

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impacts 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 12/25/2006 through 12/29/2006 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 20060539, Draft Supplement, AFS, 00, Northern Spotted Owl Management Plan, Removal or the Modification to the Survey and Manage Mitigation Measures, Standards and Guidelines (to the Northwest Forest Plan), Addresses the Effects of an Additional No-Action Alternative to the (July 2006) Draft Supplement and to the (2004) Final Supplemental EIS, Northwest Forest Plan, OR, WA, and CA, Comment Period Ends: 04/05/2007, Contact: Carol Hughes 503-808-2661.

EIS No. 20060540, Final EIS, NOA, LA, PROGRAMMATIC—The Louisiana Regional Restoration Planning Program, Establishing and Implementation of Natural Resource Trust Mandates, LA, Wait Period Ends: 02/20/2007, Contact: Tony Penn, 301-713-2990 Ext 197.

EIS No. 20060541, Draft EIS, BLM, ID, Pocatello Resource Management Plan, To Provide Direction for Managing Public Lands in the Idaho Falls Districts, Pocatello Field Office (PFO), Implementation, Several Counties, ID, Comment Period Ends: 04/04/2007, Contact: Terry Lee Smith, 208-478-6340.

EIS No. 20060542, Draft EIS, FRC, 00, Spokane River and Post Falls Hydroelectric Project, Applications for two New Licenses for Existing 14.75 (mw) Post Falls No. 12606 and 122.9 (mw) Spokane River No. 2545, Kootenai and Benewah Counties, ID and Spokane, Lincoln and Stevens Counties, WA, Comment Period Ends: 02/20/2007, Contact: John Blair, 202-502-6092.

EIS No. 20060543, Final EIS, COE, CA, San Juan Creek and Western San Mateo Creek Watershed Special Area Management Plan (SAMP), Proposed Watershed-Based SAMP to Balance Aquatic Resource Protection and Reasonable Economic Development, Southern Portion of Orange County, CA, Wait Period Ends: 02/05/2007, Contact: Jae Chung, 213-452-3292.

EIS No. 20060544, Final EIS, FRC, NY, Niagara Project, Hydroelectric

Relicensing Application FERC No. 2216, Niagara River, Niagara County, NY, *Wait Period Ends: 02/05/2007 Contact: Steven Kartalia, 202-502-6131.*

EIS No. 20060545, Final EIS, FTA, TX, Southeast Corridor Project, Proposed Fixed-Guideway Transit System, Funding, Metropolitan Transit Authority (METRO) of Harris County, Houston, Harris County, TX, Wait Period Ends: 02/05/2007, Contact: John Sweek, 817-978-0550.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 20060480, Draft EIS, BIA, NY, Oneida Nation of New York Conveyance of Lands into Trust, Proposes to Transfer 17,370 Acre of Fee Land into Federal Trust Status, Oneida, Madison and New York Counties, NY, Comment Period Ends: 02/22/2007, Contact: Kurt G. Chandler, 615-564-6832.

Revision of FR Notice Published 11/24/2006: Extending Comment Period from 01/08/2007 to 02/22/2007.

EIS No. 20060518, Draft EIS, FHW, IN, I-69 Evansville to Indianapolis Project, I-69 Tier 2 Section 1: Evansville to Oakland City, from I-64 to IN-64, Gibson and Warrick Counties, IN, Comment Period Ends: 02/20/2007, Contact: Anthony DeSimone, 317-226-5307.

Revision of FR Notice Published 12/22/2006: Correction to Title.

Dated: December 29, 2006.

Clifford Rader,

Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8266-3]

El Monte Operable Unit of San Gabriel Valley Superfund Site; Notice of Proposed CERCLA Administrative Settlement Under Section 122(h)(1)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 122(h)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9622(h)(1), notice is hereby given of a proposed administrative settlement for recovery of past response costs concerning the El Monte Operable Unit

of the San Gabriel Valley Superfund Site in El Monte, Los Angeles County, California with the City of El Monte, California. The settlement is entered into pursuant to Section 122(h)(1) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9622(h)(1) and it requires the City of El Monte to pay \$160,000 to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The settlement includes a covenant not to sue the City of El Monte pursuant to Sections 106 and 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607(a), and Section 7003 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. 6973. For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the settlement. The Agency will consider all comments received and may modify or withdraw its consent to the settlement if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 5, 2007.

ADDRESSES: The proposed settlement is available for public inspection at EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California. A copy of the proposed settlement may be obtained from James Collins, EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, ORC-3, San Francisco, CA 94105, telephone number 415-972-3894. Comments should reference the El Monte Operable Unit of the San Gabriel Valley Superfund Site in El Monte, California and EPA Docket No. 2006-24 and should be addressed to James Collins at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Collins, Assistant Regional Counsel (ORC-3), Office of Regional Counsel, U.S. EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105; phone: (415) 972-3894; fax: (415) 947-3570; e-mail: collins.jim@epa.gov.

Dated: December 21, 2006.

Keith Takata,

Director, Superfund Division, Region IX.

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK**Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

AGENCY: Export-Import Bank of the U.S.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Export-Import Bank, as a part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal Agencies to comment on the proposed information collection as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is soliciting comments from the public concerning the proposed collection of information to (1) evaluate whether the proposed collection is necessary for the paper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection of information; (3) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and minimize the burden of collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriated automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 5, 2007 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to David Rostker, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB, Room 10202, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-3897.

Titles and Form Numbers: Export-Import Bank of the United States Application for Long-Term Loan or Guarantee, EIB 95-10.

OMB Number: 3048-0013.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Need and Use: The information requested enables the applicant to provide Ex-Im Bank, with the information necessary to determine eligibility for the loan and guarantee programs.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Respondents: Entities involved in the provision of financing or arranging of financing for foreign buyers of U.S. exports.

Estimated Annual Respondents: 86 (revised).

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 2.0 hours (revised).

Estimated Annual Burden: 172 hours.

Frequency of Response: When applying for a long-time preliminary or final commitment.

Dated: December 27, 2006.

Solomon Bush,

Agency Clearance Officer.

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FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

[No. 2006-N-10]

Examination Rating System for the Federal Home Loan Banks and the Office of Finance

AGENCY: Federal Housing Finance Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Housing Finance Board (Finance Board) is adopting an examination rating system known as the Federal Home Loan Bank Rating System (Rating System).

DATES: The Finance Board will use the Rating System for all examinations that begin after December 31, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anthony Cornyn, Associate Director, Supervision and Examination, Office of Supervision, cornyna@fhfb.gov or 202-408-2522, or Kari Walter, Associate Director, Supervisory and Regulatory Policy, Office of Supervision, walterk@fhfb.gov or 202-408-2829. You can send regular mail to the Federal Housing Finance Board, 1625 Eye Street, NW., Washington DC 20006.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In September 2006, the Finance Board published a proposed Rating System for the Federal Home Loan Banks (Banks) and the Office of Finance (OF) in the **Federal Register** for public comment. See 71 FR 55181 (Sept. 21, 2006) (available at the Finance Board's Web site: <http://www.fhfb.gov/Default.aspx?Page=59&ListCategory=4#4>). The 30-day comment period closed on October 23, 2006. The Finance Board received 7 comments (the comments are available at the Finance Board's Web site: <http://www.fhfb.gov/Default.aspx?Page=93&Top=93>). Based on the comments, the Office of Supervision revised the Introduction and Overview to clarify that the composite rating will be based on the relative importance of each component as determined case-by-case within the parameters established by the Rating System. The proposal stated that the Finance Board would give special consideration to corporate governance in assigning a composite rating. Although the importance of corporate

governance cannot be over-emphasized, our intent is not to weight the corporate governance component more heavily than other components. Rather than giving special consideration to any one component, examiners will use judgment and a case-by-case approach when assigning composite ratings. The Office of Supervision made no other significant changes to the Rating System as proposed.

II. The Federal Home Loan Bank Rating System

In 2005, the Office of Supervision began to provide an overall conclusion—Satisfactory, Fair, Marginal, or Unsatisfactory—as part of its Report of Examination. The Rating System, which is the next step in communicating exam results to the Banks, is a risk-focused system under which each Bank and the OF is assigned a composite rating from “1” to “4” based on an evaluation of various aspects of their operations. The composite rating of each Bank is based on an evaluation and rating of 5 key components: corporate governance, market risk, credit risk, operational risk, and financial condition and performance. The composite rating of the OF is based primarily on an evaluation of 2 components: corporate governance and operational risk. A “1” rating indicates the lowest degree of supervisory concern, while a “4” rating indicates the highest degree of supervisory concern. The composite rating is based on the ratings of the underlying components, which also are rated on a scale of “1” to “4.” The composite rating is not an arithmetic average of the component ratings. Instead, the relative importance of each component is determined case-by-case within the parameters established by the Rating System.

Under the Rating System, examiners take administration of a Bank's affordable housing and community investment activities into account in assigning component ratings for corporate governance and operational risk. Given the importance of affordable housing and community investment activities to the mission of the Bank System, the Office of Supervision may consider the need for a separate rating system or a separate ratings component to evaluate and rate the affordable housing and community investment programs of each Bank after gaining experience with the Rating System.

The Rating System is intended to serve 2 purposes. First, it is designed to reflect in a comprehensive, systematic, and consistent fashion the overall condition and performance of an