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The SAB is a chartered Federal Advisory Committee, established by 42 U.S.C. 4365, to provide independent scientific and technical advice, consultation, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the technical bases for EPA policies and actions. The SAB expert panel will provide technical advice to EPA through the chartered SAB. The SAB Asbestos Panel will comply with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and all appropriate SAB procedural policies.

Request for Nominations: The SAB Staff Office is requesting nominations for nationally and internationally recognized non-EPA scientists with demonstrated expertise in biostatistics, statistical modeling, epidemiology, meta-analysis, Bayesian analysis and toxicology of inhaled particles. The previously submitted nominations of individuals for this Asbestos Expert Panel need not be re-submitted, as they will still be considered.

Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations: Any interested person or organization may nominate individuals qualified in the areas of expertise described above to serve on the SAB Asbestos Expert Panel. Nominations may be submitted in electronic format through the *Form for Nominating Individuals to Panels of the EPA Science Advisory Board* which can be accessed through a link on the blue navigational bar on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>. Please follow the instructions for submitting nominations carefully, and include all of the information requested on that form. The nominating form requests contact information of the person making the nomination; contact information for the nominee; the disciplinary and specific areas of expertise of the nominee; the nominee's curriculum vita; and a biographical sketch of the nominee indicating current position, educational background, research activities, and recent service on other national advisory committees or national professional organizations. Anyone unable to submit nominations using the electronic form, or who may have questions concerning the nomination process or any other aspect of this notice may contact Ms. Vivian Turner, DFO, at the contact information. Nominations should be submitted in time to arrive no later than November 16, 2007.

The process for forming an SAB panel is described in the *Overview of the*

Panel Formation Process at the Environmental Protection Agency, Science Advisory Board (EPA-SAB-EC-COM-02-010), on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/ec02010.pdf>. The SAB Staff Office will acknowledge receipt of nominations and inform nominees of the panel for which they have been nominated. From the nominees identified by respondents to this **Federal Register** notice (termed the "Widecast"), the SAB Staff Office will develop a smaller subset (known as the "Short List") for more detailed consideration. The Short List will be posted on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab> and will include the nominee's name and biographical sketch. Public comments on the Short List will be accepted for 21 calendar days. During this comment period, the public will be requested to provide information, analysis or other documentation on nominees that the SAB Staff Office should consider in evaluating candidates for the panel.

For the SAB, a balanced panel is characterized by inclusion of nominees who possess the necessary domains of knowledge, the relevant scientific perspectives (which, among other factors, can be influenced by work history and affiliation), and the collective breadth of experience to adequately address the charge. Public responses to the Short List will be considered in the selection of the panel members, along with information provided by nominees and information independently gathered by SAB Staff (e.g., financial disclosure information and computer searches to evaluate a nominee's prior involvement with the topic under review). Specific criteria to be used in evaluating Short List nominees include: (a) Scientific and/or technical expertise, knowledge, and experience (primary factors); (b) absence of financial conflicts of interest; (c) scientific credibility and impartiality; (d) availability and willingness to serve; and (e) ability to work constructively and effectively on committees.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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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 FR dated April 6, 2007 (72 FR 17156).

Draft EISs

EIS No. 20070285, ERP No. D-COE-K35044-CA, Berth 136-147 [TraPac] Container Terminal Project, Upgrade Existing Wharf Facilities, Install a Buffer Area between the Terminal and Community, US Army COE Section 10 and 404 Permit, West Basin Portion of the Port of Los Angeles, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns because the preferred alternative may not represent the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative, as required under the Clean Water Act Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines. EPA also expressed environmental concerns about impacts to air quality and minority and low-income communities, and requested that the Final EIS discuss mitigation in more detail. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20070296, ERP No. D-AFS-K65332-CA, Eldorado National Forest Public Wheeled Motorized Travel Management Project, Proposes to Regulate Unmanaged Public Wheeled Motor Vehicle, Implementation, Alpine, Amador, El Dorado and Placer Counties, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about impacts to water quality, meadows, riparian areas, critical habitat, and watersheds, and requested additional information on the above issues, monitoring and enforcement commitments. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20070297, ERP No. D-AFS-J65486-UT, Big Creek Vegetation Treatment Project, To Treat 4,800 Acres of Aspen Conifer and Sagebrush Communities, Ogden Ranger District, Wasatch-Cache National Forest, Rich County, UT.

Summary: While EPA does not object to the proposed action, it requested

clarification of impacts to migratory birds, regeneration of big sagebrush, and mitigation of impacts from illegal ORV use. Rating LO.

EIS No. 20070315, ERP No. D-NOA-L91029-AK, Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission for a Subsistence Hunt on Bowhead Whale for the Years 2008 through 2012 for Issuing Annual Quotas, Proposes to Authorize Subsistence Harvests of the Western Arctic Stock of Bowhead Whales, Bering, Chukchi and Beaufort Seas, AK.

Summary: While EPA does not object to the proposed action, it requested clarification on the exchange of non-food portions of the whales between native villages as a commodity. Rating LO

EIS No. 20070365, ERP No. D-USA-A15000-00, PROGRAMMATIC—Army Growth and Force Structure Realignment, Implementation, Nationwide.

Summary: EPA does not object to the proposed action. Rating LO.

EIS No. 20070393, ERP No. DS-AFS-J65424-MT, Fishtrap Project, Updated Information on Past Maintenance/Restorative Treatments within Old Growth Stands, 200 Timber Harvest, Prescribed Burning, Road Construction and Other Restoration Activities, Lolo National Forest, Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District, Sanders County, MT.

Summary: EPA does not object to the proposed action. Rating LO.

Final EISs

EIS No. 20070260, ERP No. F-COE-K36142-CA, PROGRAMMATIC—San Luis Obispo Creek Watershed, Waterway Management Plan, Stream Maintenance and Management Plan, City of San Luis Obispo and County of San Luis Obispo, Community of Avila Beach, San Luis Obispo County, CA.

Summary: EPA's previous issues have been resolved; therefore, EPA does not object to the proposed action.

EIS No. 20070292, ERP No. F-COE-K36055-CA, San Luis Rey Flood Control Project, Operation and Maintenance of the Vegetation and Sediment Management, from College Blvd to the Pacific Ocean, San Diego County, CA.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns because the preferred alternative may not represent the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative, as required under the Clean Water Act section 404(b)(1) Guidelines.

EIS No. 20070318, ERP No. F-FHW-K40257-CA, Los Banos Bypass Project, Construct from CA-152 in Merced County beginning near Volta Road west to Los Banos, bypassing Los Banos, ending near the Santa Fe Grade Road, U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, Merced County, CA.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns about the proposed project related to induced growth. Also, EPA recommends that the project sponsor develop a strategy to facilitate protection of valuable habitat areas.

EIS No. 20070379, ERP No. F-AFS-L65525-AK, Baht Timber Sale Project, Proposes to Harvest Timber and Temporary Road Construction on Zarembo Island, Wrangell Ranger District, Tongass National Forest, AK.

Summary: EPA continues to have concerns about potential impacts to water quality and impacts to old growth habitat, and recommends water quality monitoring, preservation of riparian buffers and reduced new road construction.

EIS No. 20070402, ERP No. F-FRC-K03030-00, Phoenix Expansion Project, Construction and Operation of Existing Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline, Right-of-Way Grant and Temporary Use Permit, San Juan and McKinley Counties, NM and Pinal and Maricopa Counties, AZ.

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

EIS No. 20070058, ERP No. FA-FHW-E40325-NC, Western Section of the Winston-Salem Northern Beltway, Updated Information, U.S. 158 north to U.S. 52, TIP Project No. R-2247, Forsyth County, NC. (THIS EIS #20070058 AND EIS #20070057 ARE COMBINED IN A SINGLE DOCUMENT.)

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns about the large bypass regarding 7–8 linear miles of stream impacts, sedimentation and erosion control, terrestrial forest habitat losses and impacts to migratory birds. EPA requests that the Record of Decision disclose plans to mitigate these adverse impacts.

EIS No. 20070384, ERP No. FS-FHW-E40714-GA, U.S. 411 Connector, From U.S. 411/GA-20 Interchange with U.S. 41 to U.S. 411 Interchange with I-75, Updated Information, Funding and U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, Bartow County, GA.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns about the preferred alternative regarding impacts to jurisdictional wetlands, regulatory

floodplains, and the loss of upland forest habitat. However, EPA supports the mitigation measures and monitoring programs as described in the Final Supplemental EIS.

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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 10/15/2007 through 10/19/2007. Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 20070435, Draft EIS, BLM, UT, Richfield Field Office Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Future Management of the Public Lands and Resource, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Capitol Reef and Canyonlands National Parks, Sanpete, and Canyon, Piute, Wayne and Garfield Counties, UT. *Comment Period Ends:* 01/24/2008. *Contact:* Wayne Wetzel, 435-896-1500.

EIS No. 20070436, Draft EIS, FHW, ME, Wiscasset Route 1 Corridor Study Project, To Relieve Traffic Congestion and Improve Safety, U.S. Army COE section 404 Permit, Wiscasset and Edgecomb Counties, ME. *Comment Period Ends:* 12/21/2007. *Contact:* Mark Asselmann, 207622-8350.

EIS No. 20070437, Draft EIS, NPS, HI, PROGRAMMATIC EIS—Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail Comprehensive Management Plan, To Provide Long-Term Direction for Natural and Cultural Resource, Island of Hawaii, HI. *Comment Period Ends:* 12/26/2007. *Contact:* Aric Arakaki 808-326-6012.

EIS No. 20070438, Final Supplement, NOA, NC, Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan (FMP), Amendment 11, Implementation to Control Capacity and Mortality in the General Category Scallop Fishery, Gulf of Maine, Georges Bank, NC. *Wait Period Ends:* 11/26/2007.

Contact: Patricia A. Kurkal, 978-281-9250.

EIS No. 20070439, Draft EIS, BOP, AL, Aliceville, Alabama Area, Proposed