

October 4, 1996 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 5, 1996 (61 FR 15251).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-FHW-C40138-NY Rating LO, NY-17 Highway Conversion from a Partial to a Full Access Control Facility, Five-Mile Point to Occanum and NY-17 Rehabilitation or Reconstruction, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, Towns of Kirkwood and Windsor, Broome County, NY.

Summary: EPA believed that the proposed project will not result in significant adverse environmental impacts. EPA had no objection to its implementation.

ERP No. D-GSA-C81017-NY Rating EC2, US Brooklyn Court Project, Demolition of the Emanuel Celler Federal Building, Construction of a New Courthouse and Renovation/Adaptive Reuse of the General Post Office at Cadman Plaza East, Kings County, NY.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about the project's potential impacts to air quality and lead and asbestos abatement activities. Additional information is requested in the final EIS to address these concerns.

ERP No. D-MMS-E02008-00 Rating LO, Central and Western Planing Areas, Gulf of Mexico 1997 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Sales 166 (March 1997) and 168 (August 1997) Lease Offering, Offshore Marine Environment and coastal counties, Parishes of AL, MS, TX and LA.

Summary: EPA had no objections to the selection of the preferred alternative; however, we would ask that MMS provide commitment in the Record of Decision to incorporate mitigation stipulations on live bottom, topographic features, archaeological resources, and military areas.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-FHW-E40256-AL Southern Bypass and Weatherly Road Extension Project, Hobbs Island Road to I-565 Interchange, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, City of Huntsville, Madison County, AL.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concern regarding the impact to wetlands. EPA requested that

coordination continues as the mitigation plan is finalized.

ERP No. F-FHW-E40762-AL Montgomery Outer Loop Construction, US 80 southwest of Montgomery to I-85 east of Montgomery, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, Montgomery County, AL.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about the loss of wetland and forest resources. EPA requested that coordination continue as the mitigation plan is finalized.

ERP No. F-FHW-G40141-OK Canadian River Bridge Crossing Construction, OK-37 east of Tuttle northward to OK-152 in or near Mustang, Funding, COE Section 404 and EPA NPDES Permits Issuance, Canadian and Grady Counties, OK.

Summary: EPA had no objection to the selection of the preferred plan of action and has no other comment to offer.

ERP No. F-NPS-K65180-CA Lava Beds National Monument, General Management Plan, Implementation, Siskiyou and Modoc Counties, CA.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-USN-A11073-00 United States Navy Shipboard Solid Waste Disposal, Implementation, MARPOL Special Areas: Designation Baltic Sea, North Sea, Wilder Caribbean, Antarctic Ocean, Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea and Red Sea, Gulfs Region: Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman.

Summary: EPA continued to have environmental concerns with allowing waste disposal in the Antarctic Ocean in view of the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty, recently ratified by the United States. EPA also questioned allowing disposal in the Baltic and North Seas, urged the Navy to restrict discharges near sensitive ecosystems and recommend research designed to assure full Navy compliance with MARPOL Annex V.

ERP No. F-USN-K11069-CA Port Hueneme Naval Civil Engineering Laboratory (NCEL) Disposal and Reuse, Implementation, Ventura County, CA.

Summary: The Final EIS responds to our concerns, which involved air quality and NEPA issues, therefore EPA had no objection to the proposed action.

Dated: October 15, 1996.

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Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology—Total Maximum Daily Load Committee; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, PL 92463, EPA gives notice of a three-day meeting of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology's (NACEPT) Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Committee. NACEPT provides advice and recommendations to the Administrator of EPA on a broad range of environmental policy issues. The TMDL Committee has been charged to provide recommendations for actions which will lead to a substantially more effective TMDL program. This meeting is being held to enable the Committee and EPA to hear the views and obtain the advice of a widely diverse group of stakeholders in the national Water Program.

DATES: The three-day public meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 1996, Wednesday, November 20, 1996, and Thursday, November 21, 1996 beginning at 8:30 a.m. each day. The meeting is scheduled to adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on November 19 and 20, and at 2:30 p.m. on November 21.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon, Virginia.

Materials, or written comments, may be transmitted to the Committee through Corinne S. Wellish, Designated Federal Official, NACEPT/TMDL, U.S. EPA, Office of Water, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds, Assessment and Watershed Protection Division (4503F), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Corinne S. Wellish, Designated Federal Official for the Total Maximum Daily Load Committee at 202-260-0740.

Dated: October 10, 1996.

Corinne S. Wellish,

Designated Federal Official.

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Food Safety Advisory Committee; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).