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Acting Assistant Administrator.

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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 July 6, 1998 Through July 10, 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) 564-5076. 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-FRC-J05078-MT Rating EO2, Missouri-Madison Hydroelectric (FERC No. 2188) Project, Issuing a New licence (Relicence) for Nine Dams and Associated Facilities, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objections regarding FERC's rejection of Section 10 (j) recommendations; inadequacies in the analysis of thermal issues; the potential for impairment to the beneficial uses; and the rejection of some State Clean Water Act 401 conditions. EPA believes FERC should ensure license conditions that require hydropower operations be done in the best practicable manner to minimize harm to beneficial uses. License conditions also need to incorporate thermal success criteria and appropriate language to reopen the license if success criteria are not adequately attained by proposed mitigation. EPA believes additional information is needed to fully assess and mitigate all potential impacts of the management actions.

ERP No. D-IBR-J28020-UT Rating EO2, Narrows Dam and Reservoir Project, Construction of Supplemental Water Supply for Agricultural and Municipal Water Use, Gooseberry Creek, Sanpete and Carbon Counties, UT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objections to the proposed project, and stated that it believes additional, less damaging alternatives are available which would reduce the project related impacts. EPA

requested additional detail on mitigation, project impacts, and alternatives.

ERP No. D-IBR-K39045-CA Rating EC2, Programmatic EIS—Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) of 1992 Implementation, Central Valley, Trinity, Contra Costa, Alameda, Santa Clara and San Benito Counties, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed strong support for the overall intent of CVPIA implementation; alternatives which provide a strong two-pronged commitment to ecosystem restoration and flexible, efficient use of developed water supplies; and use of CVPIA tools to provide efficient management of existing, developed water supplies. EPA requested additional information and explanation on the range of implementation, relationship between PEIS and subsequent rules and regulations, and to the relationship of the PEIS to interim implementation programs and the "Garamendi process"

ERP No. DR-DOI-K40222-TT Rating EO2, Palau Compact Road Construction, Revision to Major Transportation and Communication Link on the Island of Babeldaob, Implementation, Funding, Republic of Palau, Babeldaob Island, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objections because the RDEIS did not provide sufficient documentation that all practicable means have been undertaken by the Corps and the Republic of Palau to avoid and minimize adverse impacts associated with placing dredged or fill material in wetlands and other aquatic resources protected under CWA Section 404.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-L65285-AK, Chasina Timber Sale, Harvesting Timber and Road Construction, Tongass National Forest, Craig Ranger District, Ketchikan Administrative Area, AK.

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

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

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

Dated: July 21, 1998.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-5493-9]

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 July 13, 1998 Through July 17, 1998

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9

EIS No. 980269, Draft EIS, AFS, ID, Eagle Bird Project Area, Timber Harvesting and Road Construction, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, St. Joe Ranger District, Shoshone County, ID, Due: September 07, 1998, Contact: Cameo Flood (208) 245-4517.

EIS No. 980270, Final EIS, FHW, NC, US 70 Improvements Project, I-40 to the Intersection of US 70 and US 70 Business, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Wake and Johnston Counties, NC, Due: August 24, 1998, Contact: Nicholas L. Graf, P.E. (919) 733-7842 ext. 260.

EIS No. 980271, Draft EIS, FHW, IN, US 231 Transportation Project, New Construction from CR-200 N to CR-1150'1, Funding, Right-of-Way Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Spencer and Dubois Counties, IN, Due: October 15, 1998, Contact: Douglas N. Head (317) 226-7487.

EIS No. 980272, Draft EIS, NOA, MS, Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR), Designation, To Conduct Research, Educational Project and Construction, East of the City of Biloxi, Jackson County, MS, Due: September 07, 1998, Contact: Stephanie Thornton (301) 713-3125 ext. 110

EIS No. 980273, Draft Supplement, FTA, PR, Tren Urbano Transit Project, Updated Information for the Minillas Extension, Construction and Operation, San Juan Metropolitan Area, Funding, NPDES Permit, US Coast Guard Bridge Permit and COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, PR, Due: September 07, 1998, Contact: Alex McNeil (404) 562-3511.

EIS No. 980274, Final EIS, FRC, NB, Kingsley Dam Project (FERC. No. 1417) and North Platte/Keystone Diversion Dam (FERC. No. 1835) Hydroelectric Project, Application for Licenses, Near the confluence of the North/South Platte Rivers, Keith, Lincoln, Garden, Dawson and Gasper Counties, NB, August 24, 1998, Contact: Frankie Green (202) 501-7704.