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MEMORANDUM FOR LEE JESSEE
OFFICE OF NEPA POLICY AND COMPLIANCE

FROM: JOHN H. KERSTEN
MANAGER

SUBJECT: Annual National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Planning Summary

As requested in John Spitaleri Shaw's memorandum of December 17, 2004, attached is the 2005 Annual NEPA Planning Summary for the Golden Field Office (GO). GO currently is conducting two Environmental Assessments (EA) and no Environmental Impact Statements (EIS). GO anticipates conducting at least four EAs in 2005 and no EISs in the next two years.

Please contact Steve Blazek, NEPA Compliance Officer, at (303) 275-4723 with any questions regarding this planning summary.

Attachment

cc: Othalene Lawrence, Environmental Scientist
Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance

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Annual NEPA Planning Summary Environmental Assessments Expected to be Prepared in the Next 12 Months

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*Title, Location	Estimated Cost	Estimated Schedule (**NEPA Milestones)		Description
Environmental Assessment of the Proposed LACOSAN Full Circle Effluent Pipeline Project, Lake County, CA	$515,000	Determination Date: Transmittal to State: EA Approval: FONSI:	12/10/2004	The Lake County Sanitation District (LACOSAN) and the United States Department of Energy (U.S. DOE) will be co-Lead Agencies preparing a joint CEQA and NEPA environmental document. The proposed action for LACOSAN is to determine if it should approve the proposed project. The proposed action for U.S. DOE is whether to fund part of LACOSAN's proposed project.
Environmental Assessment of the Raft River Geothermal Project, Cassia County, Idaho	$50,000	Determination Date: Transmittal to State: EA Approval: FONSI:	Pending	DOE proposes to provide funding to U.S. Geothermal, Inc. for development activities at the Raft River Project site in south-central Idaho.
Enhanced Geothermal Systems Programmatic EA	$50,000	Determination Date: Transmittal to State: EA Approval: FONSI:	Pending	DOE is developing a program-level strategic approach to evaluating potential impacts that could result from geothermal program decision-making for enhanced geothermal systems.
Environmental Assessment for a Proposed Hydrogen Fueling Station, Rosemead, California	Undetermined	Determination Date: Transmittal to State: EA Approval: FONSI:	Pending	DOE proposes to provide funding to Chevron, Inc. for construction of a hydrogen fueling station in Rosemead, CA.
	Total Estimated Cost			
	$615,000.00			

Annual NEPA Planning Summary Status of Ongoing NEPA Compliance Activities: Environmental Assessments

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Environmental Assessment of a Biomass Combined Heat and Power Plant, Minneapolis, MN DOE/EA 1507	$80,000	Determination Date:	7/7/2004	DOE conducted initial public scoping in September 2004. As a result of proponent's current proposed scope changes, DOE intends to re-initiate public scoping upon finalization of the scope changes (anticipated March 2005).
		Transmittal to State:		
		EA Approval:		
		FONSI:		
Environmental Assessment for the Design and Construction of a Proposed Fuel Ethanol Plant, Rensselaer, Indiana (DOE/EA 1517)	$30,000	Determination Date:	11/4/2004	Draft EA scheduled for release early February, 2005.
		Transmittal to State:		
		EA Approval:		
		FONSI:		
	Total Estimated Cost			
	$110,000.00			

*Please include projected NEPA milestones, if planned