

Implementation, Aiken, Allendale and Barnwell Counties, SC, Due: March 13, 1995, Contact: Yardena Mansoor (202) 586-9326.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 950013, FINAL EIS, DOE, CA, Adoption Southeast Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant and Geysers Effluent Pipeline Injection Project, Improvements Funding, COE Section 404 Permit and NPDES Permit, City of Clearlake, Lake County, CA, Contact: Teresa Perkins (208) 526-1483.

Published FR 01-20-95 Correction of the Agency Contact Person Name and Telephone Number.

Dated: January 24, 1995.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, Federal Agency Liaison Division
Office of Federal Activities.

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Joint Water Pollution Control Plant, Upgrade to Full Secondary Treatment; Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for the upgrade to full secondary treatment for the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant located in Carson, California.

PURPOSE: To fulfill the requirements of Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act, EPA has identified the need to prepare a DEIS and therefore issues this Notice of Intent pursuant to 40 CFR 1501.7.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO BE PLACED ON THE PROJECT MAILING LIST

CONTACT: Ms. Elizabeth Borowiec, Water Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA, 94105, Telephone: (415) 744-1948

Summary: Description of proposed action.

Need for Action

In January, 1992, EPA and California Regional Water Quality Control Board filed suit against the Districts under Section 309 of the Clean Water Act to comply with full secondary treatment at the JWPCP. A Consent Decree was negotiated between the Districts, the United States, the Natural Resources Defence Council, and Heal the Bay to

meet this requirement by December 31, 2002. The Districts have prepared the Joint Outfall System 2010 Master Facilities Plan which addresses the need to provide full secondary treatment, as well as the long-term need for wastewater treatment, reuse, and disposal through the year 2010. In addition, the Districts have completed a draft program environmental impact report (EIR) that analyzes the impacts of the 2010 Plan as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The draft EIR was circulated for public review on November 14, 1994. The comment period for the draft EIR concluded on January 17, 1995. Finally, unlike most EIRs, the Districts have initiated a consultation and review process with federal agencies on this draft EIR, which is similar to the process required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This process was launched pursuant to requirements of the State Water Resources Control Board's State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan program.

EPA intends to award direct grant funds to the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Districts) provided under the 1995 Appropriations Act (Public Law 103-327). The purpose of the grant is for the planning, design, and construction of wastewater treatment facilities to upgrade the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP) in the City of Carson, California to 400 million gallons per day (mgd) of secondary treatment capacity.

Alternatives

Alternatives to the proposed action anticipated to be analyzed in the DEIS consist of:

- those alternatives analyzed in the draft program EIR, which include upgrading the JWPCP to either 400 mgd or 350 mgd of secondary treatment capacity; and
- the No-Action Alternative, where no new facilities would be funded by EPA to upgrade the level of treatment at the JWPCP.

Scoping

The focus of the DEIS will be on the construction and operation of the secondary treatment and related solids processing facilities at the JWPCP. EPA Region IX invites comments on the proposed action and alternatives to the proposed action. A separate EIS scoping meeting is not planned at this time because of the extensive scoping process already undertaken by the Districts during preparation of the draft EIR. However, public comments will be accepted after the release of the DEIS.

For additional information, contact the person indicated above.

Estimated Date of DEIS Release

Spring of 1995.
Responsible Official: John Wise,
Deputy Regional Administrator.

Dated: January 24, 1995.

Richard E. Sanderson,

Director, Office of Federal Activities.

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Designation of Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site (ODMDS) Offshore Port Everglades, FL; Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region IV.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the final designation of an ODMDS offshore Port Everglades, Florida.

PURPOSE: The U.S. EPA, Region IV, in accordance with Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, will prepare a Draft EIS on the designation of an ODMDS offshore Port Everglades, Florida. An EIS is needed to provide the information necessary to designate an ODMDS. This Notice of Intent is issued Pursuant to Section 102 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, and 40 CFR Part 228 (Criteria for the Management of Disposal Sites for Ocean Dumping).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO BE

PLACED ON THE PROJECT MAILING LIST CONTACT: Mr. Christopher McArthur, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IV, 345 Courtland St. NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30365, phone 404-347-1740 ext. 4289 or Mr. Rea Boothby, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, Planning Division, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, Florida 32232-0019, phone 904-232-3453.

SUMMARY: The entrance channel and turning basin of Port Everglades must receive periodic maintenance dredging to ensure safe navigation. The dredged material has been disposed of at the existing interim ODMDS for Port Everglades in the past. Designation of a Port Everglades ODMDS is being evaluated to determine the most feasible and environmentally acceptable ocean disposal site for anticipated future dredging.

NEED FOR ACTION: The Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, has

requested that EPA designate an ODMDS offshore Port Everglades, Florida for the disposal of dredged material from the Port Everglades area when ocean disposal is the preferred disposal alternative. An EIS is required to provide the necessary information to evaluate alternatives and designate the preferred ODMDS.

Alternatives

1. No action. The no action alternative is defined as not designating an ocean disposal site.

2. Alternative disposal sites in the nearshore, and shelf break regions.

Scoping

A scoping meeting is not contemplated. Scoping will be accomplished through contact with affected Federal, State and local agencies, and with anticipated interested parties.

Estimated Date of Release

The Draft EIS will be made available in January 1997.

Responsible Official

John H. Hankinson, Jr., Regional Administrator, Region IV.

Richard E. Sanderson,

Director, Office of Federal Activities.

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State Program Requirements; Application to Administer the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program; Florida

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Public notice of application for NPDES program approval.

SUMMARY: The State of Florida has submitted a request to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval to administer the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program for regulating discharges of pollutants into waters of the State of Florida. The NPDES program would be administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). FDEP has requested a phased NPDES program encompassing permitting for: (1) Domestic discharges; (2) industrial discharges, including those which also have storm water discharges; and (3) pretreatment. Storm water discharges from municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4's), individual storm water-only discharges, storm water general permits, and federal

facility dischargers are to be phased in by the year 2000 for administration by the State. This notice provides for public hearing and a comment period on Florida's request. Under EPA regulations, Regional Administrators will approve or disapprove this request after taking into consideration all comments received.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 13, 1995. Public hearings have been scheduled for:

March 7, 1995, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 7 p.m.-10 p.m., Civic Convention Center, 9800 International Drive, Orlando, Florida 32819, Orange County

March 9, 1995, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 7 p.m.-10 p.m., Leon County Civic Center, 505 W. Pensacola Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, Leon County

Part or all of the submittal (which comprises approximately 1500 pages) may be copied at any FDEP office, or EPA office in Atlanta, at a minimal cost per page. A copy of the entire submittal may be obtained from the FDEP office in Tallahassee for a fee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Dee Stewart, Environmental Engineer, Permits Section, U.S. EPA Region IV, 345 Courtland Street, NE., Atlanta, Georgia, 30365, 404/347-3012, ext. 2928, or Mr. Daryll Joyner, FDEP, Suite 202, Twin Towers Office Building, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida, 32301, 904/488-4520.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 402 of the Federal Clean Water Act (Act) created the NPDES program under which the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) may issue permits for the discharge of pollutants into waters of the United States under conditions required by the Act. The Act also provides that a State may be authorized to administer the NPDES program upon request and showing that the State has authority and a program sufficient to meet requirements of the Act. The Governor of Florida has requested NPDES program approval and on November 21, 1994, submitted a complete program description (including funding, personnel requirements and organization, and enforcement procedures), an Independent Counsel's statement, copies of applicable State statutes and regulations, and a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to be executed by the EPA, Region IV, Regional Administrator, and the Secretary, FDEP. The EPA Regional Administrator is required to approve the submitted program within 90 days of submittal unless it does not

meet the requirements of section 402(b) of the Act and EPA regulations, which include, among other things, authority to issue permits which comply with the Act, authority to impose civil and criminal penalties for permit violations, and authority to ensure that the public is given notice and opportunity for a hearing on each proposed NPDES permit issuance. At the close of the comment period (including the public hearing), the EPA Regional Administrator will decide to approve or disapprove Florida's NPDES program. In accordance with EPA regulations, EPA and FDEP have agreed to extend the review period beyond the ninety (90) day statutory period until April 30, 1995.

The decision to approve or disapprove Florida's NPDES program will be based on the requirements of section 402 of the CWA and 40 CFR Part 123. If the Florida NPDES program is approved, the EPA Regional Administrator will so notify the State. Notice will be published in the **Federal Register** and, as of the date of program approval, EPA will suspend issuance of NPDES permits in Florida, except for: federal facilities, municipal separate storm sewer systems, storm water general permits, and individual storm water permits, until FDEP assumes permitting and enforcement authorities for these categories in the year 2000. The State's program will implement federal law and operate in lieu of the EPA administered program. However, EPA will retain the right to object to NPDES permits proposed to be issued by the FDEP. If the EPA Regional Administrator disapproves Florida's NPDES program, the Regional Administrator will notify the FDEP of the reasons for disapproval and of any revisions or modification to the program which are necessary to obtain approval.

The Florida submittal may be reviewed during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, by the public at the Florida FDEP and EPA offices at the address appearing earlier in this Notice and at the following FDEP District offices: Northwest District Office, 160 Governmental Center, Pensacola, Florida, 32501-5794; Southwest District, 3804 Coconut Palm Drive, Tampa, Florida, 33619-8218; Northeast District, 7825 Baymeadows Way, Suite 200B, Jacksonville, Florida, 32256-7577; Central District, 3319 Maguire Blvd., Suite 232, Orlando, Florida, 32803-3767; South District, 2295 Victoria Ave., Suite 364, Fort Myers, Florida, 33901, and the Southeast District, 1900 S. Congress Ave., Suite A, West Palm Beach, Florida, 33406.