meeting will satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether an EA or EIS is issued by the Commission.

The times and locations of the scoping meetings are:

Agency Scoping Meeting
December 13, 1999, 9:00 am to 11:30 pm, Alaska division of Governmental Coordination, 240 Main Street, 3rd Floor conference Room, Juneau, AK 99811

Public Scoping Meeting
December 13, 1999, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, City Council Chambers, 12 South Nordic, Petersburg, AK 00883

All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited and encouraged to attend any or all of the meetings to assist in identifying and clarifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA.

Project Tour

A visit to the project facilities (powerhouse, tailrace area, lower penstock) is tentatively scheduled for December 14, 1999, weather permitting. Access to the project dam requires air transport which will very likely be unavailable due to low visibility, but can be arranged for a later date. Those interested in visiting the project on December 14, should contact Dennis Lewis of Petersburg at 907–772–4203.

Scoping Meeting Procedures

The meetings will be conducted according to the procedures used at Commission scoping meetings. Because this meeting will be a NEPA scoping meeting under the APEA process, the Commission does not intend to conduct a NEPA scoping meeting after Petersburg's application and EA are filed with the Commission. Instead, Commission staff will attend the meetings on December 13, 1999.

Both scoping meetings will be recorded by a court reporter, and the transcripts will become part of the formal record for this project. Those who choose not to speak during the scoping meetings may instead submit written comments on the project. Written comments should be mailed or e-mailed to: Nan A. Nalder, Relicensing Manager, Acres International, 3254–11th Avenue West, Seattle, WA 98119, acresnan@serv.net.

Commenting Deadline

All correspondence should be postmarked no later than February 15, 2000. Comments should show the following caption on the first page: Scoping Comments, Blind Slough Hydroelectric Project, Project No. 201.

For further information please contact Vince Yearick of the Commission at (202) 219–3073.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–6472–3]

Notice of Availability: Draft Guidance Manual and Example NPDES Permit for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of draft guidance; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On August 25, 1999, EPA released the draft Guidance Manual and Example NPDES Permit for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations for review and written comments. The manual is intended to provide clear and concise guidance for EPA and State National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit writers on permitting Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations. The draft guidance is intended to assist permit writers in issuing permits in a manner consistent with the permitting practices identified in the USDA-EPA Unified National Strategy for Animal Feeding Operations. The manual supersedes the Guide Manual on NPDES Regulations for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations issued in December 1995. Additionally, it is intended to clarify the circumstances under which producers should submit a Notice of Intent to be covered under an NPDES general permit or apply for an individual NPDES permit.

EPA initially requested comments on this draft guidance manual to be submitted by October 25, 1999. It is EPA's intent to provide the public and all stakeholders an adequate period of time to fully analyze the issues and prepare comprehensive comments. Therefore, we are extending the comment period until November 24, 1999.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by November 24, 1999, to the address below.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments to Gregory Beatty, US EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Mail Code 4203, Washington, DC 20460. Submit electronic comments to *beatty.gregory@epa.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gregory Beatty, (202) 260–6929 or Will Hall, (202) 260–1458.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Copies of the draft Guidance Manual and Example NPDES Permit for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations may be obtained on the Internet at: *http://www.epa.gov/owm*. If you do not have Internet access, you may obtain a paper copy of the draft guidance by calling the Water Resources Center at (202) 260–7786. The draft guidance is also available in electronic format.

Dated: November 2, 1999.

Dana D. Minerva,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Water.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–6472–4]

Public Water System Supervision Program Revision and Definition of Indian Country for the State of South Dakota

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice and request for public comments and announcement of public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold a public hearing for the proposed primacy revision of the State of South Dakota's Public Water System Supervision (PWSS) Program as well as for the proposed definition of Indian country as it extends to PWSS primacy delegation and other environmental program authorizations and delegations within the State of South Dakota. For further information on the proposed primacy delegation, as well as on the proposed definition of Indian country, please refer to 64 FR 44521–44522, August 16, 1999.

DATES: Any interested parties may submit oral or written statements at the public hearing scheduled for Thursday, December, 2, 1999. There will be two sessions: an afternoon session at 3 p.m. and an evening session at 6:30 p.m. The hearing will be held at the Badlands National Park Service Headquarters located nine miles south off of I–90 Exit 131, 72 miles from Rapid City or two miles north of the Town of Interior. The telephone number for the Badlands National Park Service Headquarters is 605–433–5281 or 605–433–5361. Persons wishing to make oral statements must register at the Badlands National Park Service Headquarters on December