, William Jefferson Clinton North Room 1426, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460.

General Information concerning NEEAC can be found on the EPA Web site at: <http://www2.epa.gov/education/national-environmental-education-advisory-council>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Environmental Education Act requires that the council be comprised of (11) members appointed by the Administrator of the EPA. Members represent a balance of perspectives, professional qualifications, and experience. The Act specifies that members must represent the following sectors: Primary and secondary education (one of whom shall be a classroom teacher), two members; colleges and universities, two members; business and industry, two members; non-profit organizations, two members; state departments of education and natural resources, two members, and one member to represent senior Americans. Members are chosen to represent various geographic regions of the country, and the Council strives for a diverse representation. The professional backgrounds of Council members should include education, science, policy, or other appropriate disciplines. Each member of the Council shall hold office for a one (1) to three (3) year period. Members are expected to participate in up to two (2) meetings per year and monthly or more conference calls per year. *Members of the council shall receive compensation and allowances, including travel expenses at a rate fixed by the Administrator.*

Expertise Sought: The NEEAC staff office seeks candidates with demonstrated experience and or knowledge in any of the following environmental education issue areas: (a) Integrating environmental education into state and local education reform and improvement; (b) state, local and tribal level capacity building for environmental education; (c) cross-sector partnerships to foster environmental education; (d) leveraging resources for environmental education; (e) design and implementation of environmental education research; (f) evaluation methodology; professional development for teachers and other education professionals; and targeting under-represented audiences, including

low-income, multi-cultural, senior citizens and other adults.

The NEEAC is best served by a structurally and geographically diverse group of individuals. Each individual will demonstrate the ability to make a time commitment. In addition, the individual will demonstrate both strong leadership and analytical skills. Also, strong writing skills, communication skills and the ability to evaluate programs in an unbiased manner are essential. Team players, which can meet deadlines and review items on short notice are ideal candidates.

How to apply: Any interested and qualified individuals may be considered for appointment on the National Environmental Education Advisory Council. In order to apply, the following four items should be submitted in electronic format to the Designated Federal Officer, Javier Araujo, araujo.javier@epa.gov and contain the following: (1) Contact information including name, address, phone and fax numbers and an email address; (2) a curriculum vitae or resume; (3) the specific area of expertise in environmental education and the sector or slot the applicant is applying for; (4) recent service on other national advisory committees or national professional organizations; a one page commentary on the applicant's philosophy regarding the need for, development, implementation and or management of environmental education nationally.

Persons having questions about the application procedure or who are unable to submit applications by electronic means, should contact Javier Araujo (DFO), at the contact information provided above in this notice. Non-electronic submissions must contain the same information as the electronic. The NEEAC staff Office will acknowledge receipt of the application. The NEEAC staff office will develop a short list of candidates for more detailed consideration. The short list candidates will be required to fill out the Confidential Disclosure Form for Special Government Employees serving Federal Advisory Committees at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. (EPA form 3110-48). This confidential form allows government officials to determine whether there is a statutory conflict between that person's public responsibilities (which include membership on a Federal Advisory Committee) and private interests and activities and the appearance of a lack of impartiality as defined by Federal regulation. The form may be viewed and downloaded from the following URL address. Please note this form is not an