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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared April 13, 1998 Through April 17, 1998 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 10, 1998 (63 FR 17856).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-L65300-AK Rating LO, Canal-Hoya Timber Sale, Implementation, Stikine Area, Tongass National Forest, Value Comparison Unit (VCU), AK.

Summary: EPA used a screening tool to conduct a limited review of this action. Based upon the screen, EPA does not foresee having any environmental objections to the proposed project. Therefore, EPA will not be conducting a detailed review.

ERP No. D-BLM-L08054-AK Rating LO, Northern Intertie Project, Construction of 230 kV Transmission Line from Healy to Fairbanks, AK, Application for Right-of-Way Grant, Gold Valley Electric Association, AK.

Summary: EPA used a screening tool to conduct a limited review of this action. Based upon the screen, EPA does not foresee having any environmental objections to the proposed project. Therefore, EPA will not be conducting a detailed review.

ERP No. D-NOA-E39041-SC Rating EC2, Marine Environmental Health Research Laboratory (MEHRL), Construction and Operation of Premiere, High Technology and Marine Research Center, Approval of Permits, Charleston County, SC.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns and about lack of discussion on fuel storage tanks, spill prevention and containment strategies in the event of a tank runover and

impacts from running laboratory ventilation hoods.

ERP No. D-UMC-K11088-CA Rating EO2, Tustin Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Disposal and Reuse, Implementation, Orange County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objections due to projected adverse impacts to wetlands and other jurisdictional waters. EPA requested that the final EIS demonstrate that all practicable measures were taken to avoid and minimize the placement of fill in wetlands and other aquatic resources. EPA, also expressed concern about potential impacts associated with the use of fertilizers and pesticides at the golf course and recommended that final EIS examine reasonable opportunities to reduce the use of fertilizers and pesticides.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-BLM-J01076-WY, Powder River (WYW136142) and Thundercloud (WYW136458) Coal Lease Applications, Federal Coal Leasing, Campbell and Converse Counties, WY.

Summary: EPA's review has not identified any potential environmental impacts.

ERP No. F-BLM-K67046-NV, Olinghouse Mine Project, Construction of Two Open Pits, Waste Dump, Haul Road and Cyanide Heap Leach Pads, Plan-of-Operation Approval Carson City, Washoe County, NV.

Summary: EPA concerns were addressed in the Final EIS. EPA still have environmental concerns about potential impacts to nearby springs and potentially adverse pit lake chemistry. EPA requested that the Record of Decision (ROD) include specific mitigation and monitoring provisions on these two issues.

ERP No. F-NOA-L91001-AK, Juneau Consolidated Facility, Space for the University of Alaska Fairbanks School of Fisheries and Ocean Science (UAF), Possible Site Lena Point, Fisheries Management Operation, 'Vision for 2005', Juneau, AK.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns regarding wastewater treatment at the proposed facility and the Record of Decision should specify whether the facility will tie into the existing City and Borough of Juneau treatment system or operate an on-site treatment plant.

ERP No. F-US-J11014-CO United States Army Garrison, Fitzsimons (Formerly Fitzsimons Army Medical Center) Disposal and Reuse for BRAC-95, Implementation, City of Aurora, Denver County, CO.

Summary: EPA expressed lack of objections.

ERP No. FS-USA-E65040-MS, Camp Shelby Continued Military Training Activities, Use of National Forest Lands, Updated Information, Final Site Selected Authorization for Implementation of the Proposed G. V. (Sonny) Montgomery Ranges, Special Use Permit, DeSoto National Forest, Forrest, George and Perry Counties, MS.

Summary: EPA's initial comments on developing this training range have largely been addressed by additional data/exposition. However, certain concerns will only be verified after the range becomes operational. Therefore, EPA will continue to participate in the interagency team, which will be monitoring the facility's progress.

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State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) Pesticide Operations and Management Working Committee; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) Pesticide Operations and Management Working Committee will hold a 2-day meeting, May 18 and 19, 1998. This notice announces the location and times for the meeting and sets forth the tentative agenda topics. The meetings are open to the public.

DATES: The SFIREG Working Committee on Pesticide Operations and Management will meet on Monday, May 18, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Tuesday, May 19, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at: The Claremont Hotel, 2000 Fourth Avenue at Virginia, Seattle, WA 98121.

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