

EIS No. 970481, DRAFT EIS, STB, Conrail Acquisition (Finance Docket No. 33388) by CSX Corporation and CSX Transportation Inc., and Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NS), Control and Operating Leases and Agreements, To serve portion of eastern United States, Due: February 02, 1998, Contact: Michael Dalton (202) 565-1530.

EIS No. 970482, DRAFT EIS, FTA, FL, Central Florida Light Rail Transit System Transportation Improvement to the North/South Corridor Project, Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) and Minimum Operable Segment (MOS), Orange and Seminole Counties, FL, Due: February 09, 1998, Contact: J. Anthony Dittmeier (404) 562-3512.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 970433, FINAL EIS, FHW, PA, US 202 Section 700 Corridor, Improvements, from PA 63 in Montgomeryville to the PA-611 Bypass in Doylestown Township, COE Section 404 Permit and Right-of-Way, Montgomery and Bucks Counties, PA, Due: January 30, 1998, Contact: Ronald W. Carmichael (717) 221-3461. Published FR 11-14-97—Review Period extended.

Dated: December 16, 1997.

B. Katherine Biggs,

Associate Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5937-9]

Investigator-Initiated Grants: Request for Applications

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of request for applications.

SUMMARY: This document provides information on the availability of the fiscal year 1998 investigator-initiated grants program announcements, 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: Receipt dates vary depending on the specific research area within the solicitation and are listed in

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Center for Environmental Research and Quality Assurance (8703R), 401 M Street SW, Washington DC 20460, telephone (800) 490-9194. The complete announcement can be accessed on the Internet from the EPA home page: <http://www.epa.gov/ncerqa>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In its Requests 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) Regional Scale Analysis and Assessment, (2) Water and Watersheds (joint with the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Department of Agriculture), (3) Technology for a Sustainable Environment (joint with the National Science Foundation), (4) Bioremediation (joint with the Department of Energy, National Science Foundation, and Office of Naval Research), and (5) Ecology and Oceanography of Harmful Algal Blooms (ECO HAB) (joint with the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, National Science Foundation, Office of Naval Research, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and National Aeronautics and Space Administration). Applications must be received as follows: February 12, 1998, for topic (1); February 17, 1998, for topic (3); February 23, 1998, for topic (5); February 27, 1998, for topic (4); and April 1, 1998 for topic (2).

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

Contact person for the Regional Scale Analysis and Assessment RFA and Water and Watersheds RFA is Barbara Levinson (levinson.barbara@epamail.epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6911; for Technology for a Sustainable Environment is Barbara Karn (karn.barbara@epamail.epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6824; for Bioremediation is Robert Menzer (menzer.robert@epamail.epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6849, and for Ecology and Oceanography of Harmful Algal Blooms is Sheila Rosenthal (rosenthal.sheila@epamail.epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6916.

Dated: December 10, 1997.

Stephen A. Lingle,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Research and Development.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Receipt of a Notification to Conduct Small-Scale Field Testing of a Genetically Engineered Microbial Pesticide

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt from U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service (ARS), in cooperation with Washington State University (WSU), of a notification (71233-NMP-R) of intent to conduct small-scale field testings involving species of fluorescent *Pseudomonas* bacteria, which have been genetically engineered to express antimicrobial genes from similar *Pseudomonas* species inhabiting the rhizosphere of wheat. The Agency has determined that the application may be of regional and national significance. Therefore, in accordance with 40 CFR 172.11(a), the Agency is soliciting comments on this application.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before January 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, deliver comments to: Rm. 1132, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Follow the instructions under Unit II. of this document. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public docket by EPA without prior notice. The public docket is available for public inspection in Rm. 1132 at the Virginia address given above, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.