

Canyon and Virginia/North Carolina Areas for Scallop Fishing.

Summary: EPA had environmental concerns regarding the plan and requested additional information on yield, total allowable catch, observers, water quality, gear and vessel trip reports.

ERP No. DR-FTA-K40237-CA Rating LO, Orange County Centerline Project, Transportation Improvements, Revised Alternatives, Advanced Rail Transit in the Heart of Orange County, CA.

Summary: EPA found that the document adequately discussed the environmental impacts of the proposed project.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-F65027-MN. Little East Creek Fuel Reduction Project, Plan to Grant Access Across Federal Land to Non-Federal Landowners, Implementation, LaCroix Ranger District, Superior National Forest, Saint Louis County, MN.

Summary: EPA expressed lack of objections to the proposed project.

ERP No. F-AFS-L65289-00. Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Projects, Updated and New Information on Three Management Alternatives, Implementation, WA, OR, ID and MT.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-FRC-F03008-00. Guardian Pipeline Project, Proposal to Construct and Operate an Interstate Natural Gas Pipeline that would extend from Joliet (Will County), IL and Ixonia (Jefferson County), WI.

Summary: EPA continues to express objections due to potential cumulative impacts and the lack of adequate mitigation for forested wetlands and upland forest impacts.

ERP No. F-UAF-J11018-WY. F. E. Warren Air Force Base Deactivation and Dismantlement of the Peacekeeper Missile System, To Comply with the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START), Laramie, Platte and Goshen Counties, WY.

Summary: EPA had no additional comments on the FEIS.

Dated: February 13, 2001.

Joseph C. Montgomery,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00698; FRL-6767-6]

Notice of Availability of Region III Strategic Agricultural Initiative Grants

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA Region III is announcing the availability of approximately \$200,000 in fiscal year (FY) 2001 grant/cooperative agreement funds under section 20 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) as amended, (the Act), for grants to States and federally recognized Native American Tribes for research, public education, training, monitoring, demonstrations, and studies. For convenience, the term "State" in this notice refers to all eligible applicants.

DATES: In order to be considered for funding during the FY 2001 award cycle, all applications must be received by EPA Region III on or before March 19, 2001. EPA will make its award decisions by March 30, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Racine L. Davis, Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, Mail Code 3WC32, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029; telephone: (215) 814-5797; e-mail address: davis.racine@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to eligible applicants who primarily operate out of and will conduct the project in one of the following Region III States: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

II. Availability of FY 2001 Funds

With this publication, EPA Region III is announcing the availability of approximately \$200,000 in grant/cooperative agreement funds for FY 2001. The Agency has delegated grant making authority to the EPA Regional Offices. EPA Region III is responsible for the solicitation of interest, the screening of proposals, and the selection of projects. Grant guidance will be provided to all applicants along with any supplementary information Region III may wish to provide. All applicants must address the criteria listed under Unit IV.B. of this document. Interested applicants should contact the Regional Strategic Agricultural Initiative

coordinator listed under Unit V. of this document for more information.

III. Eligible Applicants

In accordance with the Act "... Federal agencies, universities, or others as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the act, ..." are eligible to receive a grant. Eligible applicants for purposes of funding under this grant program include those operating within the six EPA Region III states (Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia), any agency or instrumentality of a Region III State including State universities and non-profit organizations operating within a Region III state. For convenience, the term "State" in this notice refers to all eligible applicants.

IV. Activities and Criteria

A. General

The goal of the Strategic Agricultural Initiative Grant Program is to reduce the risks and use of pesticides in agricultural settings. Another goal is to rapidly spread available technology and information about ways to reduce dependence on the more highly toxic pesticides.

B. Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Qualifications and experience of the applicant relative to the proposed project.

- Does the applicant demonstrate experience in the field of the proposed activity?

- Does the applicant have the properly trained staff, facilities, or infrastructure in place to conduct the project?

2. Consistency of applicant's proposed project with the risk reduction goals of Strategic Agricultural Initiative.

3. Provision for a quantitative or qualitative evaluation of the project's success at achieving the stated goals.

- Is the project designed in such a way that it is possible to measure and document the results quantitatively and qualitatively?

- Does the applicant identify the method that will be used to measure and document the project's results quantitatively and qualitatively?

- Will the project assess or suggest a means for measuring progress in reducing risk associated with the use of pesticides?

4. Likelihood the project can be replicated to benefit other communities or the product may have broad utility to a widespread audience. Can this project, taking into account typical staff and

financial restraints, be replicated by similar organizations in different locations to address the same or similar problem?

C. Program Management

Awards of FY 2001 funds will be managed through EPA Region III.

D. Contacts

Interested applicants must contact the appropriate EPA Regional Strategic Agricultural Initiative coordinator listed under Unit V. of this document to obtain specific instructions, regional criteria, and guidance for submitting proposals.

V. Region III Strategic Agricultural Initiative Program Contact

Region III: (Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia), Racine Davis, (3WC32), 1650 Arch St., Philadelphia, PA 19103; telephone: (215) 814-5797; e-mail address: davis.racine@epa.gov.

VI. Submission to Congress and the Comptroller General

Under the Agency's current interpretation of the definition of a "rule," grant solicitations such as this which are competitively awarded on the basis of selection criteria, are considered rules for the purpose of the Congressional Review Act (CRA). The CRA, 5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*, as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (SBREFA), generally provides that before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. EPA will submit a report containing this rule and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication of the rule in the **Federal Register**. This rule is not a "major rule" as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: February 2, 2001.

Thomas Voltaggio,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00699; FRL-6767-5]

Notice of Availability of Region III Urban Initiative Grants

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA Region III is announcing the availability of approximately \$102,000 in fiscal year (FY) 2001 grant/cooperative agreement funds under section 20 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) as amended, (the Act), for grants to States and federally recognized Native American Tribes for research, public education, training, monitoring, demonstrations, and studies. For convenience, the term "State" in this notice refers to all eligible applicants.

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under Unit V. of this document for more information.

III. Eligible Applicants

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IV. Activities and Criteria

A. General

The goal of the Urban Initiative Grant Program is to: (1) Detect any diversion of highly toxic pesticides from the agriculture sector into urban areas for illegal use indoors; (2) identify any ongoing misuse of agricultural pesticides in urban and residential communities; and (3) prevent future diversion and structural application of pesticide misuse through compliance assistance and education.

B. Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Qualifications and experience of the applicant relative to the proposed project.

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- Does the applicant have the properly trained staff, facilities, or infrastructure in place to conduct the project?

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