

does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

p. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 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.

q. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

r. Agency Comments—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

[Docket No. EX01-1-000]

#### Ensuring Sufficient Capacity Reserves in Today's Energy Markets; Notice Requesting Comments

September 27, 2001.

Take notice that on September 26, 2001, the Commission posted on its Website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov), click on "Discussion Papers for Commission Meeting on September 26, 2001, click on "Ensuring Sufficient Capacity Reserves in Today's Energy Markets") a Commission Staff Study Team Discussion Paper entitled "Ensuring Sufficient Capacity Reserves in Today's Energy Markets."

Comments on new ways to ensure sufficient capacity reserves, in response to that discussion paper, should be submitted on or before October 17, 2001. Comments should reference Docket No. EX01-1-000. Comments longer than 5 pages should include a brief executive summary.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7072-4]

### Request for Applications, Ecology and Oceanography of Harmful Algal Blooms Program

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of financial assistance for project assistance.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that the participating agencies are soliciting individual research proposals of up to 3 years duration, and depending on appropriations, multi-disciplinary regional studies of up to 5 years duration for the Ecology and Oceanography of Harmful Algal Blooms (ECOHAB) program. This program

provides support for research on algal species whose populations may cause or result in deleterious effects on ecosystems and human health. Studies of the causes of such blooms, their detection, effects, mitigation, and control in U.S. coastal waters (including estuaries and Great Lakes) are solicited. This document details the requirements for applications for research support that will be considered by the Federal research partnership.

**DATES:** The deadline for applications is January 10, 2002 by 4 EST.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit the original and eighteen copies of your proposal to Coastal Ocean Program Office, N/SCI2, SSMC#4, 8th Floor, Room 8243, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. The required forms for applications with instructions are accessible on the Internet at <http://es.epa.gov/ncerqa/rfa/forms/downlf.html>. Forms may be printed from this site.

The complete program announcement can be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/ncerqa>, under "announcements."

**AWARDS:** Final selection of awardees by the participating agencies will be determined on the basis of peer and panel recommendations, applicability of the proposed effort to the interests and objectives of an agency, and the availability of funds. It is anticipated that each award will be made and be administered by a single agency; however, several agencies may participate in providing assistance to individual components of multi-institutional projects. Applicants recommended for funding will be requested to resubmit their applications and may be asked to modify their budgets and/or work plans to comply with special requirements of the particular agency supporting their awards. Awards will be subject to the terms and conditions of the sponsoring agency.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Technical Information: Susan Banahan, ECOHAB Coordinator, CSCOR/COP Office, 301-713-3338/ext 148, EMail: [susan.banahan@noaa.gov](mailto:susan.banahan@noaa.gov). Administrative Information: Gina Perovich, EPA/NCER, 202-564-2248, EMail: [perovich.gina@epa.gov](mailto:perovich.gina@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Program Goals and Topic Areas

The National Center for Environmental Research/Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); the Coastal Ocean Program and the Office of Protected Resources/ National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

(NOAA)/Department of Commerce; the Directorate for Geosciences, Division of Ocean Sciences/National Science Foundation (NSF); the Office of Naval Research (ONR)/Department of Defense; and the Office of Earth Science/National Aeronautics Space Administration (NASA) are cooperating in an opportunity for investigators to propose activities to address fundamental ecological and oceanographic questions related to the national harmful algal bloom (HAB) problem.

Proposals are encouraged in the following areas: (1) the prevention, control, and mitigation of HABs and their impacts, (2) the transition of current biophysical models for HABs in specific regions into operational HAB forecasts, (3) biological and physical oceanographic regional studies that include the development of linked biophysical models of bloom development and transport, and (4) studies addressing gaps in general knowledge of HAB phenomena. These special emphasis areas are described in greater detail in the complete program announcement (see **ADDRESSES**).

ECOHAB will support projects ranging from laboratory studies by individual Investigators or small teams, up to larger teams of investigators conducting coordinated, well-integrated, multi-disciplinary regional field programs. For individuals and small teams, support may be requested for 1–3 years duration. Projects focused on multi-disciplinary regional studies may request support for up to 5 years duration. However, the size and duration of the latter studies are dependent on appropriations, and potential applicants are encouraged to correspond with the ECOHAB Coordinator (see “Contacts” in this announcement) prior to preparation of proposals.

#### Eligibility

Academic and not-for-profit institutions located in the U.S., and state or local governments, are eligible under all existing authorizations. Some participating agencies are authorized to make awards to profit-making firms and international institutions. NOAA and other permitted Federal partnering agencies may fund investigators from Federal laboratories that successfully compete through the ECOHAB Program announcement, but salaries of full time Federal employees will be in accord with individual agency policies. Federal investigators will be required to submit certifications or documentation which clearly show that they have specific legal authority to receive funds from another Federal agency in excess of

their appropriations. Applications from non-Federal and Federal applicants will be competed against each other.

Proposals selected for funding from non-Federal applicants will be funded through a project grant or cooperative agreement under the terms of this announcement. Proposals from Federal researchers deemed acceptable and selected for funding will be funded through a medium other than a grant or cooperative agreement, such as inter- or intra-agency transfers, where legal authority exists for such funding.

#### How to Apply

The original and eighteen (18) copies of the fully developed application (19 in all) and one (1) additional copy of the abstract, prepared in accordance with the full announcement, must be received by NOAA no later than 4:00 P.M. Eastern Time on the closing date, January 10, 2002.

#### Program Authorities

For COP: 33 U.S.C. 883d and P.L. 105–383; for Office of Protected Resources/NOAA: 16 U.S.C. 1382 and 16 U.S.C. 1421a; EPA: 33 U.S.C 1251 *et. seq.* and 40 CFR parts 30 and 40; for NSF: 42 U.S.C. 1861 *et. seq.*; for ONR: 10 U.S.C 2358 as amended and 31 U.S.C 6304; and for NASA: 14 CFR part 1260

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Numbers. 11.478 for the Coastal Ocean Program; 11.472 for NOAA/Office of Protected Resources; 66.500 for the Environmental Protection Agency; 47.050 for the National Science Foundation, and 12.300 for the Office of Naval Research.

Dated: September 19, 2001.

**Henry L. Longest II,**

*Acting Assistant Administrator for Research and Development.*

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–7072–6]

#### Peer Consultation Workshop on Alternative Approaches to the Health Assessment of PAH Mixtures

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of peer consultation workshop.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a workshop for scientific peer consultation on alternative approaches to the health risk assessment of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH)

mixtures. The workshop is sponsored by EPA's National Center for Environmental Assessment of the Office of Research and Development. Versar, Inc., an EPA contractor, is providing logistical support for the workshop. The individual scientific opinions of the experts participating in the workshop will be taken into consideration by EPA when developing the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) health assessment for PAH mixtures.

**DATES:** The workshop will be held on Wednesday, October 24, 2001, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Thursday, October 25, 2001, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The workshop will be held at the Key Bridge Marriott, 1401 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA. Versar, Inc., an EPA contractor, is providing logistical support for the workshop. To attend the workshop as an observer, visit [www.versar.com/pahrisk/](http://www.versar.com/pahrisk/) and register by October 19, 2001. Space is limited, and reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be a limited time for comments from the public during the workshop. Please let Versar know if you wish to make a brief statement not to exceed five minutes.

EPA has prepared a discussion document, “Workshop on Approaches to Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon (PAH) Health Assessment: Discussion Document,” to provide experts participating in the workshop background information on current EPA practices for assessing PAH health risk and an overview of alternative approaches to health assessment for PAH mixtures. A copy of this document is available from Versar.

Comments related to PAH health assessment approaches may be mailed to Susan Rieth, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (8601D), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460 or delivered to Susan Rieth, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 808 17th St, NW., Washington, DC 20006. Electronic comments may be emailed to [rieth.susan@epa.gov](mailto:rieth.susan@epa.gov).

Please note that all comments received in response to this notice will be public information. For that reason, commentators should not submit personal information (such as medical data or home address), Confidential Business Information, or information protected by copyright. Due to limited resources, acknowledgments will not be sent.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information concerning the peer consultation workshop please contact Traci Bludis, Versar, Inc.; telephone: 1–800–2–VERSAR ext 449; email: [bluditra@versar.com](mailto:bluditra@versar.com). For technical inquiries, please contact Susan Rieth,