

**SUMMARY:** EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential exceedences of the threshold of concern (TOC) in five subwatersheds in the analysis area, and recommended that additional road obliterations be added to the project plan.

#### Final EISs

ERP No. F-BLM-K67044-CA Soledad Mountain Open Pit Leap Leach Gold Mine Project, Construction and Operation, Plan-of-Operations Approval, Mojave, Kern County, CA.

**SUMMARY:** EPA continued to have environmental concerns and recommended that BLM assure against significant impacts to local air quality from possible aggregate loading and hauling operations. EPA also recommended that the Record of Decision include specific actions for the Mitigation and Monitoring Program.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-5486-2]

#### Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

**Responsible Agency:** Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7153.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed November 3, 1997 Through November 7, 1997 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 970429, Draft Supplement, NPS, CA, Yosemite Valley Comprehensive Implementation Plan, General Management Plan, Yosemite National Park, Mariposa, Madera and Tuolumne Counties, CA, Due: January 13, 1998, Contact: Alan Schmierer (415) 427-1441.

EIS No. 970430, Draft EIS, AFS, OR, Crown Pacific Limited Partnership Land Exchange Project, Implementation, Consolidate Land Ownership and Enhance Future Resource, Deschutes, Fremont and Winema National Forests, Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath and Lake Counties, OR, Due: January 9, 1998, Contact: Kathy Farrell (541) 383-5571.

EIS No. 970431, Final EIS, FHW, NY, Stutson Street BIN-3317120 Over Genesee River (PIN 4751.05.121), from the Interchange of the Lake Ontario State Parkway and Latta Road

to Lake Shore Boulevard, COE Section 10 and 404 Permit, and Coast Guard Bridge Permits, in the City of Rochester, Town of Greece and Irondequoit, Monroe County, NY, Due: December 15, 1997, Contact: Harold J. Brown (518) 431-4127.

EIS No. 970432, Final EIS, AFS, ID, Middle Fork Analysis Area Management Plan, Implementation, Nez Perce National Forest, Selway Ranger District, Idaho County, ID, Due: December 15, 1997, Contact: Jerome A. Bird (208) 926-4258.

EIS No. 970433, Final EIS, FHW, PA, US 202 Section 700 Corridor, Improvements, from PA 63 in Montgomeryville to the PA-611 Bypass in Doylestown Township, COE Section 404 Permit and Right-of-Way, Montgomery and Bucks Counties, PA, Due: December 31, 1997, Contact: Ronald W. Carmichael (717) 221-3461.

EIS No. 970434, Draft EIS, COE, FL, Sunny Isles (North Miami) Proposed Modification to Segment of the Dade County Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Project, Dade County, FL, Due: December 29, 1997, Contact: Kenneth Dugger (904) 232-1686.

EIS No. 970435, Final EIS, FRC, MS, Destin Natural Gas Pipeline Project, Construction and Operation, Six Major Interstate Pipelines in the Gulf of Mexico, Southern Natural Gas, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Right-of-Way and Special-Use Permits, MS, Due: December 15, 1997, Contact: Paul McKee (202) 208-1088.

EIS No. 970436, Draft EIS, EDA, PA, Lackawanna County New Business Park, Development and Operation, Funding Support from Economic Development Administration (EDA) under Title I, Site Lies Within Moosic Mountain Range, Straddling Jessup and Olyphant Boroughs, Lackawanna County, PA, Due: December 29, 1997, Contact: Edward L. Hummel (215) 597-6767.

EIS No. 970437, FINAL EIS, FHW, WI, WI-TH-29 (Wisconsin Corridors 2020 Project) Improvements, Linking I-94 in eastern Dunn to WI-TH-29/CTH J Interchange in south-central Chippewa, Funding and COE 404 Permit, Dunn and Chippewa Counties, WI, Due: December 15, 1997, Contact: Johnny M. Gerbitz (608) 829-7500.

EIS No. 970438, Draft EIS, COE, CA, Unocal Avila Beach Cleanup Project, Petroleum Hydrocarbon Contamination, Approval and Implementation, US Army COE Section 10 and 404 Permits Issuance,

San Luis Obispo County, CA, Due: December 29, 1997, Contact: Tiffany Welch (805) 641-2935.

EIS No. 970439, Draft EIS, IBR, CA, Programmatic EIS—Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) of 1992 Implementation, Central Valley, Trinity, Contra Costa, Alameda, Santa Clara and San Benito Counties, CA, Due: February 06, 1998, Contact: Alan Candlish (916) 978-5190.

EIS No. 970440, Draft Supplement, SCS, WV, North Fork Hughes River Watershed Project, New Information Concerning Zebra Mussels Assessment and Recreational Benefits Update, Ritchie County, WV, Due: December 29, 1997, Contact: Lynn Shutts (Ext 167) (304) 291-4152.

EIS No. 970441, Final EIS, AFS, OR, Kalmiopsis Wilderness, Approval for Motorized Vehicular Access to the Private Property within the Chetco River Drainage, Special-Use-Permit Issuance, Illinois Valley Ranger District, Siskiyou National Forest, Curry County, OR, Due: December 15, 1997, Contact: Don McLennan (541) 592-2166.

EIS No. 970442, Draft EIS, USN, CA, Hunters Point (Former) Naval Shipyard Disposal and Reuse, Implementation, City of San Francisco, San Francisco County, CA, Due: December 29, 1997, Contact: Mary Doyle (650) 244-3024.

EIS No. 970443, Final EIS, COE, AZ, Tucson Drainage Area Arizona, Implementation, Reduce Flooding, City of Tucson, Pima County, AZ, Due: December 15, 1997, Contact: William Butler (213) 452-3845.

EIS No. 970444, Final Supplement, NOAA, Snapper Grouper Fishery, Amendment 8 to the Fishery Management Plan, Regulatory Impact Review, South Atlantic Region, Due: December 15, 1997, Contact: Rolland A. Schmitter (301) 713-2239.

EIS No. 970445, Draft EIS, NPS, CA, Backcountry and Wilderness Management Plan, General Management Plan Amendment, Joshua Tree National Park, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, CA, Due: December 29, 1997, Contact: Alan Schmierer (415) 427-1441.

#### Amended Notices

EIS No. 970426, Draft EIS, AFS, KY, Daniel Boone National Forest Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Management Policy, Modification, Several Counties, KY, Due: January 09, 1998, Contact: Kevin Lawrence (606) 745-3100.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5920-9]

### Investigator-Initiated Grants: Request for Applications

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency

**ACTION:** Notice of request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides information on the availability of the fiscal year 1998 investigator-initiated grants program announcements, in which the areas of research interest, eligibility and submission requirements, evaluation criteria, and implementation schedule are set forth. Grants will be competitively awarded following peer review.

**DATES:** Receipt dates vary depending on the specific research area within the solicitation and are listed below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Center for Environmental Research and Quality Assurance (8703R), 401 M Street SW, Washington DC 20460, telephone (800) 490-9194. The complete announcement can be accessed on the Internet from the EPA home page: <http://www.epa.gov/ncerqa>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In its Requests for Applications (RFA) the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites research grant applications in the following areas of special interest to its mission: (1) Ecological Indicators, (2) Drinking Water, (3) Air Pollution Chemistry and Physics, (4) Urban Air Toxics, (5) Health Effects and Exposures to Particulate Matter and Associated Air Pollutants, and (6) Decision-making and Valuation for Environmental Policy (joint with the National Science Foundation). Applications must be received as follows: January 15, 1998, for topic (6); January 29, 1998, for topics (3) and (5); February 12, 1998, for topic (4); and February 26, 1998 for topics (1) and (2).

The RFAs provide relevant background information, summarize EPA's interest in the topic areas, and describe the application and review process.

Contact person for the Ecological Indicators RFA is Barbara Levinson

(levinson.barbara@epamail.epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6911; for Drinking Water, William Stelz (stelz.william@epamail.epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6834; for Air Pollution Chemistry and Physics, Urban Air Toxics, and Health Effects and exposures to Particulate Matter and Associated Air Pollutants is Deran Pashayan (pashayan.deran@epamail.epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6913; and for Decision-making and Valuation for Environmental Policy is Deborah Hanlon (hanlon.deborah@epamail.epa.gov), telephone 202-5646836.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5921-9]

### Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force Meeting

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Announces the Following Meeting

**Name:** First Meeting of the Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force.

**Time and Date:** 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., December 4, 1997.

**Place:** Key Bridge Marriott, 1401 Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22209, telephone 703/524-6400.

**Status:** Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The room accommodates approximately 150 people.

**Purpose:** A Task Force consisting of Federal, State, and Tribal members, will lead an effort to coordinate and support nutrient management and hypoxia related activities in the Mississippi River and Gulf of Mexico watersheds.

**Matters To Be Discussed:** Agenda items include: eutrophication of large areas of the Gulf of Mexico associated with drainage of the Mississippi River Basin; economic and ecological effects of recurring periods of low dissolved oxygen (hypoxia) in the Gulf of Mexico; and coordination of activities to reduce the size, severity, and duration of this phenomenon. The public will be afforded an opportunity to provide comments on these issues. Anyone interested in speaking should contact the person listed below prior to the meeting.

**Contact Person for More Information:** Dr. Mary Belefski, U.S. EPA, Assessment and Watershed Protection Division (AWPD), 401 M Street, S.W. (4503F), Washington, D.C.

20460, telephone 202/260-7061; Internet: belefski.mary@epamail.epa.gov.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5921-5]

### Announcement and Notice of Availability of the General Policy on Superfund Ability to Pay Determinations

**SUMMARY:** As part of EPA's continuing commitment to foster fairness in the enforcement process, the Agency is issuing this policy to explain what is necessary for an acceptable ability to pay (ATP) settlement in Superfund cases. It is EPA's intent to balance the need for settling environmental liability equitably without jeopardizing the viability of a business or creating an undue financial hardship for either businesses or individuals. The main text of the policy document addresses general issues that apply to the ATP process and ATP settlements. The policy document also contains two appendices that address issues specific to making ATP determinations for individuals and businesses. The policy document establishes an "undue financial hardship" standard for determining a party's ability to pay its share of Superfund cleanup costs, and uses a two-part analysis to determine what is an acceptable ATP settlement amount. The first part of the analysis, called the "balance sheet phase," looks at the assets, liabilities, and owners' equity of the ATP Candidate, calculating the amount of money available from excess cash, the sale of assets that are not ordinary and necessary, borrowing against assets, and owners' equity. The second part of the analysis, called the "income and cash flow statement phase," looks at the income and expenses of the party and generally calculates "available income" for a Superfund settlement over a five-year period. In calculating "available income," the analysis takes into account "increased future needs" (i.e., ordinary and necessary expenses that will be incurred by the ATP Candidate that have not been incurred in the past or that were incurred previously but which are expected to be significantly greater than in the past).