

- water resources, fisheries, and wetlands
- vegetation and wildlife
- endangered and threatened species
- public safety
- land use
- cultural resources
- air quality and noise
- hazardous waste

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

#### Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Columbia. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- The project follows the course of Saltlick Creek, a high quality warmwater fishery, and crosses it numerous times.
  - A total of 13 wetlands (.92 acre) would be affected by the project.
  - A number of residences are in the vicinity and two residences are within 50 feet of the proposed construction area.
    - Construction of related pig launching and receiving facilities may have visual impacts.

#### Public Participation

You can make a difference by sending a letter addressing your specific comments or concerns about the project. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please follow the instructions below to ensure that your comments are received and properly recorded:

- Address your letter to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Washington, DC 204265:

- Reference Docket No. CP97-176-000;
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before March 6, 1997.

#### Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding or become an "intervenor". Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide copies of its filings to all other parties. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2).

You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-5477-2]

### Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 OR (202) 564-7153.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed January 27, 1997 Through January 31, 1997 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 970035, Draft EIS, USN, GU, AK, AS, HI, Marianas Islands Military Training, Implementation, Marianas Training Plan, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Asia, Hawaii and Alaska, *Due:* March 24, 1997, *Contact:* Fred Minato (808) 471-9338.

EIS No. 970036, Draft EIS, FHW, CA, Carquinez Bridge Project, Replace/Retrofit the westbound I-80 between Cummings Skyway and CA-29, US Coast Guard and COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Contra Costa and Solano Counties, CA, *Due:* March 28, 1997, *Contact:* John R. Schultz (916) 498-5041.

EIS No. 970037, Final EIS, USN, CA, Las Pulgas and San Mateo Basin, Cease and Desist Order, Sewage Effluent Compliance Project, NPDES Permit, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton,

San Diego County, CA, *Due:* March 10, 1997, *Contact:* David Walls (703) 696-2138.

EIS No. 970038, Final EIS, AFS, WA, Crown Jewel Mine and Mill Project, Construction and Operation, Gold and Silver Mining and Milling Project, Plan of Operations Approval, Special-Use-Permits and COE Section 404 Permit, Chesaw, Okanogan County, WA, *Due:* March 10, 1997, *Contact:* Phil Christy (509) 486-5137.

EIS No. 970039, Final EIS, FHW, PA, US 222 Relocation/Reconstruction Project, Construction of the Warren Street Extension, Funding, Berks County, PA, *Due:* March 10, 1997, *Contact:* Manuel A. Marks (717) 782-3461.

EIS No. 970040, Draft EIS, FHW, PA, Tunkhannock Transportation Improvement Project, Improvement along US-6 (S.R.0006 Section E12) through the Borough of Tunkhannock and Tunkhannock Township, Possible COE Section 404 Permit, Wyoming County, PA, *Due:* March 24, 1997, *Contact:* Manuel Marks (717) 782-3461.

EIS No. 970041, Draft EIS, AFS, FL, Florida National Forests, Revised Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Apalachicola, Choctowhatchee, Ocala and Osceola National Forests, Several Counties, FL, *Due:* May 10, 1997, *Contact:* Karl P. Siderits (904) 942-9300.

EIS No. 970042, Draft EIS, UAF, TX, Programmatic EIS—Kelly Air Force Base (AFB), Disposal and Reuse, Implementation, San Antonio County, TX, *Due:* March 26, 1997, *Contact:* Ted Shieck (210) 536-3807.

EIS No. 970043, Draft EIS, COE, IL, Savanna Army Depot Activity (SVADA), Disposal and Reuse for BRAC-95, Implementation, Jo Daviess and Carroll County, IL, *Due:* March 24, 1997, *Contact:* Rob Dow (703) 693-9217.

EIS No. 970044, Final EIS, AFS, CA, Dinkey Allotment Livestock Grazing Strategies, Implementation, Sierra National Forest, Fresno County, CA, *Due:* March 10, 1997, *Contact:* Terry Elliott (202) 297-0706.

#### Amended Notices

EIS No. 960576, Final EIS, AFS, WA, Huckleberry Land Exchange Consolidate Ownership and Enhance Future Conservation and Management, Federal Land and Non Federal Land, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Skagit, Snohomish, King, Pierce, Kittitas and Lewis Counties, WA, *Due:* March 21, 1997, *Contact:* Doug Schrenk (206) 888-

1421. Published FR 12-13-96—Review Period extended.  
EIS No. 960596, Draft EIS, NPS, AS, National Park of American Samoa, Implementation, General Management Plan, Islands of Tutulla, Ta'u and Ofu, Territory of American Samoa, *Due:* February 18, 1997, *Contact:* Alan Schmierer (415) 744-3968. Published FR 01-03-97 Correction to Telephone Number.

EIS No. 970015, Final EIS, COE, VA, Lower Virginia Peninsula Regional Raw Water Supply Plan, Permit Approval, Cohoke Mill Creek, King William County, VA, *Due:* March 26, 1997, *Contact:* Pamela K. Painter (757) 441-7654. Published FR 12-13-96—Review Period Extended.

Dated: February 4, 1997.

William D. Dickerson,  
*Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.*

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#### [ER-FRL-5477-3]

#### Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared January 20, 1997 through January 24, 1997 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 05, 1996 (61 FR 15251).

#### Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-K65190-AZ Rating EC2, Eastern Roosevelt Lake Watershed Analysis Area Grazing Strategy and Associated Range Improvements Management Plan, Development and Implementation, Tonto National Forest, Tonto Basin Ranger District, Gila County, AZ.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concern regarding potential air and water quality impacts and cumulative impacts. EPA requested that these issues be clarified in the FEIS.

ERP No. D-AFS-L65276-ID Rating EC2, Prince John Timber Sale Project, Implementation, Boise National Forest, Cascade Ranger District, Valley County, ID.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns about water

quality impacts and requested that the FEIS discuss alternatives that do not enter roadless areas.

ERP No. D-AFS-L82015-ID Rating EC2, St. Joe Noxious Weed Control Project, Implementation, St. Maries River, St. Joe River and Little North Fork Clearwater River, Benewah, Shoshone and Latah Counties, ID.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concern regarding potential misuse and over-application of herbicides. EPA requested that the alternative analysis be expanded.

ERP No. D-BLM-J01075-WY Rating EC2, North Rochelle Mine, Application for Federal Coal Lease (WYW127221), Special-Use-Permits and NPDES Permit, Campbell County, WY.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns related to the need for additional information, data and discussion of air quality impacts. Additional information is requested in the FEIS to address these concerns.

ERP No. D-BLM-J60018-UT Rating EO2, Price Coalbed Methane Gas Resources Project, Construction, Federal and Non-Federal Lands, Permit-to-Drill Application, Right-of-Way Grants and COE Section 404 Permits, Carbon and Emery Counties, UT.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental objection to the proposed action due to potential air quality, water quality (including groundwater and wetlands) impacts and the lack of adequate habitat preservation and protection measures. EPA requested that the above issues be clarified in the FEIS.

ERP No. D-DOE-K08052-00 Rating EC2, Navajo Transmission Project (NTP), Construction, Operation and Maintenance, Right-of-Way Grants, EPA NPDES, COE, FAA, FWS and FHW Permits Issuance, NV, NM and AZ.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding potential wetland impacts, pollution prevention issues and Native American sacred sites. EPA requested that the FEIS clarify these issues.

ERP No. D-DOE-L09812-WA Rating EO2, Hanford Remedial Action, Implementation, Comprehensive Land-Use Plan, Hanford Site lies in the Pasco Basin of the Columbia Plateau, WA.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental objections particularly with regard to contaminated soil issues, inconsistent risk assessments, inaccurate cost information and the failure to properly describe the relationship between agreements reached under CERCLA and RCRA and those described in the NEPA process. EPA requested that these and other issues be fully clarified in the FEIS.

ERP No. D-FAA-K51037-CA Rating EO2, Metropolitan Oakland International Airport (MOIA), Airport Development Program (ADP), Airport Layout Plan Approval, Funding and COE Section 404 and 10 Permits Issuance, Port of Oakland, Alameda County, CA.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental objection due to potential inconsistency with the general conformity (air quality), section 404 requirements (wetlands) and the lack of a hazardous waste minimization program. EPA requested clarification and or mitigation of these issues.

ERP No. D-NOA-L39054-WA Rating LO, Programmatic EIS—Commencement Bay Restoration Plan, Implementation, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, CZMA and NPDES Applications, Puget Sound, Pierce County, WA.

*Summary:* EPA has no objection to the action as proposed.

ERP No. D-NOA-L91001-AK Rating EC2, Juneau Consolidated Facility, Implementation, Fisheries Management Operation, "Vision for 2005", Juneau, AK.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concern regarding potential impacts to hydrology, wetlands, air quality and fish/wildlife services. EPA requested that additional clarification information be included in the FEIS and that appropriate mitigation be provided.

ERP No. D-NPS-L61213-00 Rating LO, Nez Perce National Historical Park and Big Hole National Battlefield General Management Plan, Implementation, Asotin and Okanogan Counties, WA; Wallowa County, OR; Idaho, Lewis, Nez Perce, Clearwater and Clank Counties, ID; and Blaine, Yellowstone and Beaverhead Counties, MT.

*Summary:* EPA has no objection to the action as proposed.

ERP No. D-USN-K11075-CA Rating EC2, Naval Medical Center Oakland, Disposal and Reuse, Implementation, in the City of Oakland, Alameda County, CA.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding impacts to biological resources particularly riparian and wetland resources and other water quality issues.

ERP No. D-USN-L11031-WA Rating LO, Puget Sound Naval Station, Sand Point, Disposal and Reuse, Implementation, King County, WA.

*Summary:* Following EPA's preliminary review, EPA found no significant statutory or jurisdictional issues from its perspective.

ERP No. DS-FTA-K40208-CA Rating LO, South Sacramento Corridor