

Comment: A commentor expressed concern that the Visitor's Center is not producing all the revenues projected by Reclamation.

Response: In a September 1996 report to the Senate Appropriations Committee, Reclamation outlined its commitments: "* * * to, within the best of its ability and legal authorities, establish and maintain user fees sufficient to fund all of the visitor program's operation, maintenance, and replacement (OM&R) costs, as well as a portion of the annual debt service." The goal was to "establish a visitor program that will produce \$9 million in revenues annually." This revenue level would cover the visitor program's estimated \$4 million annual OM&R cost, and provide \$5 million for debt service repayment, thus reducing the ratepayer's burden by approximately 50 percent.

The management of the Public Services Office is continually reviewing operational costs. Revenue enhancing opportunities are also being explored, evaluated, and implemented where advantageous. These activities are necessary to ensure efficient operation and a quality of service that meets customers' expectations. They are also necessary in order to meet Reclamation's goal of repaying approximately 50 percent of the debt service.

Expenditures for FY 1996 were \$3,988,000; revenues were \$4,913,000. The amount available for debt service was \$925,000. In FY 1997, expenditures were \$4,367,000; revenues were \$6,736,000. The amount available for debt service was \$2,369,000. Based on FY 1998 actual expenditures and revenues to date, the amount available for debt service is \$3,719,000 through June.

Power Repayment Study

Comment: A commentor stated that the appropriate comparison of the PRS for the public process would have been to compare the current proposed May 1998 PRS to the final February 1998 BCP 10-Year Operating Plan PRS.

Response: The PRS comparison presented at the informal and public process rate meetings comparing the previous ratebase PRS with the current ratebase PRS is the most appropriate comparison between the PRSs. Western and Reclamation have previously stated that the PRS included in the annual final 10-year plan has no purpose other than to give the customers a point-in-time look at the costs, and the impact to the power rates and revenue requirements at that particular time period. There are other factors such as year end actuals, crosswalk adjustments,

and updated budget numbers which impact a rate year that are not included in the annual Final 10-Year Operating Plan PRS. Therefore, utilizing the 10-Year Operating Plan PRS during the rate process will provide an inaccurate characterization of the real impact on the proposed Base Charge.

By Amendment No. 3 to Delegation Order No. 0204-108, published November 10, 1993 (58 FR 59716), the Secretary of Energy (Secretary) delegated (1) the authority to develop long-term power and transmission rates on a nonexclusive basis to the Administrator of Western; (2) the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary; and (3) the authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect on a final basis, to remand, or to disapprove such rates to FERC. Existing DOE procedures for public participation in power rate adjustments (10 CFR Part 903) became effective on September 18, 1985 (50 FR 37835).

These charges and rates are established pursuant to section 302(a) of the DOE Organization Act, 42 U.S.C. 7152(a), through which the power marketing functions of the Secretary of the Interior and Reclamation under the Reclamation Act of 1902, 43 U.S.C. 371 *et seq.*, as amended and supplemented by subsequent enactments, particularly section 9(c) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939, 43 U.S.C. 485h(c), and other acts specifically applicable to the project system involved, were transferred to and vested in the Secretary.

Dated: September 18, 1998.

Elizabeth A. Moler,

Deputy Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Florida Department of Environmental Protection; Underground Injection Control (UIC); Application for Revision of State UIC Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public comment period and of public hearing on application for revision of Florida UIC program.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this document is to announce that: (1) The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received an application from the

Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) requesting approval of revisions to FDEP's Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program for Class I, III, IV and V injection wells; (2) EPA has determined the application contains all the required elements; (3) the application is available for inspection and copying at the addresses appearing below, (4) public comments are requested; and (5) a public hearing will be held on request.

Section 1422 (b)(4) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requires that prior to approving, disapproving, or approving in part a State's UIC program, the Administrator provide opportunity for a public hearing. This notification advises the public of the proposed date, time and location of the possible public hearing.

The proposed public comment period and public hearing will provide EPA the information and public opinion necessary to approve, disapprove, or approve in part the application from FDEP to regulate Class I, III, IV and V injection wells under provisions of section 1422 of the SDWA.

DATES: A public hearing is scheduled for November 4, 1998, unless insufficient public interest is expressed in holding a hearing. EPA reserves the right to cancel the public hearing if sufficient public interest is not communicated to EPA in writing by October 27, 1998. EPA will determine by October 28, 1998, whether there is significant interest to hold the public hearing. Written comments on Florida's application for revisions to its UIC program must be received by November 11, 1998, and should include indication of any interest in a public hearing (or lack thereof) if submitted prior to October 27, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the application and pertinent materials are available between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at the following locations for inspection and copying: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Ground Water & UIC Section, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, PH: (404) 562-9424; and Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Twin Towers Office Building, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400, PH: (850) 487-0505. Comments and requests for hearing should be mailed to Nancy H. Marsh, Ground Water & UIC Section, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Unless insufficient public interest is expressed, EPA will hold a public hearing on the State of Florida's application for

program revision on November 4, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Room 609, Twin Towers Office Building, 2600 Blair Stone Rd., Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy H. Marsh, Ground Water & UIC Section, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, GA 30303, (404) 562-9450.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The UIC program was implemented under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act to prevent endangerment of all Underground Sources of Drinking Water (USDWs), which are aquifers capable of yielding a significant amount of drinking water containing less than 10,000 mg/liter of total dissolved solids. The State of Florida currently has primary responsibility for preventing endangerment of USDWs under the UIC program. If the application for program revision by FDEP is approved, regulatory changes made by FDEP at the state level would be approved as the federal UIC program.

The program proposed by the State regulates Class I, III, IV and V injection activities by establishing state permits including, for a variety of underground injection wells, technical requirements for the protection of USDWs. Such requirements include criteria for construction, testing, operation, monitoring, and abandonment of injection wells. At present, there are approximately 130 Class I and 8,160 Class V injection wells in Florida. FDEP has held primary enforcement authority for the UIC program since the program was originally approved by EPA on March 9, 1983. The application for program revision from the FDEP requests that EPA approve the program revision for primary administrative and enforcement authority for the regulation of Class I, III, IV and V injection wells on all lands subject to the State's police power and taxing authority and all lands owned or under the jurisdiction of the United States, except those wells located on Indian lands as defined in 40 CFR 144.3. The application includes a program description, copies of all applicable rules and forms, a statement of legal authority and appropriate memoranda of agreement.

FDEP has proposed to revise its UIC program due to statutory, regulatory and implementation revisions made since the program was initially delegated. The name of the agency has also changed from the Department of Environmental Regulation to the Department of Environmental Protection. Statutory

changes include the removal of the Governor's authority to allow the injection of hazardous waste into a Class IV well. All hazardous waste injection has been banned with the exception of the existing Class I hazardous well owned and operated by Kaiser Chemical Company located near Mulberry in Polk County. Florida modified the UIC regulations August 10, 1995, and June 24, 1997, to make its rules consistent with the federal program. The major rule changes include: Confidentiality and Availability of Information; Signatories; Management of Hazardous Waste; Compliance Schedules; Corrective Action; Permit Termination; Public Participation; Permit Modification; Permit Monitoring; Permit Reporting; and Mechanical Integrity Testing. FDEP also requires that Class V injection wells must meet federal primary drinking water standards at the point of discharge. Two aquifer exemptions have been granted since the program was originally approved. The two exemptions are: portion of the lower Floridan aquifer at the Sterling Fibers (formerly Cytec Industries and American Cyanamid) facility in Santa Rosa County and a portion of the upper Floridan aquifer at the Taylor Creek aquifer storage and recovery demonstration project in Okeechobee County.

Michael O. Peyton,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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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) 564-7167 OR (202) 564-7153.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

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Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 980375, Final EIS, BLM, CA, Fourmile Hill Geothermal Development Project, Construction, Operation and Maintenance of 49.9 megawatt (MW) Geothermal Power Plant, Federal Geothermal Leases CA-21924 and CA-21926, Glass Mountain Known Geothermal Resource Area, Klamath and Modoc National Forests, Siskiyou and Modoc Counties, CA, Due: November 02, 1998, Contact: Randall Sharp (530) 233-8848.

EIS No. 980376, Final EIS, NPS, MS, Natchez Trace Parkway, Construction of Section 3X Southern Terminus, Adam Counties, MS, Due: November 02, 1998, Contact: Wendell Simpson (601) 680-4003.

EIS No. 980377, Draft EIS, FHW, UT, Legacy Parkway Project, Construction from I-215 at 2100 North in Salt Lake City to I-15 and US 89 near Farmington, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Salt Lake and Davis Counties, UT, Due: December 01, 1998, Contact: Tom Allen (801) 963-0182.

EIS No. 980378, Draft Supplement, AFS, NV, Griffon Mining Project, Implementation, Updated Information, Revision for Expanding Gold Mining, Plan of Operations, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forests, Ely Ranger District, White Pine County, NV, Due: November 16, 1998, Contact: James Winfrey (702) 289-3031.

EIS No. 980379, Draft EIS, FHW, UT, I-15 North Corridor Project, Improvements from 400 South in Salt Lake City to 200 North in Kaysville, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Salt Lake and Davis Counties, UT, Due: December 01, 1998, Contact: Greg Punske (801) 963-0182.

EIS No. 980380, Final EIS, AFS, MT, Flathead National Forest, Management Direction Plan Related to Old Growth Forests, Forest Plan Amendment No. 21, Implementation, Flathead, Lake, Lincoln, Missoula and Lewis and Clark Counties, MT, Due: November 02, 1998, Contact: Jim Morrison (406) 758-5363.

EIS No. 980381, Legislative Draft EIS, UAF, AZ, Barry M. Goldwater Ranger (BMGR), Renewal of the Military Land Withdrawal, Yuma, Pima and Maricopa Counties, AZ, Due: December 31, 1998, Contact: Jack Bush (703) 604-0553.

EIS No. 980382, Legislative Draft EIS, UAF, NV, Nellis Air Force Range (NAFR), Renewal of the Land Withdrawal to Provide a Safe and Secure Location to Test Equipment and Train Military Personnel, Clark, Lincoln and Nye Counties, NV, Due: December 31, 1998, Contact: Jack Bush (703) 604-0553.

EIS No. 980383, Draft EIS, SFW, CA, Headwaters Forest Acquisition and the Palco Sustained Yield Plan and Habitat Conservation Plan, Implementation, Humboldt, Del Norte and Mendocino Counties, CA, Due: November 16, 1998, Contact: Ben Harrison (503) 231-2068.

EIS No. 980384, Final EIS, FAA, FL, Miami International Airport Master