

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-5480-5]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared April 28, 1997 Through May 02, 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 04, 1997 (62 FR 16154).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-E61037-TN Rating EC1, Upper Ocoee River Corridor Land and Water-Based Recreational Development, Implementation, Cherokee National Forest, Ocoee Ranger District, Polk County, TN.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns and suggests the final EIS contain specific mitigation measures for proposed road modifications.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65257-UT Rating LO, High Uintas Wilderness Forest Plan Amendment, Implementation, Ashley and Wasatch-Cache National Forests, Duchesne and Summit Counties, UT.

Summary: EPA expressed lack of objections.

ERP No. D-DOE-G06004-TX Rating EC2, Pantex Plant Continued Operation and Associated Storage of Nuclear Weapon Components, Implementation, Approvals and Permits Issuance, Carson County, TX.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding surface and groundwater impacts. EPA requested that these issues be clarified in the final EIS.

ERP No. D-FRC-L05053-WA Rating EO2, Condit Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2342-005), Relicensing, White Salmon River, Klickitat and Skamania Counties, WA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objections over the continued impacts on fish and other aquatic life in the McKenzie River due to project operation. EPA requested additional information to provide a comprehensive analysis of cumulative impacts and appropriately characterize the no-action alternative.

ERP No. D-NOA-A91063-00 Rating LO, Monfish Fishery Regulations

Northeast Multispecies Fishery (FMP), Fishery Management Plan, Amendment 9, Implementation, Exclusive Economic Zone, off the New England and Mid-Atlantic Coast.

Summary: EPA had no objections to the proposal.

ERP No. DS-AFS-L65260-WA Rating EO2, Taneum/Peaches Road Access Project, New Information, Construction of I-90 South Access Projects, Plum Creek, North and South Fork Taneum, Cle Elum Ranger District, Kittitas County, WA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objections concerning the alternatives analysis project effects on Late-Successional Reserve and aquatic habitat, impacts to water quality and compliance with the Clean Water Act and Northwest Forest Plan.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-K65192-CA Jaybird Multi-Resource Project, Implementation, Downieville Ranger District, Yuba County, CA.

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

ERP No. F-BLM-K65161-CA Caliente Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Kern, Tulare, King, San Luis, Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura 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-COE-K35035-CA San Gabriel Canyon Sediment Management Plan, Dredging and Disposal of Sediments, COE Section 404 Permit, Special Use Permit and Right-of-Entry Issuance, Angeles National Forest, San Gabriel River, Los Angeles, CA.

Summary: ERP No. F-FRC-L05215-OR Leaburg-Waltermville Hydroelectric (FERC. No. 2496) Project, Issuance of New License (Relicense), Funding and Land Trust Acquisition, McKenzie River, Lane County, OR.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objection to the proposed action based on potential adverse impacts to fish and other aquatic life in the McKenzie River. EPA also expressed concerns over FERC's method of assessing impacts of the proposed alternative.

ERP No. F-GSA-E81037-FL 9300-9499 NW 41st Street Immigration and Naturalization Service Facility Consolidation, Development, Construction and Operation, Leasing, Dade County, FL.

Summary: EPA's previous issues have been resolved, therefore EPA had no objection to the action as proposed.

ERP No. F-GSA-K80038-CA New San Francisco Federal Building Office Building Construction, Implementation, City and County of San Francisco, CA.

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

Regulations

ERP No. R-DOE-A05465-00 18 CFR Parts 4 and 375—Regulations for the Relicensing of Hydroelectric Projects; Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

Summary: EPA supported the concept of early integration of the environmental analyses required under the National Environmental Policy Act with the pre-filing work currently conducted pursuant to Federal Power Act requirements for the licensing of hydroelectric projects.

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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 May 05, 1997 Through May 09, 1997 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 970169, FINAL EIS, AFS, WY, ID, Targhee National Forest Plan Oil and Gas Leasing Analysis, Implementation, Bonneville, Butte, Clark, Fremont and Madison Counties, ID and Teton County, WY, Due: June 16, 1997, Contact: Jerry Reese (208) 624-3151.

EIS No. 970170, DRAFT SUPPLEMENT, FHW, CT, I-95 at New Haven Harbor Crossing (Quinnipac River Bridge) Updated Information for Seven Alternatives on (Q-Bridge) Study, Funding, COE Section 404 Permit, U.S. Coast Guard Bridge Permit, New Haven, East Haven, Branford, Madison and Clinton, CT, Due: August 01, 1997, Contact: Donald West (860) 659-6703.

EIS No. 970171, DRAFT EIS, AFS, OR, Kalmiopsis Wilderness, Approval for