

infrastructure (e.g., utilities), surface water resources, or groundwater resources from operation of the L-Basin and the SRNL SCF.

Wastes will be generated primarily during operations at the SRNL SCF and will include laboratory samples, scrap, and contaminated equipment such as pipettes or gloves. These wastes will primarily consist of solid or liquid LLW, MLLW, and TRU waste that will be managed within the capacities of existing SRS waste management operations. Solid LLW will be disposed of onsite in E-Area, while MLLW will be shipped offsite for treatment and disposal in accordance with the *Final Programmatic EIS for Managing Treatment, Storage, and Disposal of Radioactive and Hazardous Waste* (DOE/EIS-0200) and amended ROD (65 FR 10061; February 25, 2000). Liquid waste will be discarded to the SRNL liquid radioactive waste system, or combined with an absorbent for disposal as LLW or management as MLLW. TRU waste will be stored on-site in the SRS E-Area Solid Waste Facility until shipped to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant for disposal.

Cumulative Impacts. The action addressed in this amended ROD will require activities at existing SRS facilities that are the same as or comparable to past and present operations at these facilities. Therefore, the action addressed in this amended ROD is not expected to result in increases to the ranges of cumulative impacts evaluated in the *IMNM EIS* and *SRS SNF EIS*.

C. Supplement Analysis Conclusion

The action addressed in this amended ROD will revise the management approach for a very small fraction of the materials evaluated in the *IMNM EIS* and *SRS SNF EIS*. The operational changes at SRS that will be required for implementing the action are expected to have only minor environmental consequences.

Environmentally Preferable Alternative

In the *IMNM EIS* and *IMNM EIS* RODs, DOE determined that any of the alternatives involving continued interim storage would have smaller environmental impacts than alternatives involving processing at the large separations facilities at SRS (e.g., F- or H-Canyon) while the processing operations were underway. Of the evaluated processing alternatives, the environmentally preferable alternative identified in the *IMNM EIS* ROD for targets containing americium and curium was Processing and Storage for

Nitrification. This remains the environmentally preferred alternative.

The action addressed in this amended ROD does not involve processing operations at large separations facilities at SRS. The action addressed in this amended ROD will result in increased but small levels of short-term environmental impacts from target recovery, onsite transfer, and processing to recover desired isotopes, and transport of the recovered isotopes to ORNL.

Amended Decision

To enable recovery of ^{244}Pu and other valued isotopes, DOE has decided to process the 65 Mark-18A targets stored in the L-Basin. The 65 Mark-18A targets will be removed from the L-Basin and transferred to the SRNL SCF within a modified spent nuclear fuel cask. At the SRNL SCF, the targets will be processed to recover desired isotopes in two solid streams: A plutonium oxide stream and an oxide stream containing americium, heavy curium, and fission products. Minor modifications will be made within the SRNL SCF to enable efficient receipt and processing of the targets. The two oxide streams will be packaged and transported to ORNL for further processing and material recovery.

DOE expects that processing activities at SRNL could begin as early as fiscal year 2020 and would continue through fiscal year 2029 depending on how many targets can be processed per year.

Mitigation Measures

No mitigation measures were identified in the *IMNM EIS* ROD, *SRS SNF EIS* ROD, or the subsequent supplemental and amended RODs. No environmental impacts resulting from operations under this amended decision will require specific mitigation measures. DOE will continue its current practices and policies to use all practicable means to avoid or minimize environmental harm and impacts to workers and the public when implementing the actions described in this amended ROD.

Basis for Decision

This amended decision ensures the availability of ^{244}Pu , which is a critical component of certified standards for high-precision laboratory analyses supporting nuclear forensics and nuclear nonproliferation. In addition, this amended decision ensures the availability of heavy curium for use as feedstock for production of high-demand isotopes such as ^{252}Cf , which is used in many industrial and medical research and health care applications, such as cancer treatment. Implementing

this action also provides a disposition pathway for all remaining Mark-18A targets in storage at SRS.

The action addressed in this amended ROD will involve a very small fraction of the nuclear materials evaluated in the *IMNM EIS* and *SRS SNF EIS* and will entail use of an existing DOE facility performing activities similar to those previously conducted at SRS and within the scope of the facility's R&D mission. The action addressed in this amended ROD will not result in potential health or environmental consequences that will be significantly different from the small consequences that were determined in the *IMNM EIS* and *SRS SNF EIS*.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Proposed Agency Information Collection

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) invites public comment on a proposed collection of information that DOE is developing for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before May 7, 2018. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed in **ADDRESSES** as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to Claudia Cantoni or by fax at (301) 903-5488, or by email at claudia.cantoni@science.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Claudia Cantoni or by fax at (301) 903-5488, or by email at claudia.cantoni@science.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No. 1910-5166; (2) Information Collection Request Title: Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Commercialization Survey; (3) Type of Request: Three-year extension; (4) Purpose: The DOE needs this information to satisfy the program requirements of the Small Business Act, including requirements established in the SBIR program reauthorization legislation, Public Law 106-554 and Public Law 107-50. This data will be collected by the DOE and provided to the Small Business Administration (SBA) to maintain information about SBIR/STTR awards issued through the two programs. This data will be provided by DOE based on information collected from SBIR/STTR awardees. This data will be used by DOE, SBA, and Congress to assess the commercial impact of these two programs; (5) Annual Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,500; (6) Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: 2,500; (7) Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours: 2,500; (8) Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: \$120,000.

Statutory Authority: Section 9 of the Small Business Act, as amended, codified at 15 U.S.C. 638(g)

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SBIR/STTR Programs Director, Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Call for 2025 Resource Pool Applications

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of the Sierra Nevada Region's call for 2025 Resource Pool applications.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), a Federal power marketing administration of DOE, published its 2025 Power Marketing Plan (Marketing Plan) for the Sierra Nevada Customer Service Region (SNR) in the **Federal Register** on August 15, 2017. The Marketing Plan specifies the terms and conditions under which WAPA will market power from the Central Valley Project (CVP) and the Washoe Project beginning January 1, 2025, and continuing through December 31, 2054. As required by the Marketing Plan, WAPA is issuing a call for applications for SNR's 2025 Resource Pool. Preference entities who wish to apply for a new allocation of power from WAPA's SNR must submit a formal application using the Applicant Profile Data (APD) form and must meet the Eligibility and Allocation Criteria described in the Marketing Plan. In addition, if a customer that currently has an allocation of power wishes to apply for an additional power allocation, it also must submit an application using the APD form and meet the Eligibility and Allocation Criteria. The General Criteria, and Contract Principles as defined in the Marketing Plan will apply to new allottees and existing customers.

DATES: Applications must be received by 4 p.m., PDT, on May 7, 2018. WAPA will accept applications through its on-line APD form, electronically, or by certified mail (or its equivalent). Applications sent by regular mail will be accepted if postmarked at least 3 days before May 7, 2018, and received no later than May 10, 2018. WAPA will not consider applications that are not received by the prescribed dates.

ADDRESSES: Entities interested in applying for an allocation of WAPA power may submit an application on-line at <https://www.wapa.gov/regions/SN/PowerMarketing/Pages/2025-Program.aspx>, or may complete the APD form also available at <https://www.wapa.gov/regions/SN/PowerMarketing/Pages/2025-Program.aspx> and mail it to Ms. Sandee Peebles, Public Utilities Specialist, Sierra Nevada Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA 95630. APD forms with an e-signature may be emailed to 2025RPApps@wapa.gov. The e-signature must be received by WAPA within the time required in the **DATES** section. If an entity submits an APD form via the web page or email and an e-signature is not available, the applicant must mail the signed APD form signature page to the physical

address above, or scan the signed page and send it via email to 2025RPApps@wapa.gov. WAPA will publish a notice of Proposed Allocations in the **Federal Register** after evaluating all applications.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sandee Peebles, Public Utilities Specialist, Sierra Nevada Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA 95630, telephone (916) 353-4454, email peebles@wapa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Marketing Plan describes how SNR will market its power resources beginning January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2054. As part of the Marketing Plan, WAPA will create the 2025 Resource Pool, which offers no less than 2 percent of SNR's marketable power resources. The Resource Pool percentage may be increased as discussed in the Marketing Plan. WAPA, at its discretion, will allocate a percentage of the 2025 Resource Pool to selected applicants that meet the Eligibility Criteria defined in the Marketing Plan. This allocation percentage will be multiplied by the 2025 Resource Pool percentage to determine the applicant's percentage of the Base Resource as described in the Marketing Plan. WAPA will publish a notice of Proposed Allocations in the **Federal Register** once those allocations have been determined. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the Proposed Allocations. After reviewing the comments, WAPA will publish a notice of Final Allocations in the **Federal Register**. Once the final 2025 Resource Pool allocations have been published, WAPA will work with the new allottees to develop a customized product to meet their needs as requested by such allottees and as more fully described in the Marketing Plan.

Call for 2025 Resource Pool Applications

Applications for Power

Through this **Federal Register** notice, WAPA formally requests applications from qualified preference entities wishing to purchase power from SNR from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2054. Existing customers do not need to submit an application unless they are seeking to increase their allocation. All applicants must submit applications using the APD form, so that WAPA has a uniform basis upon which to evaluate the applications. To be considered, applicants must meet the Eligibility Criteria contained in the