Copies of the full text of these decisions and orders are available in the Public Reference Room of the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Room 1E–234, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., except federal holidays. They are also available in Energy Management: Federal Energy Guidelines, a commercially published loose leaf reporter system.

Dated: June 1, 1995.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### [FRL 5220-1]

# Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC) Draft Guidelines for Project Submission and Criteria for Project Certification

**AGENCY:** Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC).

**ACTION:** Request for Public Comment on the BECC Draft Guidelines for Project Submission and Criteria for Project Certification.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of the BECC Draft Guidelines for Project Submission and Criteria for Project Certification for public review and comment.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the BECC on or before July 14, 1995. Oral comments may be received on July 28, 1995 at the BECC Board of Directors Public Meeting in Tijuana, Baja California.To mail comments or for further information contact:

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Dated: June 2, 1995. **April Lander**, *Acting General Manager.* 

### Draft—Border Environment Cooperation Commission Guidelines for Project Submission and Criteria for Project Certification

#### I. Authority

These guidelines and criteria are adopted under the authority of the November 1993 Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America (U.S.) and the Government of the United Mexican States (Mexico) Concerning the Establishment of a Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC) and a North American Development Bank (NADBank) which authorizes the BECC Board of Directors (Board) to adopt rules, guidelines, and criteria as may be necessary or appropriate to conduct BECC business.

## II. Program Purpose

The BECC was created in parallel with the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) as a binational institution to promote cooperation in achieving sustainable development for the well-being of present and future generations through the preservation, protection, and enhancement of the environment along the United States and Mexican border.

#### III. Program Scope

The BECC will work with states and localities, other public entities, and private investors, to develop effective solutions to environmental problems in the border region. The BECC may (1) assist with the planning, design, construction management, operations and maintenance phases of environmental infrastructure projects; (2) assess the technical and financial feasibility of projects, (3) evaluate social, environmental, and economic impacts of projects; (4) assist with public and private financing for projects; (5) provide technical assistance to applicants in development of proposals, project feasibility planning, engineering design, and environmental assessments; (6) assist with the development of a comprehensive public outreach and participation plan, and (7) certify projects for financing by the NADBank or other sources.

Projects located within 100 km (62 miles) on either side of the U.S./Mexico border may be considered for certification. Projects outside this region may be considered for certification if the BECC, with concurrence of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and

the Mexican Secretaria de Desarrollo Social, find the project would remedy an environmental or health problem within the 100 km (62 mile) area.

Priority projects will be in the areas of water pollution, wastewater treatment, municipal solid waste, and related matters as defined by the November 1993 Agreement. Potential water pollution projects could include potable water treatment and/or water supply systems, water pollution prevention, or projects to improve or restore the quality of water resources. Potential wastewater treatment projects could include wastewater collection systems, wastewater treatment plants, water reuse systems, or systems providing for the beneficial use of sludge. Potential municipal solid waste projects could include landfills, solid waste collection and disposal, reuse, recycling, or waste to energy projects. Related projects include projects corresponding to the three priority areas described above.

The BECC acknowledges the importance of the environmental goals and objectives embodied in the following international agreements: Agreement on Cooperation for the Protection and Improvement of the Environment in the Boarder Area (La Paz Agreements), the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation as well as other treaties undertaken by the United States or Mexico.

### IV Definition of Terms

Advisory Council. Advisory Council of the BECC. The Council has 18 members, 9 from the United States and 9 from Mexico. The Council may provide advice to the Board of Directors or the General Manager on certification of projects.

Àpplicant. States and localities, other public entities, and private investors.

**BENEFIT-COST RATIO.** The ration of total project economic benefits to total project costs discounted at a predetermined annual rate, once the benefits and costs have been corrected from market distortions.

Board of Directors. Board of Directors of the BECC. The Board has 10 directors, 5 from the United States and 5 from Mexico. The Board determines general operational and structural policies for the BECC, evaluates projects, and certifies qualified projects.

Cultural Resources. Historical, archeological, and ethnic resources.

**DISCOUNT RATE.** The rate of discount measures how much less a sum of money is worth by each year that passes.