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To: All Field Officials
From: Director, National Applied Resource Sciences Center
Subject: Meeting to Discuss Hydropower Licensing Issues

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The Department of the Interior is holding a national meeting to discuss hydropower licensing issues on June 12-14, 2000. Jeff Holdren, WO-350, has asked us to announce this meeting and get an estimate of the attendees from BLM. The meeting will be held in Aurora, Colorado, at the Holiday Inn Denver Southeast. Staff having involvement in the licensing/relicensing of hydropower projects are encouraged to attend.

The Secretary has made hydropower licensing issues a high priority for the Department. Since the last meeting held in Minneapolis, many noteworthy events have taken place in the management of hydropower resources. The purpose of the meeting is to convene key Interior staff, primarily from the regional and field levels, to review the Department's FERC relicensing activities and schedules and, where necessary, coordinate our efforts. The meeting will also be an opportunity to discuss other major issues of concern to Bureau staff including, for example, FERC's collaborative process, Bureau funding and resource constraints, and legal issues facing the Department. Finally, the meeting will provide field staff with the opportunity to interact with one another and learn about and provide comments on the various ongoing efforts to improve the licensing process (i.e., Interagency Task Force and Hydropower Coordinating Committee).

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn Denver Southwest, 3200 South Parker Road, Aurora, Colorado. The meeting will be held in the hotel. The Government room rate is \$83 per night for either a single or double room. Reservations should be made on an individual basis before May 26, 2000, by calling

(303) 695-1700; toll free (800) 962-7672. The room block reservation is under the DOI Hydropower Conference. The hotel provides free airport shuttle service.

Please notify your staff about this important workshop as soon as possible. In order to determine the number of attendees, let Joe Kuka know your anticipated numbers as soon as possible, preferably before May 15. For responses or questions, Joe can be reached at 303-236-9512 or e-mail at Joe_Kuka@blm.gov.

Further data will be forthcoming.

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