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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared August 2, 1999 Through August 6, 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 9, 1999 (64 FR 17362).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-J65302-UT

Rating EC2, South Manti Timber Salvage, To address Ecological and Economic Values affected by Spruce Beetle Activity in the South Manti Project, Manti-La National Forest, Ferron-Price and Sanpete Ranger Districts, Sanpete and Sevier Counties, UT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding potential increased sediment loads to several water quality limited streams, and the analysis of potential wetland impacts. EPA recommends that the Forest Service identify and commit to mitigation that would reduce sediment yield to the 303(d) listed streams equal to or greater than the predicted sediment yield from project activities.

ERP No. D-BLM-J02036-WY

Rating EC2, Continental Divide/Wamsutter II Natural Gas Project, Implementation of Natural Gas Exploration and Development, Sweetwater and Carbon Counties, WY.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about potentially significant adverse impacts to air quality, surface water quality, wildlife, and desert habitat. EPA recommended the development and implementation of an Adaptive Environmental Management Plan (AEMP) to verify, monitor, and modify

proposed mitigation measures to off-set potential adverse impacts.

ERP No. D-BLM-J02037-WY

Rating EC2, South Baggs Natural Gas Development Area, Proposal to Drill and Develop 50 Natural Gas Wells, Application for Permit to Drill and COE Section 404 Permit, Carbon County, WY.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about potentially significant adverse impacts to air quality, water quality, soils, wildlife and wetlands. EPA recommended the development and implementation of an Adaptive Environmental Management Plan (AEMP) to verify, monitor, and modify proposed mitigation measures to off-set potential adverse impacts.

ERP No. D-BLM-J65304-WY

Rating EC2, Wyodak Coal Bed Methane Project, Implementation of Road Construction, Drilling Operation, Electrical Distribution Line, Powder River Basin, Campbell and Converse Counties, WY.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns related to water quantity and monitoring procedures. EPA requested that additional information on these issues be included in the next document.

ERP No. D-COE-F39036-IL

Rating EO2, Hunter Lake New Supplemental Water Supply Reservoir, Construction, City of Springfield Application for Permit, Sangamon County, IL.

Summary: EPA expressed objection regarding the Purpose and Need/alternatives analysis, potential impact to water quality and wetlands, and the lack of completed mitigation plans.

ERP No. D-FHW-D40299-WV

Rating EC2, Coalfields Expressway Transportation Improvements, Funding, NPDES and COE Section 404 Permits, McDowell, Wyoming and Raleigh Counties, WV.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns that the level of detail provided for a highway corridor is not sufficient for selecting an alignment or footprint within that corridor. The Final EIS should explain whether there will be an opportunity to review and comment on alignments within the selected corridor.

ERP No. D-NOA-A91066-00

Rating EC2, Tilefish Fishery Management Plan (FMP), (Lopholatilus chamaeleonticeps), To Prevent Overfishing and to Rebuild the Resource

of Tilefish, Located along the Atlantic Ocean.

Summary: EPA had environmental concerns about the proposed regulations and the sufficiency of the information in the document. Those concerns focused mainly on the alternatives section of the document.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-EDA-D80026-PA

Lackawanna County New Business Park, Development and Operation, Funding Support from Economic Development Administration (EDA) under Title I, Site Lies Within Moosic Mountain Range, Straddling Jessup and Olyphant Boroughs, Lackawanna County, PA.

Summary: EPA continues to have concerns with the selection of the preferred alternative and its impacts on a rare terrestrial habitat and species of special status.

ERP No. F-NCP-D61050-MD

National Harbor Project, Construction and Operation along the Potomac River on a 534 acre site adjacent to the Capital Beltway and Oxon Hill Manor, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Prince George's County, MD.

Summary: EPA has concerns regarding impacts to aquatic resources, air pollution and environmental justice issues. EPA is trying to resolve some of the outstanding issues with the applicant.

ERP No. F-NOA-A91064-00

Atlantic Bluefish Fishery Management, Fishery Management Plan, Implementation, Nova Scotia to Florida, Northwestern Atlantic Ocean.

Summary: EPA expressed a lack of objection to the proposed action.

ERP No. F-USN-K11078-00

Marianas Islands Military Training, Implementation, Marianas Training Plan, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Asia, Hawaii and Alaska.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns on the effects on coral spawning from military training; the possibility of accidental introduction of Brown Tree Snake to Farallon de Medinilla (FDM); and to requested additional compensatory mitigations for biological resource impacts on FDM.

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