

“COMMENTS”, “NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION”, “COMPETING APPLICATION”, “PROTEST”, “MOTION TO INTERVENE”, as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission’s regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency’s comments must also be sent to the Applicant’s representatives.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER–FRL–6609–4]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared 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 14, 2000 (65 FR 20157).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D–AFS–A65168–00 Rating EC2, Forest Service Roadless Area Conservation, Implementation, Proposal to Protect Roadless Areas.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with the proposed alternative, citing potential adverse impacts to water quality and aquatic habitat. EPA also commented that the draft EIS does not adequately justify excluding the Tongass National Forest from the proposed rulemaking.

ERP No. D–AFS–J61103–MT Rating EC2, Discovery Ski Area Expansion, Implementation, Special-Use-Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Pintler Ranger District, Rumsey Mountain, Granite County, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding the lack of information to support expansion of the ski area; inadequate analysis and disclosure of indirect effects of induced development; and effects of additional snowmaking and increased wastewater pollutant loadings to area ground water. EPA requested additional information in the final document to assess and mitigate potential environmental impacts of the management actions.

ERP No. D–AFS–K65227–CA Rating EC2, 64-Acre Tract Intermodal Transit Center, Construction and Operation, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Tahoe City, Placer County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding water quality impacts and cumulative impacts associated with the proposal. EPA also had concerns because there is no provision for solid waste recycling nor integration of pollution prevention mechanisms in the project.

ERP No. D–NPS–K61149–CA Rating EC2, Yosemite Valley Plan, A Comprehensive Look of at Four Areas of Concern: Resource Preservation and Restoration, Visitor Enjoyment, Transportation, and Employee Housing, from Happy Isles to El Portal Road/Big Oak Flat Road, Merced River, several counties, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns regarding the vehicle emission impacts from the proposed shuttle bus systems. EPA requested more information on the standards and criteria that will be used to select the fuel(s) technology used in the shuttle bus fleets.

ERP No. D–USN–K39059–HI Rating EC2, North Pacific Acoustic Laboratory Project, Reuse of Low Frequency Sound Source and Cable for Use in Acoustic Thermometry of Ocean Climate (ATOC) Research, Kauai, HI.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding potential direct, indirect and cumulative impacts to marine fish specie, turtles, seabirds and marine mammals. EPA

recommended an implementing program lasting 24 to 36 months rather than the proposed 60 months, because of uncertainties regarding potential impacts to marine species. EPA also recommended Federal agency coordination to determine if marine mammal monitoring should be expanded to monitor populations of turtles and marine fish.

ERP No. DS–AFS–L65289–00 Rating EC2, Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Projects, Updated and New Information on three Management Alternatives, Implementation, WA, OR, ID and MT.

Summary: EPA continues to have concern that there is no discussion on how the FS and BLM will address competing objectives and the implications of implementing the preferred alternative with insufficient funding. In addition, there is no oversight process to ensure proper implementation and monitoring of the project. EPA requested that a multi-agency oversight organization be chartered.

Final EISs

ERP No. F–AFS–L65275–00 Targhee National Forest Plan Oil and Gas Leasing Analysis, Implementation, Bonneville, Butte, Clark, Fremont and Madison Counties, ID and Teton County, WY.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F–BLM–J02038–WY Pinedale Anticline Oil and Gas Exploration and Development Natural Gas Wells Project, Implementation, Sublette County, WY.

Summary: ERP No. F–BLM–K67049–CA Soledad Canyon Sand and Gravel Mining Project, Proposal to Mine, Produce and Sell, “Split Estate” Private Owned and Federally Owned Lands, Transit Mixed Concrete, Los Angeles County, CA.

Summary: EPA concurred with BLM’s conformity determination and is satisfied that air quality standards will be protected. EPA expressed continuing concerns that a jurisdictional analysis has not yet been conducted for waters of the U.S., and potential impacts and appropriate mitigation measures remain uncertain.

ERP No. F–IBR–K64018–CA Lower Mokelumne River Restoration Program, Implementation, Resource Management Plan, San Joaquin County, CA.

Summary: EPA has no objection to the action as proposed since EPA’s comments on the Draft were adequately addressed. EPA did recommend that the Record of Decision clearly state the

specific actions to be taken in response to comments.

ERP No. F-NPS-K65325-CA
Merced Wild and Scenic River
Comprehensive Management Plan,
Implementation, Yosemite National
Park and the EL Portal Administrative
Site, Tuolumne, Merced, Mono,
Mariposa and Madera Counties, CA.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. FS-NOA-A91065-00
Atlantic Tunas, Swordfish and Sharks,
Highly Migratory Species Fishery
Management Plan.

Summary: EPA concurs with the proposed time/area closures to reduce longline bycatch but recommends resolving the potential adverse effects on protected turtles prior to any issuance of the ROD and Final Rule. Further research under the auspices of NOAA/NMFS should be pursued regarding the effectiveness of the considered longline gear modifications such as use of circle hooks.

Dated: July 18, 2000.

Joseph C. Montgomery,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6609-3]

Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information, (202) 564-7167 or www.epa.gov/oeca/ofa
Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

Filed July 10, 2000 Through July 14, 2000

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

- EIS No. 000243, Draft EIS, FHW, CO, South I-25 and US 85 Corridors Improvements, CO-470 to Castle Rock, Funding, Douglas County, CO, Due: September 05, 2000, Contact: Scott Sands P.E. (303) 969-6730.
- EIS No. 000244, Draft EIS, AFS, CA, Airport Forest Health Project, Forest Health Improvements through Reduction of Fuel Loads and Fire Hazards and Wildlife Habitat Improvements Implementation, Pacific Ranger District, El Dorado National Forest, El Dorado and Placer Counties, CA, Due: September 05, 2000, Contact: Krista Deal (530) 644-2349.
- EIS No. 000245, Draft EIS, FRA, FL, GA, MD, PA, CA, LA, NV, Programmatic—Maglev Deployment Program, Development and Construction of an Operating Public Transportation System using Magnetic Levitation, Grants Issuance, CA, FL, GA, LA, MD, NV and PA, Due: September 05, 2000, Contact: David Valenstein (202) 493-6383.
- EIS No. 000246, Draft EIS, AFS, OR, Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort Master Development Plan, Upgrading and Additional Development, Approval, Baker Ranger District, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, Grant, Union and Baker Counties, OR, Due: September 05, 2000, Contact: Charles L. Ernst (541) 523-1901.
- EIS No. 000247, Final EIS, AFS, UT, Monroe Mountain Ecosystem Restoration Project, Implementation, Fishlake National Forest, Richfield Ranger District, Sevier and Piute Counties, UT, Due: August 21, 2000, Contact: Don Okerlund (435) 896-9233.
- EIS No. 000248, Final EIS, FAA, TX, George Bush Intercontinental Airport Houston, Construction and Operation, Runway 8L-26R and Associated Near Term Master Plan Projects, Funding and Airport Layout Plan Approval, City of Houston, Harris County, TX, Due: August 21, 2000, Contact: Ben R. Guttery (817) 222-5614.
- EIS No. 000249, Final EIS, SFW, WA, Simpson Washington Timberlands Forest Management and Timber Harvesting Project, Proposed Issuing of a Multiple Species Incidental Take Permit, Mason, Thurston and Gray Harbor Counties, WA, Due: August 21, 2000, Contact: Craig Hansen (360) 753-9440.
- EIS No. 000250, Final Supplement, IBR, NM, CO, Animas-La Plata Project (APL Project), Municipal and Industrial Water Supply, Reservoir Construction in Ridges Basin, Implementation and Water Acquisition, Additional Information concerning Project Alternatives Developed in 1996 through 1997, CO and NM, Due: August 21, 2000, Contact: Lilas Lindell (801) 524-3689.
- EIS No. 000251, Final EIS, IBR, CA, Programmatic—Calfed Bay-Delta Program, Long-Term Comprehensive Plan to Restore Ecosystem Health and Improve Water Management, Implementation, San Francisco Bay—Sacramento/San Joaquin River Bay-Delta, CA, Due: August 21, 2000, Contact: Rodney Johnson (916) 653-7286.
- EIS No. 000252, Final EIS, FHW, MI, I-96 East Howell Interchange Project,

Transportation Improvements, Funding, Major Investment Study, Cities of Howell and Brighton, Livingston County, MI, Due: August 21, 2000, Contact: James Kirschensteine (517) 377-1880-Ext 41).

Dated: July 18, 2000.

Joseph C. Montgomery,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[PF-953; FRL-6593-5]

Notice of Filing a Pesticide Petition to Establish a Tolerance for a Certain Pesticide Chemical in or on Food

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the initial filing of a pesticide petition proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of a certain pesticide chemical in or on various food commodities.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket control number PF-953, must be received on or before August 21, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I.C. of the "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION." To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number PF-953 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Mary L. Waller, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-9354; e-mail address: waller.mary@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be affected by this action if you are an agricultural producer, food manufacturer or pesticide manufacturer. Potentially affected categories and entities may include, but are not limited to: