

detailed data was requested to support evaluations regarding potential benefits or adverse impacts.

ERP No. D-SFW-L99005-WA Rating EC2, Plum Creek Timber Sale, Issuance of a Permit to Allow Incidental Take and Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for Threatened and Endangered Species, Implementation, Eastern and Western Cascade Provinces in the Cascade Mountains, King and Kittitas Counties, WA.

Summary: EPA had environmental concerns with the project based on the potential impacts of land management activities on water quality, particularly to existing water quality limited/303(d)—listed streams in the HCP area, and on the effective implementation of an adaptive management strategy. EPA requests that the HCP incorporate more in-depth monitoring activities for changed in water quality related to sediment loading and temperature, and a stronger commitment toward possible adjustments of land management activities in response to monitoring results.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-DOE-E06015-SC, Savannah River Site Interim Management of Nuclear Materials, Implementation, Aiken and Barnwell Counties, SC.

Summary: EPA's draft EIS comments were adequately addressed in the final EIS. Additional comments were provided in support of DOE's preferred alternative.

ERP No. F-FAA-K51032-CA, Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport, Replacement Passenger Terminal Construction, Approval, Los Angeles County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding air conformity, asbestos and polychlorinated biphenyls requirement. EPA recommended that these issues be addressed in the Record of Decision.

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Investigator-Initiated Grants: Request for Applications

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of request for applications.

SUMMARY: This notice provides information on the availability of supplemental announcements for the fiscal year 1996 investigator-initiated grants program, in which the areas of research interest, eligibility and submission requirements, evaluation criteria, and implementation schedule are set forth. Grants will be competitively awarded following peer review.

DATES: Proposals must be received at the contact point by May 1, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Center for Environmental Research and Quality Assurance (8703), 401 M Street SW., Washington DC 20460, telephone (202) 260-3837, telefax (202) 260-2039. The complete announcements can be accessed on the Internet from the EPA home page menus: <<http://www.epa.gov/OER>>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In its Request for Applications (RFA) the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites research grant applications in the following areas of special interest to its mission: (1) Endocrine Disruptors, (2) Role of Interindividual Variation in Human Susceptibility to Cancer, (3) Risk-based Decisions for Contaminated Sediments, in one document, and (4) Bioremediation, jointly with the Department of Energy, National Science Foundation, and the Office of Naval Research, in a second document.

The RFAs provide relevant background information, summarize EPA's interest in the topic areas, and describe the application and review process.

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West Virginia Division of Environmental Protection: Partial Program Adequacy Determination of State Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Permit Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency Region III.

ACTION: Notice of Tentative Determination on the West Virginia Division of Environmental Protection Application for a Partial Program Adequacy Determination, Public Hearing and Public Comment Period.

SUMMARY: Section 4005(c)(1)(B) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) of 1984, requires States to develop and implement permit programs to ensure that municipal solid waste landfills (MSWLFs) which may receive hazardous household waste or small quantity generator waste will comply with the revised Federal MSWLF Criteria (40 CFR Part 258). RCRA Section 4005(c)(1)(C) requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to determine whether States have adequate "permit" programs for MSWLFs, but does not mandate issuance of a rule for such determinations. On January 26, 1996, EPA published in the Federal Register a proposed State/Tribal Implementation Rule (STIR) that provides procedures by which EPA will approve, or partially approve, State/Tribal landfill permit programs. The EPA intends to approve adequate State/Tribal MSWLF permit programs as applications are submitted. Thus, these approvals are not dependent on final promulgation of the STIR. Prior to the final promulgation of STIR, adequacy determinations will be made based on the statutory authorities and requirements. In addition, States/Tribes may use the proposed STIR as an aid in interpreting these requirements. The EPA believes that early approvals have an important benefit. Approved State/Tribal permit programs provide interaction between the State/Tribe and the owner/operator regarding site-specific permit conditions. Only those owners/operators located in States/Tribes with approved permit programs can use the site-specific flexibility provided by Part 258 to the extent the State/Tribal permit program allows such flexibility. EPA notes that regardless of the approval status of a State/Tribe and the permit status of any facility, the federal landfill criteria will apply to all permitted and unpermitted MSWLF facilities.