

air filters and playground soils; and failure to consider the facility's possible failure to comply with a permit provision prohibiting emissions causing a public nuisance.

The EAB found that the petitioners made no showing of clear error, the existence of an important policy matter or an abuse of discretion warranting review and denied review.

Dated: April 3, 2003.

**Bharat Mathur,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region 5.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6639-7]

### Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared 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 the **Federal Register** dated April 1, 2003 (68 FR 16511).

#### Draft EISs

*ERP No. D-AFS-F65037-MI Rating LO, Interior Wetlands Project, Timber Harvest, White Pine Trees Pruning, Growth System Adjustment, Wildlife Openings Creation and Maintenance and Transportation System Improvements, Hiawatha National Forest, Eastside Administrative Unit, Chippewa County, MI.*

*Summary:* EPA did not identify any potential environmental impacts requiring substantive changes to the 2 main project alternatives. EPA believes that A5 would better accomplish old growth stand improvement and road conversion to forests and wetlands.

*ERP No. D-AFS-J65371-WY Rating EC2, Medicine Bow National Forest Revised Draft Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Albany, Carbon and Laramie Counties, WY.*

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns that without specifically outlining the baseline by which future projects are tiered from this Plan, potential impacts to ecosystem processes, water and habitat quality may occur.

*ERP No. D-AFS-K61158-CA Rating EC2, Silver Pearl Land Exchange Project, Proposal to Exchange 2,153 Acres of National Forest System (NFS) Land for up to 3,963 Acres of Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) Land within the boundary of Eldorado National Forest, Eldorado and Placer Counties, CA.*

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns and requested additional information regarding impacts to threatened and endangered species and Forest Service sensitive species. EPA also requested additional information on cumulative impacts.

*ERP No. D-SFW-K99032-CA Rating EC2, Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP), Implementation, Incidental Take Permits Issuance, Riverside and Orange County, CA.*

*Summary:* EPA raised environmental concerns that information from other regional plans has not been fully integrated with the analysis and conclusions of the MSHCP. Other EPA concerns are the assumptions regarding the level of species protection provided by Public/Quasi-Public lands, the scientific basis of MSHCP assumptions and conclusions, enforcement, and consultation with and evaluation of potential impacts on Indian Tribes. EPA also recommended the Service provide future opportunities for public and agency input, and consult with Indian Tribes on a government-to-government basis.

*ERP No. DS-COE-C36031-NY Rating LO, Irondequoit Creek at Panorama Valley Flood Damage Reduction Project, New Information concerning Resumption and Evaluation of a Flood Damage Reduction Project, Town of Penfield, Monroe County, NY.*

*Summary:* EPA has no objections to the implementation of the proposed project.

*ERP No. DS-DOE-L08055-WA Rating EC2, Kangley—Echo Lake Transmission Line Project, New 500 Kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Construction, Updated Information concerning Re-evaluating Alternatives not Analyzed, U.S. Army COE Section 10 and 404 Permits Issuance, King County, WA.*

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns with the lack of clearly defined mitigation measures to protect drinking water sources and ensure the integrity of the City of Seattle's Habitat Conservation Plan. EPA recommended that the EIS not be finalized until such mitigation has been determined. EPA also recommended that the final EIS more clearly identify the significance of predicted effects of the project.

#### Final EISs

*ERP No. F-AFS-E65053-NC Croatan National Forest Revised Land and Resource Management Plan (1986), Implementation, Carteret Craven and Jones Counties, NC.*

*Summary:* The final EIS is responsive to issues raised in the draft EIS and EPA has no objections to the proposed action.

*ERP No. F-AFS-J82016-MT Bitterroot National Forest Noxious Weed Treatment Project, Ground and Aerial Herbicides Application, Mechanical, Biological and Cultural Weed Treatment and Public Awareness Measures, Implementation, Stevensville Ranger District, Bitterroot National Forest, Ravalli County, MT.*

*Summary:* EPA's review has not identified potential environmental impacts requiring substantive changes to the proposal.

*ERP No. F-AFS-L65403-WA Quartzite Watershed Management Project, Watershed Management Activities including Vegetation Management, Riparian/Wetland Management and Road Management, Colville National Forest, Thomason Sherwood-Cottonwood Creek, Three Rivers Ranger District, Stevens County, WA.*

*Summary:* No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

*ERP No. F-DOE-L08059-WA Schultz-Hanford Transmission Line Project, New 500 kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Construction, Central Washington north of Hanford connecting to an existing line at the Schultz Substation, Kittitas, Yakima, Grant and Benton Counties, WA.*

*Summary:* No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

Dated: April 22, 2003.

**Joseph C. Montgomery,**

*Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6639-6]

### Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

*Responsible Agency:* Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements filed April 14, 2003, through April 18, 2003, pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

*EIS No. 030172, Final EIS, FTA, NC*, South Corridor Light Rail Project to Provide Light Rail Service between the Town of Pineville and Downtown Charlotte, City of Charlotte, Charlotte-Mecklenburg County, NC, Wait Period Ends: May 19, 2003, Contact: Alex McNeil (404) 562-3511. The above FTA EIS should have appeared in the 04/18/03 **Federal Register**. The 30-day Wait Period is Calculated from 04/18/2003.

*EIS No. 030173, Final EIS, FRC, ID*, Bear River Hydroelectric Project, Application for a New License (Relicense) for Three Existing Hydroelectric Projects: Soda (FERC No. 20-019), Grace-Cove (FERC No. 2401-007) and Oneida (FERC No. 472-017), Bear River Basin, Caribou and Franklin Counties, ID, Wait Period Ends: May 27, 2003, Contact: Susan O'Brian (202) 502-8449. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.ferc.gov>.

*EIS No. 030174, Final EIS, FHW, RI*, Sakonnet River Bridge Rehabilitation or Replacement Project, Portsmouth & Tiverton, Newport County, RI, Wait Period Ends: May 27, 2003, Contact: Daniel J. Berman (401) 528-2503.

*EIS No. 030175, Final EIS, FHW, WV, KY*, Appalachian Corridor I-66 Highway Construction, US 23/119 south of Pikeville, KY eastward to the King Coal Highway southeast of Matewan, Funding and U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permits Issuance, Pike County, KY and Mingo County, WV, Wait Period Ends: May 27, 2003, Contact: Jose Sepulveda (502) 223-6720.

*EIS No. 030176, Final EIS, FHW, NY*, U.S. 219 between Springville to Salamanca, Improvements from NY 39 to NY 17, PIN 5101.53, Funding and U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, Erie and Cattaraugus Counties, NY, Wait Period Ends: May 27, 2003, Contact: Robert E. Arnold (518) 431-4127.

*EIS No. 030177, Draft EIS, TVA, TN*, 500 kV Transmission Line in Middle Tennessee Project, Construct and Operation, Proposed Transmission Line would Connect Cumberland Fossil Plant in Stewart County with either Montgomery 500 kV Substation Montgomery County, or Davidson 500 kV Substation Davidson County, Stewart, Houston, Montgomery, Dickerson, Cheatham, TN, Comment Period Ends: June 10, 2003, Contact: Charles P. Nicholson (865) 632-3582. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.tva.gov/environment/reports/index.htm>.

*EIS No. 030178, Draft EIS, FHW, WA*, I-90 Two-Way Transit and HOV

Operation Project, To Provide Reliable Transportation between Seattle and Bellevue, Sound Transit Regional Express, U.S. Coast Guard Permit and U.S. Army Corps Nationwide Permit, King County, WA, Comment Period Ends: June 9, 2003, Contact: James A. Leonard (360) 753-9408. This document is available on the Internet at: [http://www.soundtransit.org/stplans/eastling/I\\_90.htm](http://www.soundtransit.org/stplans/eastling/I_90.htm).

*EIS No. 030179, Final EIS, FHW, KY, IN*, Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Projects, To Improve Cross-River Mobility between Jefferson County, KY and Clark County, ID, Coast Guard Bridge and U.S. Army COE Section 10 and 404 Permits Issuance, Jefferson County, KY and Clark County, IN, Comment Period Ends: June 25, 2003, Contact: John Ballantyme (502) 223-6747.

*EIS No. 030180, Draft EIS, NPS, CA*, Whiskeytown Fire Management Plan, Implementation, Whiskeytown National Recreation Area, Klamath Mountains, Shasta County, CA, Comment Period Ends: June 24, 2003, Contact: Paul DePrey (530) 242-3445. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.nps.gov/whis/exp/fireweb/firehomepage.htm>.

*EIS No. 030181, Draft EIS, AFS, AK*, Greens Creek Tailings Disposal Project, To Authorize Construction of Additional Dry Tailings Disposal Storage, Admiralty National Monument, Tongass National Forest, AK, Comment Period Ends: June 9, 2003, Contact: Pete Griffin (907) 586-8800. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.greenscreekeis.com>.

*EIS No. 030182, Final Supplement, FHW, UT*, U.S. Highway 189, Wildwood to Heber Valley, between the junctions with Ut-92 and U.S. Highway 40, Utah and Wasatch Counties, UT, Wait Period Ends: May 27, 2003, Contact: Michael Morrow, P.E. (801) 963-0182.

#### Amended Notices

*EIS No. 030080, Draft EIS, AFS, SC*, Sumter National Forest Revised Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Oconee, Chester, Fairfield, Laurens, Newberry, Union-Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, McCormick and Saluda Counties, SC, Comment Period Ends: June 21, 2003, Contact: Jerome Thomas (803) 561-4000. Revision of FR Notice Published on 3/14/2003: CEQ Comment Period Ending 6/21/2003 has been Extended to 7/3/2003.

*EIS No. 030104, Draft EIS, AFS, TN*, Cherokee National Forest Revised

Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Carter, Cocke, Greene, Johnson, McMinn, Monroe, Polk, Sullivan and Unicoil, TN, Comment Period Ends: July 3, 2003, Contact: Terry McDonald (423) 476-9700. Revision of FR Notice Published on 3/21/2003: CEQ Comment Period Ending 6/16/2003 has been Extended to 7/3/2003.

*EIS No. 030106, Draft EIS, AFS, VA, KY, WV*, Jefferson National Forest Revised Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Mount Rogers National Recreation Area, Clinch, Glenwood, New Castle, and New River Valley Rangers Districts, VA, WV and KY, Comment Period Ends: July 3, 2003, Contact: Nancy Ross (540) 265-5172. Revision of FR Notice Published on 3/21/2003: CEQ Comment Period Ending on 6/19/2003 has been Extended to 7/3/2003.

*EIS No. 030134, Draft EIS, COE, FL*, Miami Harbor Navigation Improvement Project, Provide Greater Navigation Safety and Accommodating Larger Vessels, Port of Miami, Miami-Dade County, FL, Comment Period Ends: May 19, 2003, Contact: James McAdams (904) 232-2117. The above EIS was inadvertently published in the 4/4/2003 FR. The Correct Notice of Availability was published in the 3/14/2003 FR. The CEQ is #030092. Comments are due back to the preparing agency on May 4, 2003.

*EIS No. 030171, Draft EIS, AFS, UT*, Prima East Clear Creek Federal No. 22-42 Gas Exploration Well, Application for Permit to Drill and (Surface Use Plan of Operations) Castle Valley Ridge, Ferron/Price Ranger District, Manti-La Sal National Forest, Carbon and Emery Counties, UT, Comment Period Ends: June 9, 2003, Contact: Karl Boyer (435) 637-2817.

Revision of FR Notice Published on 04/18/2003: CEQ Comment Period Ending 06/02/2003 has been Reestablished to 06/09/2003. Due to Incomplete Distribution of the DEIS at the time of Filing with USEPA under Section 1506.9 of the CEQ Regulations.

Dated: April 22, 2003.

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