

F-16 Aircraft and Aircrews of the 140th Wing of the Colorado Air National Guard, also existing Military Operations Areas (MOAs) and Military Training Routes (MTRs), CO, NM, KS, NB and WY.

Summary: Based on the disclosures of impacts and further mitigation proposed in the FEIS, the EPA believes the preferred alternative can be implemented without significant impacts to the environment.

ERP No. F-UMC-K36048-CA Santa Margarita River Flood Control Project (MILCON P-010) and Basilone Road Bridge Replacement Project (MILCON P-030), Construction and Operation, COE Section 404 Permit, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Summary: EPA continues to expressed environmental concerns related to Clean Water Act 404 (b)(1) Guidelines; particularly. EPA believes that additional analysis is required to address less-damaging off-site alternatives sufficient mitigation measures is recommended.

Dated: March 3, 1998.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-5489-5]

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 February 23, 1998 Through February 27, 1998

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9

EIS No. 980058, DRAFT EIS, BIA, NM, High Mesa Environmental Facility, Construction and Operation, Approval of Lease for Disposal of Municipal Solid Waste, Nambi Indian Reservation, Santa Fe County, NM, Due: April 20, 1998, Contact: Al Sedick (505) 766-1039.

EIS No. 980059, FINAL EIS, FHW, PA, Tunkhannock Transportation Improvement Project, Improvement along US-6 (S.R. 0006 Section E12) through the Borough of Tunkhannock and Tunkhannock Township, Possible COE Section 404 Permit, Wyoming County, PA, Due: April 06, 1998, Contact: Ronald W. Carmichael (717) 221-3461.

EIS No. 980060, FINAL SUPPLEMENT, USA, MS Camp Shelby Continued Military Training Activities, Use of National Forest Lands, Updated Information, Final Site Selected Authorization for Implementation of the Proposed G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery Ranges, Special Use Permit, Desoto National Forest, Forrest, George and Perry Counties, MS, Due: April 06, 1998, Contact: Col. Tim Powell (601) 973-6349.

EIS No. 980061, DRAFT EIS, FHW, NC, Mid-Currituck Sound Bridge, between U.S 158 on the Currituck County Mainland and end at NC 12 on the Currituck Outer Banks, US Coast Guard Bridge Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Currituck County, NC, Due: April 30, 1998, Contact: Nicholas L. Graf, P.E. (919) 856-4346.

EIS No. 980062, DRAFT SUPPLEMENT, COE, MS, Mississippi River and Tributaries Flood Control Plan, To Construct the Remaining portion of Mississippi River Mainline Levees Enlargement and Seepage Control, Flood Protection and Damage Reduction, Lower Mississippi River Valley, Cape Girardeau, MO, IL, KY, TN, AR and MS, Due: April 20, 1998, Contact: Gary Young (601) 631-5960.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 980006, DRAFT SUPPLEMENT, EPA, CA, International Wastewater Treatment Plant and Outfall Facilities, Construction, Operation and Maintenance, Construction Grants, CA and Mexico Due: March 23, 1998, Contact: Elizabeth Borowiec (415) 744-1165.

Published FR-1-23-98—Review Period extended.

EIS No. 980050, REVISED DRAFT EIS, DOI, TT, Palau Compact Road Construction, Revision to Major Transportation and Communication Link on the Island of Babeldaob, Implementation, Funding, Republic of Palau, Babeldaob Island, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Due: April 13, 1998, Contact: Allen Chin (808) 438-6974.

Published FR-02-27-98—Due Date correction.

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William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00524; FRL-5769-5]

Notice of Availability of Regional Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program Grants

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of regional Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP) Grants.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing the availability of approximately \$498 thousand in fiscal year 1998 grant/cooperative agreement funds under section 20 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) as amended, (the Act), for grants to States and all Federally recognized Native American Tribes. The grant dollars are targeted at State and Tribal programs that address reduction of the risks associated with pesticide use in agricultural and non-agricultural settings in the United States. EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs is offering the following grant opportunities to interested and qualified parties.

DATES: In order to be considered for funding during the FY'98 award cycle, all applications must be received by the appropriate EPA regional office on or before May 20, 1998. EPA will make its award decisions by June 19, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Your EPA Regional PESP Coordinator. Contact names for the coordinators are listed under Unit IV. of this document.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Availability of FY'98 Funds

With this publication, EPA is announcing the availability of approximately \$498 thousand in grant/cooperative agreement funds for FY'98. The Agency has delegated grant making authority to the EPA Regional Offices. Regional offices are responsible for the solicitation of interest, the screening of proposals, and the selection of projects. Grant guidance will be provided to all applicants along with any supplementary information the Regions may wish to provide. All applicants must address the criteria listed under Unit III.B. of this document. In addition, applicants may be required to meet any supplemental Regional criteria. Interested applicants should contact their Regional PESP coordinator listed under Unit IV. of this document for more information.

II. Eligible Applicants

In accordance with the Act “. . . Federal agencies, universities, or others as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the act, . . .” are eligible to receive a grant; however, because of restrictions associated with the funds appropriated for this program, the eligible applicants are limited. Eligible applicants for purposes of funding under this grant program include the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession of the United States, any agency or instrumentality of a State including State universities, and all Federally recognized Native American tribes. For convenience, the term “State” in this notice refers to all eligible applicants. Local governments, private universities, private nonprofit entities, private businesses, and individuals are not eligible. The organizations excluded from applying directly are encouraged to work with eligible applicants in developing proposals that include them as participants in the projects. Contact your EPA Regional PESP coordinator for assistance in identifying and contacting eligible applicants. EPA strongly encourages this type of cooperative arrangement.

III. Activities and Criteria

A. General

The goal of PESP is to reduce the risks associated with pesticide use in agricultural and non-agricultural settings in the United States. The purpose of the grant program is to support the establishment and expansion of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) as a tool to be used to accomplish the goals of PESP. The grant program is also designed to research alternative pest management practices, research and publish/demonstrate unique application techniques, research control methods for pest complexes, research and produce educational materials for better pest identification or management, and other activities that further the goals of PESP. EPA specifically seeks to build State and local IPM capacities or to evaluate the economic feasibility of new IPM approaches at the State level (i.e., innovative approaches and methodologies that use application or other strategies to reduce the risks associated with pesticide use). Funds awarded under the grant program should be used to support the Environmental Stewardship Program and its goal of reducing the risk/use of pesticides. State projects might focus on, for example:

- Researching the effectiveness of multimedia communication activities for, including but not limited to: promoting local IPM activities, user-community awareness of new innovative techniques for using pesticides, providing technical assistance to pesticide users; collecting and analyzing data to target outreach and technical assistance opportunities; conducting outreach activities; developing measures to determine and document progress in pollution prevention; and identifying regulatory and non-regulatory barriers or incentives to pollution prevention and developing plans to implement solutions, where possible.
- Researching methods for establishing IPM as an environmental management priority, establishing prevention goals, developing strategies to meet those goals, and integrating the ethic within both governmental and nongovernmental institutions of the State or region.
- Initiating research or other projects that test and support: innovative techniques for reducing pesticide risk or using pesticides in a way to reduce risk, innovative application techniques to reduce worker and environmental exposure, various approaches and methodologies to measure progress towards meeting the goal of 75% implementation of IPM by the year 2000. Examples of projects funded in FY'97 include:
 - A Massachusetts project evaluated sterilizing nematode to control western flower thrips in greenhouse crops. The goal of this project is to optimize spray application protocols for the effective use of insect-killing fungi on greenhouse ornamentals and encourage their use, along with other IPM technologies.
 - A New Jersey project evaluated the effectiveness of non-woven obstructive barriers for control of insect pests. This project researched the abilities of this new (non-chemical) technology to control insects.
 - An Indiana project evaluated the reduction of herbicides in corn and soybeans by site-specific chemical application technologies.
 - A Missouri project quantified the reduction in herbicide use on corn with herbicide-tolerant hybrids.
 - A California project evaluated the effectiveness of establishing native, non-crop farm scape vegetation for erosion control and pesticide use reduction in strawberries in California's Monterey Bay Area.
 - A Florida project proposed to develop, test, evaluate, and deliver a model IPM contract available for use by

any school district, city or county government to control pest in schools.

B. Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria.

1. Qualifications and experience of the applicant relative to the proposed project.
 - Does the applicant demonstrate experience in the field of the proposed activity?
 - Does the applicant have the properly trained staff, facilities, or infrastructure in place to conduct the project?
2. Consistency of applicant's proposed project with the risk reduction goals of the PESP.
3. Provision for a quantitative or qualitative evaluation of the project's success at achieving the stated goals.
 - Is the project designed in such a way that it is possible to measure and document the results quantitatively and qualitatively?
 - Does the applicant identify the method that will be used to measure and document the project's results quantitatively and qualitatively?
 - Will the project assess or suggest a means for measuring progress in reducing risk/use of pesticides in the United States?
4. Likelihood the project can be replicated to benefit other communities or the product may have broad utility to a widespread audience. Can this project, taking into account typical staff and financial restraints, be replicated by similar organizations in different locations to address the same or similar problem?

C. Program Management

Awards of FY'98 funds will be managed through the EPA Regional Offices.

D. Contacts

A generic request for proposal will be available on EPA's PESP website on or before March 20, 1998 at <http://www.epa.gov/oppbppd1/PESP/>. Interested applicants must also contact the appropriate EPA Regional PESP coordinator listed under Unit IV. of this document to obtain specific instructions, Regional criteria and guidance for submitting proposals.

IV. Regional Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program Contacts

Region I: (Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont), Robert Koethe, (CPT), 1 Congress St., Boston, MA 02203, Telephone: (617) 565-3491, koethe.robert@epamail.epa.gov

Region II: (New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands), Fred Kozak, (MS-240), 2890 Woodbridge Ave., Edison, NJ 08837, Telephone: (732) 321-6769, kozak.fred@epamail.epa.gov

Region III: (Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, District of Columbia), Lisa Donahue, (3WC32), 841 Chestnut Bldg., Philadelphia, PA 19107, Telephone: (215) 566-2062, donahue.lisa@epamail.epa.gov

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Region VI: (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas), Jerry Collins, (6PD-P), 1445 Ross Ave., 6th Floor, Suite 600, Dallas, TX 75202, Telephone: (214) 665-7562, collins.jerry@epamail.epa.gov

Region VII: (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska), Glen Yager, 726 Minnesota Ave., Kansas City, KS 66101, Telephone: (913) 551-7296, yager.glen@epamail.epa.gov

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Region IX: (Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, American Samoa, Guam), Roccena Lawatch, (CMD4-3), 75 Hawthorne St., San Francisco, CA 94105, Telephone: (415) 744-1068, lawatch.roccena@epamail.epa.gov

Region X: (Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington), Karl Arne, (ECO-084), 1200 Sixth Ave., Seattle, WA 98101. Telephone: (206) 553-2576, arne.karl@epamail.epa.gov

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: February 26, 1998.

Janet L. Andersen,

Director, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-00233; FRL-5771-3]

Development, Marketing and Distribution of Small Business Accounting Software Templates

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Call for Commercial Partners.

SUMMARY: The EPA seeks to establish a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with a commercial partner to develop, market and distribute to small businesses accounting software templates designed to introduce small and medium-sized businesses to the concepts of environmental accounting and encourage eco-efficiency through pollution prevention. CRADAs are vehicles for government and industry to cooperatively develop technologies to then be distributed in the marketplace by the commercial partner. Under the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986, Federal laboratories or offices are permitted to establish CRADAs with private industry for the purpose of enhancing the competitiveness of American industry. This is not a Federal contract.

DATES: To be considered for this project, letters of inquiry or e-mail must be received by March 15, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send letters of inquiry to: Kristin Pierre, Environmental Accounting Project, (7409) Rm #ET406, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, phone: 202-260-3068; fax: 202-260-0178; e-mail: pierre.kristin@epamail.epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan B. Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. E-545, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC, 20460, (202) 554-1404, TDD (202) 554-0551; e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Environmental Protection Agency is seeking an established off-the-shelf accounting software provider (commercial partner) for the development, marketing and distribution of small business accounting software templates designed to introduce small and medium-sized businesses to the concepts of environmental accounting and encourage eco-efficiency through pollution prevention (P2). Environmental accounting encourages the incorporation of not only costs

historically associated with environmental, health, and safety, but also costs associated with material, labor, and capital resources into mainstream business practices. Recognition of these costs, which are traditionally buried in overhead accounts, will reveal cost-effective opportunities to prevent pollution and eliminate wastes. Waste and pollution are a red flag for manufacturing inefficiency or profits being lost in the form of waste.

Efficient use of materials/resources can assist businesses to simultaneously meet cost, quality, performance goals, reduce environmental impacts and conserve valuable resources. These templates will provide information that will make apparent the financial burden created by material inefficiencies and waste. Already, many firms have begun to pursue pollution prevention strategies that emphasize materials eco-efficiency, i.e., reducing the consumption and/or the waste proportion of purchased materials. Environmental accounting will enable companies to quantify the economic value added from these eco-efficiency initiatives. This can encourage business decisions that are both financially superior and beneficial to the environment.

The U.S. EPA's Environmental Accounting Project is sponsoring the development of this project. If interested, please send a letter or e-mail requesting additional information. You will receive a package of information providing a detailed description of the project and next step options. In order to be considered, letters or e-mail must be received by March 15, 1998.

Dated: February 26, 1998.

William H. Sanders, III,

Director, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-60053; FRL-5770-5]

Intent To Suspend Certain Pesticide Registrations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of issuance of notices of intent to suspend.

SUMMARY: This Notice, pursuant to section 6(f)(2) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*, announces