

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6245-2]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared July 12, 1999 Through July 16, 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) 564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 09, 1999 (64 FR 17362).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-J65306-MT Rating EC2, Nevada/Dalton Project, Implementation of Fire Treatment, Timber Harvest, Travel Management of Road, Helena National Forest, Lincoln Ranger District, Lewis & Clark and Powell Counties, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding lack of an air quality impact analysis to determine impacts from prescribed burning, the lack of information and commitment to carrying out a monitoring program to identify impacts from the implementation activities and the potential drift of herbicides to aquatic areas from aerial application. EPA noted that proposed actions need to be consistent with the State of Montana's TMDL development.

ERP No. D-FAA-K51038-CA Rating EO2, San Jose International Airport Master Plan Update, Improvements include Extension of Runway 12R/30L from 10,200 ft to 11,000 ft; Extension of Runway 12L/30R, Airport Layout Plan, City of San Jose, Santa Clara County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objections due to a lack of full disclosure of noise impacts. EPA also suggested that opportunities may exist to reduce the use of hazardous materials, reduce hazardous waste generation, adopt more comprehensive solid waste recycling, reduce the use of pesticides and fertilizers, and protect water quality and groundwater. EPA expressed serious concern about the project's potential air quality impacts, including projected exceedances of a Federal air quality standard and projected emissions increases for at least eight hazardous air pollutants.

ERP No. DA-FHW-K40105-CA Rating LO, Devil's Slide Bypass Improvements, CA-1 To Half Moon Bay Airport to Linda Mar Boulevard, Updated Information, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Pacifica and San Mateo Counties, CA.

Summary: EPA reviewed the Devil's Slide Draft Supplemental EIS, expressed a lack of objections to the project.

ERP No. DS-DOE-A09828-00 Rating EC2, Surplus Plutonium Disposition (DOE/EIS-0283-DS) for Siting, New and Revised Information, Construction and Operation of three facilities for Plutonium Disposition, Possible Sites Hanford, Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, Pantex Plant and Savannah River, CA, ID, NM, SC, TX and WA.

Summary: EPA continues to express concerns regarding effects on water and ecological resources and the presence of contamination in the existing environment and lack of assurance that the proposed operations would not lead to further adverse impacts.

ERP No. DS-FHW-K40220-CA Rating **3, CA-125 South Route Location, Adoption and Construction, between CA-905 on Otay Mesa to CA-54 in Spring Valley, Updated and Additional Information, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, San Diego County, CA.

Summary: EPA determined that the SDEIS was greatly limited in its discussion of potentially significant impact from the direct, indirect, secondary, and cumulative impacts to wetlands, waters of the U.S., water quality, air quality, and biological resources. EPA recommends that a supplemental EIS be prepared and circulated for comment.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-BLM-K65217-AZ Ray Land Exchange/Plan Amendment, Implementation, Exchange of Federal Lands for Public Lands, Pinal, Gila and Mohave Counties, AZ.

Summary: EPA continues to object to the proposed project based on its potential to cause significant, continued degradation of resources in the project area and has requested appropriate mitigation of impacts to wildlife, habitat, and water resources.

ERP No. F-FAA-D51026-00 Potomac Consolidated Terminal (PCT) Radar Approach Control Facility (TRACON), To consolidated four TRACON in Baltimore-Washington Metro Terminal Area, Possible Site is Vint Hill Farms, VA, DC and MD.

Summary: EPA's previous concerns have been adequately addressed therefore, EPA has no objection to the action.

Other

ERP No. LF-AFS-K65185-CA Tahoe National Forest and Portion of Plumas and EL Dorado National Forests, Implementation, Twenty-Two Westside Rivers for Suitability and inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, Wild and Scenic River Study, Placer, Nevada, Sierra, Plumas, EL Dorado and Yuba Counties, CA.

Summary: EPA continues to object to the Forest Service's decision to designate the Downieville complex or to actively seek Research Natural Area or Special Interest Area designation to ensure protection of its acknowledged, exceptional ecosystem values. EPA support the proposed designation of Canyon Creek, lower South Yuba River, and the North Yuba River.

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Organophosphate Pesticide; Pesticide Registration Notice; Availability for Public Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability for public comment of a Pesticide Registration Notice that presents EPA's proposed approach for managing risks from organophosphate pesticides to occupational users. The approach described in this notice applies to both workers and handlers as defined by the Worker Protection Standard (WPS), and other persons not specifically covered by WPS, who nonetheless perform similar activities and are exposed to pesticides in a similar manner. In general, this proposed approach provides for baseline protective measures for all occupational situations where these measures are feasible and where current risk assessments show that they are necessary, including closed mixing and loading systems, enclosed cab equipment or equivalent protective clothing, and increased reentry intervals. Further, this notice outlines the steps that EPA will take to address situations when the baseline mitigation measures are not feasible, or situations where maximum feasible mitigation is