

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared May 3, 1999 Through May 7, 1999 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) 564-7176. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 9, 1999 (64 FR 17362).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-L65321-00 Rating EC2, Douglas-fir Beetle Project, Harvest Tree, Regenerated Forest, Aquatic Restoration and Fuels Reduction, Idaho Panhandle National Forest, Coeur d'Alene River and Priest Lake Ranger District and Colville National Forest, Newport Ranger District, Kootenai, Shoshone and Bonner Counties, ID and Pend Orielle County, WA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding the document's discussion of purpose and need, alternatives, monitoring and road management. EPA requested that these issues be clarified in the final document. In addition, EPA requested that the Forest Service developed a comprehensive plan for dealing with beetle damaged timber in an area that covers nearly 270,100 acres.

ERP No. D-COE-E39032-AL Rating EC2, Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa (ACT) River Basin Compact, Water Allocation, several counties, AL and GA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns that the Draft EIS may not adequately assess the impacts of the water allocation formulas. EPA recommended that comprehensive river basin water quality models be developed to predict impacts to indigenous fish and aquatic life, water quality, consumptive uses, groundwater and recreation for the affected reservoirs and rivers within each basin. EPA also recommended that a baseline be established that would define the water needs for the rivers basins to function in an acceptable manner and that would delineate the limit for maximum water withdrawals.

ERP No. D-DOE-G60007-NM Rating EC2, The Conveyance and Transfer of Certain Land Tracts Administered by the US DOE and Located at Los Alamos

National Laboratory, Los Alamos and Santa Fe Counties, NM.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns since there is no assurance that the measures identified would be implemented by the transferee once transfer occurs. EPA suggests that DOE consider imposing deed restrictions and easements for those transfer lands having resources considered sensitive and having natural, cultural, historical and environmental importance. Further discussion on this matter should be incorporated in the FEIS.

ERP No. D-TVA-E05122-00 Rating EC2, Peaking Capacity Additions, Construction and Operation of Natural Gas-Fired Combustion Turbines, NPDES and COE Section 404 Permits; Three Sites Proposed: Colbert Fossil Plant, Colbert County, AL, Gallatin Fossil Plant, Sumner County, TN and Johnsonville Fossil Plant, Humphreys County, TN.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding coordination of air quality Prevention of Significant Deterioration permits. EPA also requested additional information on commitments for mitigation and the impact related to the natural gas pipeline alternative routes for the Colbert Plant.

ERP No. DS-NOA-B91005-00 Rating LO, Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan, Updated Information concerning Overfishing of Red Hake and Silver Hake Fishiers, Northeast United States.

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

Final EISs

ERP No. F-DOE-E00007-SC Tritium Extraction Facility (TEF), Construction and Operation near the Center of Savannah River Site at H Area, (DOE/EIS-0271), Aiken and Barnwell Counties, SC.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns regarding response to accidental releases. These issues should be addressed in further detail during the design and permitting phases of the project.

ERP No. F-DOE-E09802-00 Commercial Light Water Reactor for the Production of Tritium at one or more Facilities: Watt Bar 1, Spring City, TN; Sequoyah 1 and 2 Soddy Daisy, TN; Bellefonte Unit 1 and 2, Holloewood, AL, Approval of Permits and Licenses, (DOE/EIS-0288) TN and AL.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns regarding potential air quality impacts. These issues should be addressed in further

detail during the design and permitting phases of the project.

ERP No. F-DOE-E09803-SC Accelerator for Production of Tritium at the Savannah River Site (DOE/EIS-0270), Site Specific, Construction and Operation, Aiken and Barnwell Counties, SC.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns regarding wetlands, groundwater, and surface water impacts.

ERP No. FA-NOA-B91017-00 Atlantic Sea Scallop, Placopecten Magellanicus, (Gmelin), Fishery Management Plan (FMP), Updated and Additional Information, Amendment No. 7.

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

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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 17, 1999 Through May 21, 1999. Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 990167, Draft EIS, FHW, AK, C Street Corridor Project, Improvements from O'Malley Road to International Airport Road, NPDES and COE. Section 404 Permits, Municipality of Anchorage, AK, Due: July 12, 1999, Contact: Jim Bryson (907) 596-7428.

EIS No. 990168, Final EIS, AFS, AK, Sea Level Harvest Timber Sale, Implementation, Tongass National Forest, Ketchikan Ranger District, U.S. Coast Guard Permit, NPDES and COE. Section 10 and 404 Permits, Revillagigedo (Revilla) Island/ Cleveland Peninsula, AK, Due: June 28, 1999, Contact: Craig Trulock (907) 228-4125.

EIS No. 990169, Final EIS, USA, Stratford Army Engine Plant (SAEP) Disposal and Reuse, Implementation, City of Stratford, Fairfield and New Haven Counties, CT, Due: June 28,