

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6245-8]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared July 23, 1999 through July 30, 1999 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 09, 1999 (64 FR 17362).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-J65303-MT Rating EC2, Bridger Bowl Ski Area, Permit Renewal and Master Development Plan Update, Implementation, Special Use Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Gallatin National Forest, in the City of Bozeman, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns regarding lack of information to support expansion of the ski area beyond the existing ski area boundaries; inadequate analysis and disclosure of indirect effects of induced development that may be associated with the ski area expansion and doubling of skier capacity; potential increased wastewater pollutant loadings to area ground water; and erosion from ski area vegetation clearing and ski run development. Additional information is needed to fully assess and mitigate all potential environmental impacts of the management actions.

ERP No. D-COE-K36127-CA Rating EO2, Arroyo Pasaajero Watershed Feasibility Investigation, Implementation, Flood Damage Reduction Plan, San Joaquin River Basin, City of Huron, Fresno County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed objections to the Gap Dam alternative due to significant impacts on biological resources, wetlands and endangered species. EPA expressed concerns regarding the Westside Detention Basin alternative. Additional information on nonstructural methods and mitigation of project impacts is required for EPA to fully assess whether significant environmental impacts have been avoided to fully protect the environment.

ERP No. D-COE-K36128-CA Rating EO2, Tule River Basin Investigation

Project, Plan to Increase Flood Protection Downstream of Success Dam and Increase Storage Space in Lake Success for Irrigation Water, Tule River, Tulace and King Counties, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed objections regarding the lack of a full alternative analysis. In addition, habitat protection and mitigation success associated with the project are uncertain, and the project lacks planning for long-term sustainability of the water resource and flood protection goals and could result in cumulative impacts.

ERP No. D-FHW-D40298-MD Rating EC2, MD-32 Planning Study, Transportation Improvement from MD 108 to Interstate 70, Funding, NPDES Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Howard County, MD.

Summary: EPA is primarily concerned with secondary impacts including land use issues and development pressure from the increased access that this project would induce. An enhancement of the existing highway may meet the purpose and needs while considerably reducing wetland impacts.

ERP No. D-FHW-D40300-MD Rating EC1, Middle River Employment Center Access Study, Transportation Improvements, NPDES and COE Section 404 Permit, Baltimore County, MD.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about the direct, cumulative and secondary impacts that are associated with the development that will occur as a result of this new highway project. EPA urged Baltimore County to implement aggressive conservation practices when reviewing plans and processing permits that will allow development to occur in Middle River Employment Center.

ERP No. D-FHW-E40088-MS Rating EC2, Airport Parking/Mississippi 25 Connectors, Construction at Intersection of High Street/Interstate 55 (I-55) in the City of Jackson, Hinds and Rankin Counties, MS.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding potential long-term wetland impacts associated with building the proposed highway as described in the preferred alternative. EPA suggested incorporating sub-alternatives that address the various bridging and interchange options using the alignments similar to the preferred alternative.

ERP No. D-FHW-K40148-NV Rating EO2, US-95 Improvements, Along Summerlin Parkway to the Local and Arterial Road Network in the Northwest Region of Las Vegas, Construction and Operation, Clark County, NV.

Summary: EPA expressed objections with respect to the project, given the

severe nonattainment for CO and PM10; the lack of significant permanent reduction of traffic congestion, VMT, v/c ratios and CO violations; and significant impacts to noises, in established core neighborhoods, and community and 4(f) facilities. EPA proposed an alternative phased approach with aggressive implementation of TDM and mass transit measures.

ERP No. D-FTA-D40289-VA Rating EC2, Norfolk-Virginia Beach Light Rail Transit System East/West Corridor Project, Transportation Improvements, Tidewater Transportation District Commission, COE Section 404 Permit, City of Norfolk and City of Virginia Beach, VA.

Summary: EPA is concerned about potential noise vibration and displacement impacts to existing neighborhood.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-FHW-L40184-WA, WA-167 Corridor Adoption, WA-167 Freeway Extension from WA-167/Meridian Street North in the City of Puyallup to the proposed WA-509 Freeway/East-West Alignment in the City of Tacoma, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Pierce County, WA.

Summary: EPA expressed objections to the Tier I process that eliminated alternatives that should have been fully analyzed and which may have had potential to avoid social, economic and environmental impacts. EPA requested that the Tier II process provide a detailed analyses of environmental, economic and social impact and avoidance and mitigation for those impacts.

ERP No. F-NCP-D61050-MD, National Harbor Project, Construction and Operation along the Potomac River on a 534 acre site adjacent to the Capital Beltway and Oxon Hill Manor, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Prince George's County, MD.

Summary: EPA has concerns regarding impacts to aquatic resources, air pollution and environmental justice issues. EPA is trying to resolve some of the outstanding issues with the applicant.

ERP No. FS-AFS-J65283-CO, Upper Elk River Access Analysis, Implementation, Proposal to Remove and/or Treat Blowdown Trees, Routt Divide Blowdown, Medicine Bow-Routt-National Forests, Hahn Peak/Bears Ears Ranger District, Routt County, CO.

Summary: EPA expressed its view that the preferred alternative, as disclosed in the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

(FSEIS) and recorded in the Record of Decision (ROD), can be implemented without significant impact to the environment.

Regulations

ERP No. R-BLM-A02241-00, 43 CFR Part 3100 et al.—Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing and Operations; Proposed Rule.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns that the proposed action could lead to or have significant impacts to air and water quality. EPA suggests that BLM analyze and discuss the cumulative impacts of oil and gas leasing to air and water quality before issuing the final rule and include proposed clarifications to the sections on produced water disposal, underground injection control permits, bonding and plugging abandonment.

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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 August 23, 1999 Through August 27, 1999 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 990302, DRAFT EIS, FHW, WV, MD, VA, US 522 Upgrade and Improvements Project, From the Virginia State Line through Morgan County, to the Maryland State Line, Funding, NPDES and COE Section 404 Permit, Morgan County, WV, Due: November 01, 1999, Contact: Thomas J. Smith (304) 347-5928.

EIS No. 990303, FINAL EIS, FHW, HI, Saddle Road (HI-200) Improvements between Mamalahoa Highway (HI-190) to Milepost 6 near Hilo, Funding, NPDES and COE Section 404 Permit, Hawaii County, HI, Due: October 12, 1999, Contact: Bert McCauley (303) 716-2141.

EIS No. 990304, DRAFT EIS, NPS, WA, Whitman National Historic Site, General Management Plan, Development Concept Plan, Implementation, Walla Walla County, WA, Due: November 12, 1999, Contact: Francis T. Darby (509) 522-6360.

EIS No. 990305, FINAL EIS, AFS, AL, Longleaf Restoration Project,

Implement a Systematic Five-Year Program for Restoration of the Native Longleaf Pine, Conecuh National Forest, Conecuh Ranger District, Covington and Escambia Counties, AL, Due: October 12, 1999, Contact: Robert Taylor (334) 222-2555.

EIS No. 990306, FINAL EIS, FHW, IL, IL-315 Federal Aid Primary (FAP) (Illinois-336) Transportation Project, Construction from FAP 315, IL 336 (Southeast of Carthage) to US 136 (Just West of Macomb), Funding, COE 404 Permit and NPDES Permit, Hancock and McDonough Counties, IL, Due: October 12, 1999, Contact: Ronald C. Marshall (217) 492-4640.

EIS No. 990307, DRAFT EIS, BLM, CO, North Fork Coal Program, Approval of Two Lease-By-Applications (LBA) and Exploration License for Iron Point and Elk Creek Coal Leases, Delta and Gunnison County, CO, Due: November 03, 1999, Contact: Jerry Jones (970) 240-5338. The US Department of Interior's Bureau of Land Management and the US Department of Agriculture's Forest Service are Joint Lead for this project.

EIS No. 990308, DRAFT EIS, FTA, CA, Orange County CenterLine Project, Transportation Improvements, Advanced Rail Transit in the Heart of Orange County, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Orange County, CA, Due: October 25, 1999, Contact: A. Joseph Ossi (202) 366-1613.

EIS No. 990309, FINAL EIS, FHW, NM, US 84/285 Highway Transportation Improvements from Alamo Drive in Santa Fe to Vialarri Street in Pojoaque, Right-of-Way Acquisition, NPDES Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Santa Fe County, NM, Due: October 12, 1999, Contact: Gregory D. Rawlings (505) 820-2027.

EIS No. 990310, FINAL SUPPLEMENT, NRC, Generic EIS—License Renewal of Nuclear Plants for the Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2 and 3, Implementation, Oconee County SC, Due: October 12, 1999, Contact: Donald P. Cleary (301) 415-3903.

EIS No. 990311, DRAFT EIS, AFS, OR, Ashland Creek Watershed Protection Project, Proposal to Manage Vegetation, Rogue River National Forest, Ashland Ranger District, City of Ashland, Jackson County, OR, Due: October 25, 1999, Contact: Kristi Mastrafini (541) 482-3333.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 990227, FINAL EIS, USN, CA, HI, WA, Developing Home Port Facilities For Three NIMITZ-Class Aircraft Carriers in Support of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, Construction and Operation, Coronado, CA; Bremerton and Everett, WA, Pearl Harbor, HI,

Due: August 09, 1999, Contact: Bob Hexom (888) 428-6440. Published FR 07-09-99—Review Period extended from 08-03-99 to 09-03-99.

EIS No. 990294, FINAL EIS, FHW, AK, C Street Corridor Project, Improvements from O'Malley Road to International Airport Road, NPDES and COE Section 404 Permits, Municipality of Anchorage, AK, Due: September 27, 1999, Contact: Jim Bryson (907) 586-7428. Published FR-08-27-99—Correction to Document Status from Draft to Final that has a 30 day Comment Period.

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FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: There will be a 4-day meeting of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) to review a set of five scientific issues being considered by the Agency: Session I—An assessment of residential exposure to pesticides.

Session II—A review of an aggregate exposure assessment tool.

Session III—Identification of carbamate pesticides that have a common mechanism of toxicity.

Session IV—Issues pertaining to cumulating hazard for conducting cumulative risk assessments for pesticides that have a common mechanism of toxicity.

Session V—A review of American Cyanamid's April 22, 1999 probabilistic assessment for chlorfenapyr.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 21; Wednesday, September 22; Thursday, September 23; and Friday, September 24, 1999, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending approximately 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, (703) 486-1111, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, on September 21, 22, and 23 and at the Days Inn