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To: Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs*
Director, Fish and Wildlife Service
Director, National Park Service
Director, Geological Survey
Director, Office of Surface Mining

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Proposed Hardy Storage Project and Virginia Looping Project, (Docket No. PF04-14-000), Hardy and Hampshire Counties, West Virginia, and Shenandoah, Page, Rockingham, Greene, and Louisa Counties, Virginia
(ER 04/757) (Agency due date: November 22, 2004)

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has provided a notice of intent to prepare an EA for the subject project. You may view this notice at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp> (issuance, filed 10/08/2004, natural gas, text search: Hardy Storage).

This notice gives you an early opportunity to provide technical assistance and/or to participate from your areas of special expertise or jurisdiction. If significant involvement is indicated, you should also participate in the follow-up scoping activities.

Comments should be made directly to the person listed in the notice by **November 22, 2004**. Please provide a copy of any comments you make to this Office.

/s/ 10/13/04
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