

385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS," "PROTEST," or "MOTION TO INTERVENE," as applicable, and the Project Number (P-2197-048) of the particular application to which the filing refers. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Meeting

July 25, 2001.

The Commission will hold a meeting with the licensee and the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Officer for the Idols Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2585.

a. *Date and Time of Meeting:* August 14, 2001, 9:30 am.

b. *Place:* Clemmons, North Carolina.

c. *FERC Contact:* For directions contact James T. Griffin, (202) 219-2799; james.griffin@ferc.fed.us or Chuck Ahlrichs, Northbrook Carolina Hydro, (425) 557-3680.

d. *Purpose of the Meeting:* To discuss, with the licensee and the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Officer, compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act in the matter of the surrender of license of the Idols Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2585, a property eligible for

inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

e. *Proposed agenda:* (1) Introductions, (2) Section 106 requirements, (3) The Idols Hydroelectric Project Historic District and its contributing elements, (4) Effects of License Surrender, (5) Preservation of the Historic District, (6) What shall we then do?

f. All local, state, and Federal agencies, Indian Tribes, and interested parties, are hereby invited to attend this meeting as participants.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Intent to File Application for a New License

July 25, 2001.

Take notice that the following notice of intent has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of filing:* Notice of Intent to File an Application for New License.

b. *Project No:* 2204.

c. *Date filed:* July 3, 2001.

d. *Submitted By:* Denver Board of Water Commissioners.

e. *Name of Project:* Williams Fork Reservoir Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* State of Colorado, Grand County, on the Williams Fork River.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Section 15 of the Federal Power Act, 18 CFR 16.6.

h. Pursuant to Section 16.19 of the Commission's regulations, the licensee is required to make available the information described in Section 16.7 of the regulations. Such information is available from the licensee at Central Records, Denver Water, 1600 W. 12th Ave., Denver, Colorado 80204.

i. *FERC Contact:* Dianne Rodman, 202 219-2830,

Dianne.Rodman@FERC.FED.US

j. *Expiration Date of Current License:* December 31, 2006.

k. William Fork reservoir and power plant, appurtenant facilities, other structures, fixtures, and equipment useful in the maintenance of the project and located in the project area.

l. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a new license or exemption from license for Project No. 2204. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.9(b)(1) each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the

Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by December 31, 2004.

m. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site under the "e-Filing" link.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Announcement of Public Comment Period for Draft National Beach Guidance and Performance Criteria for Recreation Waters

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of Availability; Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has developed and is requesting public comments on the draft National Beach Guidance and Performance Criteria for Recreation Waters. This document provides proposed performance criteria for monitoring and assessment of coastal recreation waters adjacent to beaches, and prompt public notification of any exceedance or likelihood of exceedance of applicable water quality standards for pathogens and pathogen indicators for coastal recreation waters. This document also outlines the eligibility requirements for grants to implement monitoring and notification programs under section 406(b) of the Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act. This document is intended to be used by potential grant recipients to implement effective programs for monitoring and assessing coastal recreation waters. The document will also provide guidance for Federal agencies to implement beach monitoring and notification programs when States do not implement a program consistent with the performance criteria. The

information submitted in response to this notice will be considered by EPA in the completion of the final document.

DATES: EPA will consider all comments received on or before 11:59 p.m. EDT October 1, 2001. Comments received after this time may be reviewed at EPA's discretion.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons may obtain a copy of the draft requirements from the Office of Science and Technology's website at <http://www.epa.gov/ost/beaches/meetings/links.html> or by contacting the Office of Water Resources Center at 202-260-7786 (e-mail: center.water-resource@epa.gov); mailing address is: Office of Water Resources Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, RC-4100, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460. Please request the draft National Beach Guidance and Grant Performance Criteria for Recreation Waters (EPA-823-R-01-005) July 2001.

Please send electronically mailed comments to ow-docket@epa.gov. Please send mailed comments to: W-01-08 Comment Clerk, Water Docket (MC 4101); U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW; Washington, DC 20460. Overnight delivery or hand delivery should be delivered to EPA's Water Docket at 401 M Street, SW; Room EB57; Washington, DC, 20460. Please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for other information about comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles Kovatch by phone at (202) 260-3754 or e-mail at Kovatch.Charles@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

What Does the BEACH Act Require?

The Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act (BEACH Act) was passed on October 10, 2000. It amended the Clean Water Act (CWA) in part by adding section 406, which authorizes EPA to award grants to States for the purpose of developing and implementing a program to monitor, for pathogens and pathogen indicators, coastal recreation water adjacent to beaches that are used by the public and to notify the public if water quality standards for pathogens and pathogen indicators are exceeded. Section 406(a) requires EPA to establish performance criteria for monitoring and assessment of coastal recreation waters and the prompt notification of any actual or potential exceedance of applicable water quality standards. EPA must publish the performance criteria after providing public notice and the opportunity for comment. EPA may

award grants for implementation of a monitoring and notification program only if the program is consistent with the performance criteria. A complete copy of the BEACH Act can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/OST/beaches/technical.html>

How Did EPA Draft the Document?

The BEACH Act requires EPA to publish the performance criteria after providing public notice and the opportunity for comment. EPA developed this draft of the performance criteria, based in part on a series of consultations with representatives of state water pollution agencies, coastal protection agencies, public health agencies, and other interested parties.

What Is the Purpose of the Document?

The performance criteria and guidance document has three functions. First, it establishes performance criteria for (a) monitoring and assessment of coastal recreation waters adjacent to beaches (or similar points of access that are used by the public) for attainment of applicable water quality standards for pathogens and pathogen indicators; and (b) the prompt public notification of any exceedance or likelihood of exceedance of applicable water quality standards for pathogens and pathogen indicators for coastal recreation waters.

Second, this document summarizes the requirements for grants. It explains whether the requirements apply to development grants, implementation grants, or both. This document is intended to be used by potential grant recipients to implement effective programs for monitoring and assessing coastal recreation waters.

Third, this document is intended to promote consistency among States and localities by recommending standard approaches for recreational water quality programs. The document will assist local health departments, water quality managers, beach managers, and other local, State, and Tribal agencies to (a) improve microbial water quality monitoring programs for more consistent protection of coastal recreation waters, (b) assess, manage, and communicate health risks from waterborne microbial contamination, (c) notify the public of beach advisories and implement closings to help prevent public exposure to potentially harmful pathogens.

The document can also serve as a reference guide for how and when to conduct beach assessments because it includes protocols for water sample collection, sample handling, and laboratory analysis. It provides information about the use of predictive

models to estimate indicator levels and includes procedures for public notification about beach advisories, closings, and openings.

What Does the Draft Document Address?

The draft document has five chapters. Chapter 1 discusses human pathogens and health concerns, describes how recreational water quality standards have been established, discusses relevant statutes and programs, and addresses other relevant issues. Chapter 2 briefly summarizes the performance criteria and the requirements that an applicant must meet to receive a program implementation grant. The chapter identifies relevant sections of the BEACH Act, briefly describes the corresponding performance criteria that EPA has developed, and provides additional grant-related information. Chapter 3 describes the risk-based evaluation process that EPA recommends for States to classify and prioritize their recreational beaches for monitoring and public notification. This step-by-step approach allows States to assess the relative human health risks and usage of their beaches and assign an appropriate management priority to each of them. Chapter 4 describes the performance criteria related to monitoring and assessment and provides detailed technical guidance. Chapter 5 describes the performance criteria and technical guidance related to the public notification and risk communication portions of a beach program.

What Are the Performance Criteria?

The performance criteria are the following:

1. Risk-based Beach Evaluation and Classification—Describe the factors used in beach evaluation and classification process and how beaches are ranked as a result of the process. For example history of contamination, pollution sources, duration of swimming season, and number swimmers are a few factors which could be used to evaluate beaches.

2. Sampling Design and Monitoring Implementation Plan—Develop a sampling design and implementation plan to address periods of recreation use of waters, nature and extent of use during those periods, proximity of waters to known point and non-point sources of pollution and effects of storm events on the waters.

3. Monitoring Report Submission and Delegations—Develop a mechanism to collect relevant information and submit timely reports to EPA and document any delegations of monitoring

responsibilities to local governments. Reports will include sampling data and duration of water quality exceedance.

4. **Methods and Assessment Procedures**—Develop detailed methods and assessment procedures to detect levels of pathogens and pathogen indicators that are harmful to human health. The assessment procedures shall identify short-term increases in pathogens and pathogen indicators.

5. **Public Notification and Risk Communication Plan**—Develop an overall public notification and risk communication plan to describe notification efforts and measures to inform the public of potential risks associated with water contact in polluted waters.

6. **Measures to Notify EPA and Local Government**—Identify measures for prompt communication of the occurrence, nature, location, pollutants, and extent of or likelihood of exceeding applicable water quality standards for pathogens and pathogen indicators.

7. **Measures to Notify the Public**—Address the posting of signs or functional equivalent at beaches or similar points of access to give notice to the public which coastal recreation waters are not meeting or are not expected to meet applicable water quality standards for pathogens and pathogen indicators and on the risks of swimming in those waters.

8. **Notification Report Submission and Delegations**—Develop a mechanism to collect relevant information and submit timely reports to EPA and document any delegations of public notification responsibilities to local governments. Reports will include actions to take when water quality standards are exceeded.

9. **Public Review of Program**—Identify measures to provide an opportunity for the public to review the program through a process that provides for public notice and an opportunity for comment.

What Is the Purpose of This Notice?

EPA solicits comments on all aspects of the draft performance criteria and guidance. In particular, EPA requests comments and information on whether:

(1) EPA should define the scope of the program to provide a range of requirements and flexibility that would allow BEACH Act funding to support monitoring and notification at a greater number of beaches, or to establish very strict standards which would limit BEACH Act funding to a small number of priority beaches. The current draft would allow a greater number of beaches to be funded;

(2) A State should use its current water quality standards for pathogens and pathogen indicators as the basis for deciding to issue an advisory or close a beach, or should use EPA's new ambient water quality criteria as the threshold prior to their adoption into a State's water quality standards;

(3) The risk-based evaluation and beach classification approach provides sufficient guidance and flexibility for a State to administer a BEACH Act monitoring and notification program;

(4) EPA should provide more specificity on the definition of a beach;

(5) EPA should provide more specificity on the required elements of a monitoring plan, and in particular the sampling location, frequency, and depth;

(6) Only EPA's analytical promulgated methods should be used (once promulgated) to monitor pathogens at beaches, or should other scientifically valid methods be allowed. EPA has promulgated analytical methods for fecal and total coliform bacteria, and is considering to promulgate methods for enterococci and *E. coli*;

(7) Predictive methods (*e.g.*, water quality or empirical models) can be used to issue or remove advisories or closures;

(8) EPA should provide more specificity on the required elements of a notification plan, and in particular posting signs or functional equivalents, measures to report water quality exceedances to EPA, State agencies, beach managers, and the public; and

(9) A State should require an advisory or closure for any exceedance of a water quality standard, or may it allow for immediate re-sampling to verify the initial sample.

Is There Other Related Information?

EPA will host five outreach sessions to explain the document and answer questions about it. These sessions are in Wilmington, DE on July 31, San Diego, CA on August 3, Jacksonville, FL on August 21, New Orleans, LA on August 23, Chicago, IL on August 23. These meetings were announced in the **Federal Register** on July 20, 2001 and on EPA's website at <http://www.epa.gov/ost/beaches/meetings/>.

How Can You Submit Comments?

You may submit comments by mail, e-mail, or delivered by hand to the addresses shown in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. EPA will not accept facsimiles (faxes). If you mail or hand deliver comments, please send an original and three copies of your comments and enclosures (including references). If you want receipt of your

comments acknowledged, you must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. You may also submit your comments by sending an e-mail to owdocket@epa.gov or by disk. If you do, you must submit electronic comments as an ASCII file, or a WordPerfect 5.1, WordPerfect 6.1, or WordPerfect 8 file avoiding the use of special characters and any form on encryption, and identify these comments by the docket number W-01-08 on the subject line. You may file electronic comments on this notice at many Federal Depository Libraries. You should not send confidential business information by e-mail. The information received in response to this notice will be filed under docket number W-01-08, and include referenced documents as well as printed, paper versions of electronic comments. The record is available for inspection from 9 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays at the Water Docket, EB57, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters, 401 M St., Washington, DC. For access to docket materials, please call (202) 260-3027 to schedule an appointment.

Dated: July 26, 2001.

Geoffrey H. Grubbs,

Director, Office of Science and Technology.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval

July 24, 2001.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commissions, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility;