

wildlife habitat, and public health and safety.

ERP No. D-STA-G50009-00 Rating LO, Programmatic EIS—International Bridge Crossing Project, Construction and Operation, Along the United States-Mexico Border from EL Paso to Brownsville, TX, Presidential Permit, NM and TX.

Summary: EPA had no objection to the proposed action.

ERP No. D-UMC-K24018-CA Rating EC2, Sewage Effluent Compliance Project, Implementation, Lower Santa Margarita Basin, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, San Diego County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with the alternative analysis and requested clarification of wetland issues.

ERP No. DA-DOE-A22076-NM Rating LO, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Disposal Phase, Updated Information, Disposal of Transuranic Waste, Carlsbad, NM.

Summary: EPA expressed lack of objections to the preferred alternative.

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ERP No. F-AFS-J60017-CO Fraser Valley Loop Transmission Line Project, Construction, Operation, Associated Operations and Maintenance Activities, Approval of Permits, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests, Grand County, CO.

Summary: EPA continued to express environmental concerns that many of the potential impacts to wetlands, old growth, and raptor nests will not be known until a biological survey of the area is done. EPA also expressed environmental concern over possible conflicts that may still exist between this EIS and draft land management plans.

ERP No. F-AFS-J65242-MT Checkerboard Land Exchange, Plan of Approval and Implementation, Kootenai, Lolo and Flathead National Forests, Lincoln, Flathead and Sanders Counties, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential adverse water quality and fisheries impacts that could occur on lands exchanged to the Plum Creek Timber Company (PCTC) due to high intensity timber harvesting and road building activities by PCTC on these lands.

ERP No. F-AFS-K65189-CA, Cavanah Multi-Resource Management Project, Implementation, Enhancing Forest Health and Productivity, Tahoe National Forest, Foresthill Ranger District, Placer County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns that the number of proposed road obliterations

will not be adequate to improve water quality.

ERP No. F-BLM-K67037-NV, Twin Creeks Mine Consolidation and Expansion, which Encompasses the former Rabbit Creek Mine and the former Chimmey Creek Mine, Plan of Operation Approval and Permit Issuance, Winnemucca District, Humboldt 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-COE-G39029-LA, Programmatic EIS—Marsh Management Project, Hydrologic Manipulation, COE Section 10 and 404 Permit Issuance, Coastal Wetland of Louisiana a part of the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) River Basins, LA.

Summary: EPA recommended that the Record of Decision identify the future directions or activities that can be implemented by the COE to address hydrologic manipulation issues in coastal Louisiana.

ERP No. F-COE-G85180-LA, Estelle Plantation Partnership Municipal Golf Course and Housing Development, Implementation, Jefferson Parish, LA.

Summary: EPA continued to have environmental concerns regarding the preferred actions but defers further comment pending completion of the Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit processing.

ERP No. F-FHW-K40214-CA, Alternatives to Replacement of the Embarcadero Freeway and the Terminal Separator Structure, (Formerly CA-480) Implementation, Permit Approvals and Funding, San Francisco County, CA.

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

ERP No. F-GSA-C81017-NY, US Brooklyn Court Project, Demolition of the Emanuel Celler Federal Building, Construction of a New Courthouse and Renovation/Adaptive Reuse of the General Post Office at Cadman Plaza East, Kings County, NY.

Summary: EPA continued to have environmental concerns about the meteorological data used in the air model. EPA has requested that updated information be used in a revised modeling analysis.

Dated: February 18, 1997.

B. Katherine Biggs,
Associate Director, NEPA Compliance
Division, Office of Federal Activities.
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Notice of Public Meeting on the National Performance Measures Strategy for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of second public meeting to solicit suggestions for innovative, supplemental measures of enforcement and compliance assurance program performance; develop a common understanding with partners and stakeholders about a set of national measures and the steps necessary to implement them (based on the state of national compliance); and discuss how to carry out an implementation plan to put the new set of measures into practice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) held its first public meeting on Monday, February 3, 1997, in Alexandria, VA to hear presentations and statements from a cross-section of stakeholders about innovative approaches to measuring enforcement and compliance assurance program performance. This notice is hereby given that the EPA is soliciting comments for the second public meeting to continue to hear from stakeholders regarding the way EPA measures its enforcement programs.

DATES: The meeting date will take place on Monday, March 17, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place on Monday, March 17, 1997 at the Holiday Inn Civic Center, 50 8th Street, San Francisco, California 94103 (415-626-6103 or 1-800-243-1135).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James McDonald, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, 401 M Street, S.W. (2201A), Washington, D.C., 20460; telephone (202) 564-4043, fax (202) 501-0701 or via the INTERNET at McDonald.James@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

For many years, EPA has counted annual enforcement outputs (e.g., inspections conducted, number of civil and criminal cases, penalties assessed) as the predominant measure of performance for the enforcement and compliance assurance program. While these outputs will continue to be used as an important measure of environmental enforcement, EPA seeks additional measures to assess the status

and trends of regulatory compliance, as well as environmental improvements resulting from enforcement and compliance assurance activities. This need was recognized during the enforcement reorganization in 1993, and a commitment was made during that process to develop additional measures. In addition, the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) offer an opportunity to review and improve performance measures.

For almost three years, the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) has been taking steps to improve its performance measures for enforcement and compliance assurance activities. During that time, OECA: (1) convened a Measures of Success Work Group comprised of EPA and Regional officials, (2) developed and implemented a Case Conclusion Data Sheet (CCDS) to gather new types of information about completed cases, (3) developed and implemented a reporting measure for compliance assistance activities, and (4) realigned single-media data bases to enable reporting of enforcement data by industry sector.

Through these steps, OECA has made progress in developing an enhanced set of performance measures. Specifically, OECA is now able to supplement traditional enforcement output measures with other measures, including: (1) actions taken by violators to return to compliance, (2) quantitative environmental impact and qualitative environmental benefit of those actions, (3) types, amounts, and impact of compliance assistance activities, and (4) industry-specific compliance rates. These elements were fully operational together for the first time in FY 96, and the results of these efforts are being compiled in a national accomplishments report. However, OECA recognizes further improvements can, and should, be made with regard to reporting the state of national compliance and trends of environmental enforcement and compliance.

The purpose of this notice is to reach out for new ideas from EPA's regulatory partners (i.e., State, Tribal, and local governments) and interested stakeholders, and solicit participation in EPA's second national meeting on performance measures for its enforcement and compliance assurance program.

II. The National Performance Measures Strategy

The purpose of the National Performance Measures Strategy is to develop and implement an enhanced set of performance measures for the

enforcement and compliance assurance program. The Strategy includes: (1) soliciting new ideas from regulatory partners and stakeholders for more meaningful and sophisticated measures of program performance, (2) developing a common understanding with regulatory partners and stakeholders about a set of national measures and the short- and long-term steps necessary to implement them, and (3) carrying out an implementation plan to put the new set of measures into practice.

The Strategy includes the following elements:

1. Conduct dialogue with regulatory partners, including senior EPA Headquarters and Regional managers, State officials, and a Department of Justice representative, to assist with implementation of the Strategy.
2. Hold initial public meetings to present objectives of the Strategy and key measurement issues and hear presentations and statements from a cross-section of stakeholders (by mid-March 1997).
3. Meet with sets of stakeholders during FY 97 to discuss ideas and proposals for improved measures and/or conduct meetings of mixed stakeholders in various locations (between March and June 1997).
4. Meet with other Federal regulatory and law enforcement agencies to learn about new performance measurement approaches being used in enforcement and compliance programs (between March and June 1997).
5. Hold a "capstone" conference with a cross-section of stakeholders at the end of the outreach process to identify common understandings, areas of agreement, and unresolved issues (by mid-September 1997).
6. Develop a report of findings and an implementation plan with a schedule (by October 1, 1997).
7. Implement new ideas and approaches in accordance with the schedule.

III. Agenda/Focus Topics for Public Meeting

EPA is interested in hearing and considering ideas from regulatory partners and a wide range of stakeholders regarding the state of compliance and additional ways to measure the performance of EPA's enforcement and compliance assurance program. EPA accepts the idea that its current approach of counting annual enforcement outputs needs to be supplemented by other approaches that measure improvements in environmental quality and the state of compliance. As such, the Agency wants to focus the outreach effort on

identifying and implementing new approaches rather than on the limitations of its current approach.

Stakeholders and regulatory partners are asked to focus on the following issues of special interest to EPA:

1. What innovative approaches are being used (or could be used) by other environmental agencies, other regulatory agencies, and law enforcement agencies to measure the effects of their enforcement and compliance assurance programs?
2. What innovative approaches are being used by regulated facilities, companies, or trade groups and associations to measure the effect of their efforts to achieve and maintain compliance and protect the environment?
3. What can EPA use to measure the impact of its enforcement and compliance assurance program in low-income/ minority population communities?
4. How can EPA measure industry performance in complying with environmental laws and regulations?
5. How can EPA measure the deterrent effect of its enforcement-related activities, including conducting inspections, taking enforcement actions, and publicizing those actions?
6. How can EPA measure the impact of compliance assistance activities and compliance incentives, such as its audit and self-disclosure policy?

IV. Information for Participants

Persons wishing to attend the meeting, and/or make an oral presentation are encouraged to offer ideas and proposals through submission of written comments, participation in the public meeting organized by EPA, or both. Prior registration is encouraged by sending your name, affiliation, phone and fax number. Persons interested in presenting should send in addition to the general registration information, a brief statement describing your presentation to Michelle Angelich, Science Applications International Corporation, 1710 Goodridge Drive, MS 1-11-8, McLean, Virginia, 22102; telephone 703-821-4432, fax 703-903-1373 by Friday, March 7, 1997. Persons wishing to submit pre-filed testimony may also send or fax such material to Ms. Angelich. Presenters will be notified of their time slots or panel assignments once the final format is determined. This meeting will be open to the public as space permits, and a transcript of the proceedings will be prepared.

Dated: February 14, 1997.

Michael M. Stahl,

*Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.*

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Proposed Settlement Under Section 122(h)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act; In the Matter of Union Steel Products, Inc. Site

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: Notice of Settlement: in accordance with Section 122(i)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), notice is hereby given of a settlement concerning past response costs at the Union Steel Products, Inc. Site in Albion, Michigan. This proposed agreement has been forwarded to the Attorney General for the required prior written approval for this Settlement, as set forth under section 122(g)(4) of CERCLA.

DATES: Comments must be provided on or before March 24, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the Docket Clerk, Mail Code MFA-10J, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, 60604, and should refer to: In the Matter of Union Steel Products, Inc. Site, Docket No.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kurt N. Lindland, Mail Code CS-29A, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following party executed binding certification of its consent to participate in the settlement: Eagle-Picher Industries, Inc.

This party will pay proceeds from a \$450,000 bankruptcy claim for response costs related to the Union Steel Products, Inc. Site, if the United States Environmental Protection Agency determines that it will not withdraw or withhold its consent to the proposed settlement after consideration of comments submitted pursuant to this notice.

U.S. EPA may enter into this settlement under the authority of section 122(h) of CERCLA. Section 122(h)(1) authorizes EPA to settle any

claims under section 107 of CERCLA where such claim has not been referred to the Department of Justice. Pursuant to this authority, the agreement proposes to settle with a party who is potentially responsible for costs incurred by EPA at the Union Steel Products, Inc. Site.

A copy of the proposed administrative order on consent and additional background information relating to the settlement, including a list of parties to the settlement, are available for review and may be obtained in person or by mail from Kurt N. Lindland, Mail Code CS-29A, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will receive written comments relating to this settlement for thirty days from the date of publication of this notice.

Authority: The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. sections 9601 *et seq.*

William E. Munro,
Director, Superfund Division.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collections Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

February 13, 1997.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents,

including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Persons wishing to comment on this information collection should submit comments April 22, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Dorothy Conway, Federal Communications Commissions, Room 234, 1919 M St., N.W., Washington, DC 20554 or via internet to dconway@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Dorothy Conway at 202-418-0217 or via internet at dconway@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Approval Number: 3060-0108.
Title: Emergency Alert Systems EAS Activation Report.

Form No.: FCC Form 201.

Type of Review: Revision of existing collection.

Respondents: Broadcasting Stations.

Number of Respondents: 13,000 respondents with 1,300 annually.

Estimated Time Per Response: 2 minutes.

Total Annual Burden: 42.

Estimated costs per respondent: 0.

Needs and uses: The Emergency Broadcast System (EBS) has been changed to the Emergency Alert System (EAS). This change required that all EBS collections/forms to be corrected to reflect the name change. The EAS Activation Report Postcard was developed as part of the EAS planning program. The program is a three agency agreement between the FCC, NOAA National Weather Service, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The information is needed to maintain accurate records and documentation of broadcast stations and cable systems in compliance with FCC rules, and to enhance and encourage participation in the national, state and local EAS. Any reduction in the frequency of this activity would result in a proportional loss of benefit and would cause a delay in the detection of EAS equipment failures that could cause the loss of national, state and local emergency messages to the public which in turn could cause the loss of life and property.

OMB Number: 3060-0589.

Title: Remittance Advice Form.

Type of Review: Revision of currently approved collection.

Form Number: FCC Form 159/159-C.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit; Individuals or households; small business or organizations.

Number of Respondents: 213,500.

Estimated time per response: 15 minutes.