

EPA's conformity rule requires that transportation plans, programs, and projects conform to state air quality implementation plans (SIPs) and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they do. Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards.

The criteria by which we determine whether a SIP's motor vehicle emission budgets are adequate for conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). Please note that an adequacy review is separate from EPA's completeness review.

We've described our process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in guidance (May 14, 1999 memo titled "Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision"). We followed this guidance in making our adequacy determination.

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Chuck Findley,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 10.

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7157 or www.epa.gov/oeca/ofa
Weekly Receipt of Environmental Impact Statements
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Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9

EIS No. 000253, Draft EIS, AFS, MN,
Little East Creek Fuel Reduction Project, Plan to Grant Access Across Federal Land to Non-Federal Landowners, Implementation, LaCroix Ranger District, Superior National Forest, Saint Louis County, MN, Due: September 11, 2000, Contact: Jim Thompson (218) 666-0020.

EIS No. 000254, Draft EIS, AFS, ID,
South Fourth of July Ecosystem Restoration Project, Implementation, Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District, Salmon-Challis National Forest, Lemhi County, ID, Due: September 11, 2000, Contact: Doug Weaver (208) 756-5219.

EIS No. 000255, Final EIS, FRC, CA, UT, AZ, NM, Southern Trails Pipeline Project (CP99-163-000), Conversion of an Existing Crude Oil Pipeline (known as the ARCO Four Corners Pipeline Line 90 System), Construction and Operation, CA, AZ, UT and NM, Due: August 28, 2000, Contact: Paul McKee (202) 208-1066.

EIS No. 000256, Draft EIS, COE, NJ, Meadowlands Mills Project, Construction of a Mixed-Use Commercial Development, Permit Application Number 95-07-440-RS for Issuance of a USCOE Section 404 Permit, Boroughs of Carlstadt and Monnachie, Township of South Hackensack, Bergen County, NJ, Due: September 11, 2000, Contact: Steven Schumach (212) 264-0183.

EIS No. 000257, Draft EIS, USN, CA, Point Mugu Sea Range Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division (NAWCWPWS), Proposes To Accommodate TMD Testing and Training, Additional Training Exercises, Ventura, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, San Diego and San Luis Obispo Counties, CA, Due: September 11, 2000, Contact: Cora Fields (888) 217-9045.

EIS No. 000258, Draft EIS, DOE, TN, WA, ID, Programmatic—Accomplishing Expanded Civilian Nuclear Energy Research and Development and Isotope Production Missions in the United States, Including the Role of the Fast Flux Test, ID, TN, WA, Due: September 18, 2000, Contact: Colette E. Brown (877) 562-4593.

EIS No. 000259, Draft EIS, SFW, CA, Bolsa Chica Lowlands Restoration Project, Creation of Wetland Habitat Areas, Approval and Issuance of USCOE Section 404 and USCGD Bridge Permits, Orange County, CA, Due: September 11, 2000, Contact: Jack Fancher (760) 431-9440. USFWS and USCOE are Joint Lead Agencies for the above EIS.

Dated: July 25, 2000.

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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 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 the **Federal Register** dated April 14, 2000 (65 FR 20157).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-FHW-D40307-VA Rating EC2, Coalfields Expressway Location Study, Improvements from Route 23 near Pound, VA to the WV State Line east of Slate, VA, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Wise, Dickerson and Buchanan, VA.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns about the direct impact to forests, streams and wetlands. EPA recommends that VDOT and FHWA consider flexibility in the design standards of this road to allow for contact sensitive design and that the right-of-way limits and clearing be kept to a minimum.

ERP No. D-RUS-E39053-KY Rating EC2, Jackson County Lake Project, Implementation, To Provide Adequate Water Supplies for the Projected Residential, Commercial and Industrial Needs, Funding and Possible COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Jackson County, KY.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns due to long-term water quality implications of the proposal and request additional information regarding project purposed/need.

ERP No. DS-FTA-C40046-NY Rating LO, Buffalo Inner Harbor Development Project, Waterfront Redevelopment, Funding and COE Section 10 and 404 Permit Issuance, New Information in Response to a Court Order concerning Historic Preservation, Eric County, NY.

Summary: EPA has no objection to implementation of the proposed project.

FINAL EISs

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.