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Dated: April 9, 1997.

Scott C. Fulton,

Acting General Counsel.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 OR (202) 564-7153. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed April 07, 1997 Through April 11, 1997 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 970132, Draft EIS, EPA, AL, Sand Mountain Region On-Site Sewage Pollution Wastewater Disposal Site, Dekalb, Etowah, Marshall and Jackson Counties, AL, Due: June 02, 1997, Contact: Heinz J. Mueller (404) 562-9617.

EIS No. 970133, Final EIS, BLM, WY, North Rochelle Mine, Application for Federal Coal Lease (WYW127221), Special-Use-Permits and NPDES Permit, Campbell County, WY, Due: May 19, 1997, Contact: Nancy Doelger (307) 261-7627.

EIS No. 970134, Final SUPPLEMENT, AFS, ID, Packsaddle Timber Sale and Road Construction Project, Implementation, New Information to Address the Severe Root Disease, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, Sandpoint Ranger District, Bonner County, ID, Due: May 19, 1997, Contact: Tong Erba (208) 263-5111.

EIS No. 970135, Final EIS, FHW, AK, Third Street Widening Project, Improvement, Old Steese Highway and Hamilton Avenue, Funding and Right-of-Way Acquisition, Fairbanks North Star Borough, AK, Due: May 19, 1997, Contact: James Bryson (907) 586-7430.

EIS No. 970136, DRAFT EIS, NOA, MA, New Bedford Harbor Environment Restoration Plan, Implementation, Acushnet River, Buzzards Bay, MA,

Due: June 02, 1997, Contact: Rolland A. Schmitt (301) 713-2239.

EIS No. 970137, Draft EIS, AFS, CA, Canyons Analysis Area, Implementation, Tahoe National Forest, Trucker Ranger District, Sierra and Nevada County, CA, Due: June 02, 1997, Contact: Caryn Huntt (916) 587-3558.

EIS No. 970138, Final EIS, SCS, HI, Upcountry Maui Watershed, Implementation, To Address Agricultural Water Shortage, COE Section 404 Permit, Makawao District, Island of Maui, Maui County, HI, Due: May 19, 1997, Contact: Kenneth M. Kaneshiro (808) 541-2600.

EIS No. 970139, Final EIS, AFS, ID, Prince John Timber Sale Project, Implementation, Boise National Forest, Cascade Ranger District, Valley County, ID, Due: May 19, 1997, Contact: Steve Patterson (208) 364-7400.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 960589, Final EIS, FHW, PA, US 220 Transportation Improvements Project, Bald Eagle Village to Interstate 80 (I-80), Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Blair and Centre Counties, PA, Due: May 19, 1997, Contact: Ronald W. Carmichael (717) 782-3461. Published FR -12-27-96—Review Period Reopened.

EIS No. 970108, Draft EIS, SCS, HI, Waimea-Paaulo Watershed Project, Alleviation of Agricultural Water Storage Problems for Corp Irrigation and Livestock Drinking Water, Funding, COE Section 404 Permit Issuance and Implementation, Hawaii County, HI, Published FR-04-04-97—This EIS was inadvertently published in the 04-04-97 FR. The correct Notice of Availability was published in the 03-28-97 FR. The correct date comments are due back to the preparing agency is MAY 15, 1997.

Dated: April 15, 1997.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-5479-4]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared March 31, 1997 Through April

04, 1997 pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 04, 1997 (62 FR 16154).

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-L61207-AK, Upper Carroll Timber Sale, Implementation, Tongass National Forest, Ketchikan Administrative Area, Ketchikan Ranger District, Revillagigedo Island, AK.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-AFS-L65271-AK, South Lindenberg Timber Sale(s), Timber Harvesting, Tongass National Forest, Stikine Area, Kupreanof Island, AK.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-BLM-G65061-NM, Roswell Resource Area Management Plan and Carlsbad Resource Area Management Plan Amendment, Implementation, Quay, Curry, DeBaca, Roosevelt, Lincoln, Guadalupe, Chaves, Eddy, and Lea Counties, NM.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS has been completed and the project found to be satisfactory. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-BLM-G65064-TX, Texas Land and Resource Management Plan (RMP), Implementation, Split Estates Federal Mineral Ownership (FMO), Several Counties, TX.

Summary: EPA had no objection to the selection of the preferred alternative described in the final EIS.

ERP No. F-BLM-K67039-NV, Denton-Rawhide Mine Expansion Project, Plan of Operation Approval, Implementation, Mineral County, NV.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-DOE-K05218-00, Sierra Nevada Region 2004 Power Marketing Program, Implementation, 1,480 megawatts (MW) Power from the Central Valley and Washoe Project, NV and CA.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-NPS-G65063-NM, Pecos National Historical General

Management Plan and Development Concept Plan, Implementation, San Miguel and Santa Fe Counties, NM.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-NPS-L61196-AK, Denali (South Slope) National Park and Preserve Development Concept Plan, Implementation, Mantanuska-Susitna Borough, AK.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-SFW-G64012-00, Mexican Wolf (*Canis lupus baileyi*) Reintroduction within the Historic Range, Implementation, in the Southwestern United States, Catron, Dona Ana, Grant and Lincoln Counties, NM and Apache and Greenlee Counties, AZ.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

Dated: April 15, 1997.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5813-4]

National Drinking Water Advisory Council; Small Systems Working Group; Notice of Open Meeting

Under Section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 92-423, "The Federal Advisory Committee Act," notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Small Systems Working Group of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council established under the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. S300f *et seq.*), will be held on April 28 and 29, 1997 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., at the Washington Plaza, 10 Thomas Circle, NW., Washington, DC 20005. The meeting is open to the public, but due to past experience, seating will be limited.

The purpose of this meeting is to review and discuss options for how EPA might implement the capacity development and state affordability information provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996. The meeting is open to the public to observe. The working group members are meeting to gather information,

analyze relevant issues and facts and discuss options. Statements will be taken from the public at this meeting, as time allows.

For more information, please contact, Peter E. Shanaghan, Designated Federal Officer, Small Systems Working Group, U.S. EPA, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (4606), 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460. The telephone number is (202) 260-5813 and the email address is shanaghan.peter@epamail.epa.gov.

Dated: April 14, 1997.

Charlene Shaw,

Designated Federal Officer, National Drinking Water Advisory Council.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00478; FRL-5600-9]

Plant Pesticides Resistance Management; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA will conduct a public meeting on May 21, 1997, to solicit public comment on resistance management plans for plant pesticides, including the necessity for such plans, critical elements of resistance management plans and requirements for successful implementation.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 21, 1997 from 9 am to 5 pm. Written comments from interested parties not able to attend the meeting must be received on or before May 21, 1997. Persons who wish to speak at the public meeting are encouraged to register in advance by submitting a brief written request and abstract to EPA on or before May 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The meeting is open to the public and will be held at Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas 77843-2475, in Rm. 301 of the Rudder Tower. Interested parties who cannot attend the public meeting but who wish to comment may do so by submitting written comments. Comments should be identified by the docket control number OPP-00478, and be submitted to: Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: opp-

docket@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number OPP-00478. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found in Unit IV of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Michael L. Mendelsohn, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division 7501W, Office of Pesticide Programs, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: 5th Floor CS, 2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA, (703)-308-8715; Email: Mendelsohn.mike@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Resistance management has been a consideration for the registration of plant pesticides for some time. This is because plant pesticides tend to produce the pesticidal active ingredient throughout a growing season, increasing the selection pressure upon both the target pests and any other susceptible insects feeding on the transformed crop.

Resistance management has become an issue particularly in relation to plant-pesticides based on the insecticidal proteins from the bacterium *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt). EPA recognizes the value of Bt as a safer pesticide and has determined that it is necessary to conserve this resource as appropriate by requiring resistance management plans. The Agency has reviewed initial strategies from registrants for managing resistance to Bt delta endotoxins produced in potato, corn, and cotton. EPA has worked with stakeholders (industry, public sector research and extension, growers, user groups, and government agencies) to address resistance management for Bt-based plant pesticides.

In March of 1995, EPA held a Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) meeting as part of the review for the first registered plant pesticides. This meeting primarily addressed issues related to the *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) *tenebrionis* CryIII delta endotoxin in potato, although some issues related to Bt Corn and Bt cotton were also discussed. The