

quality and existing impaired waterbodies. EPA recommends that the EIS include plans to obliterate roads versus closing them; a comprehensive road plan that balances environmental effects, funding constraints, and access needs and includes maintenance and monitoring elements; and a strategy to restore impaired waters that is based on the 303(d) protocol.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-L65313-ID, Silver Creek Integrated Resource Project, Implementation, Middle Fork Payette River, Boise National Forest, Boise and Valley Counties, ID.

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

ERP No. F-AFS-L65329-AK, Skipping Cow Timber Sale, Harvesting Timber, South half of Zarembo Island, Tongass National Forest, Wrangell Ranger District.

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

ERP No. F-BLM-L67037-ID, Dry Valley Mine—South Extension Project, Construction of two New Open Pit Mine, Special-Use-Permit, COE Section 404 Permit, Public and Private Land Used, Caribou County, ID.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns that the area surrounding the proposed project would be at risk without commitments in the ROD. EPA requested that the ROD require regular analysis and reporting of data, a strategy for dealing with unforeseen circumstances at the site, bonding adequate to reclaim the site, and clear acknowledgment that land application of wastewater has not been approved by BLM.

ERP No. F-COE-K36130-AZ, Tres Rios Feasibility Study Project, Ecosystem Restoration, Located at the Salt, Gila and Agua Fria Rivers, City of Phoenix, Maricopa County, AZ.

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

ERP No. F-TVA-E70001-TN, Tim Ford Reservoir Land Management and Disposition Plan, Implementation, Tim Ford Reservoir, Franklin and Moore Counties, TN.

Summary: EPA continues to be concerned about potential water quality concerns involving shoreline development of the reservoir.

Dated: August 1, 2000.

Ken Mittelholtz,

Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6609-7]

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 24, 2000 Through July 28, 2000

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 000260, FINAL EIS, FHW, ME, Augusta River Crossing Study, To Reduce Traffic Deficiencies within the Transportation System Serving the City of Augusta, Funding, Kennebec River, Kennebec County, ME, Due: September 05, 2000, Contact: Mr. A. Graham Bailey (207) 622-8487.

EIS No. 000261, DRAFT EIS, BOP, CA, Lompoc United States Penitentiary (UPS) Construction and Operation of a New High-Security Facility and Ancillary Structures on One of Three Sites located in the City of Lompoc, Funding, Santa Barbara County, CA, Due: September 18, 2000, Contact: David J. Dorworth (202) 514-6470.

EIS No. 000262, FINAL EIS, FHW, PA, Mon/Fayette Transportation Project, Improvements from Uniontown to Brownsville Area, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Fayette and Washington Counties, PA, Due: September 05, 2000, Contact: Daniel W. Johnson (717) 221-2276.

EIS No. 000263, FINAL EIS, FHW, TX, TX-45 Highway Project, Extending from Anderson Mill Road just west of US 183 to Farm-to-Market Road 685 (FM-685) east of IH-35, Funding, Williamson and Travis Counties, TX, Due: September 05, 2000, Contact: Mr. Walter Waidelich (512) 916-5988.

EIS No. 000264, FINAL EIS, COE, FL, Improving the Regulatory Process in Southwest Florida for the Review of Applications for the Fill of Wetlands (US Army COE Section 404 Permit), Lee and Collier Counties, FL, Due: September 05, 2000, Contact: Bob Barron (904) 232-2203.

EIS No. 000265, DRAFT EIS, SFW, OH, Little Darby National Wildlife Refuge Establishment in the Little Darby Creek Watershed for Restoration, Preservation, Enhancement and Protection of Fish and Wildlife Resources, Madison and Union Counties, OH, Due: September 28, 2000, Contact: Thomas J. Larson (612) 713-5430.

EIS No. 000266, FINAL EIS, DOE, Sodium-Bonded Spent Nuclear Fuel

Treatment and Management, Candidate Disposal Sites are Argonne National Laboratory-West (ANL-W) located within the boundaries of the Idaho National Laboratory, ID and the Savannah River Sites (SRS) F-Area and L-Area, SC, Due: September 05, 2000, Contact: Susan M. Lesica (301) 903-8755.

EIS No. 000267, FINAL SUPPLEMENT, COE, FL, Central and Southern Florida Project for Flood Control and Other Purposes, Everglades National Park Modified Water Deliveries, New Information concerning Flood Mitigation to the 8.5 Square Mile Area (SMA), Implementation, South Miami, Dade County, FL, Due: September 05, 2000, Contact: Dennis Barnett (404) 562-5225.

EIS No. 000268, DRAFT EIS, COE, MO, Chesterfield Valley Flood Control Study, Improvement Flood Protection, City of Chesterfield, St. Louis County, MO, Due: September 18, 2000, Contact: D. Foley (314) 331-8648.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 000180, DRAFT EIS, NRS, MS, New Porters Bayou Watershed Plan, Reducing Flood and Drainage Damage To Cropland, Improvements to Watershed Channels, City of Shaw, Bolivar and Sunflower Counties, MS, Due: July 31, 2000, Contact: Homer L. Wilkes (601) 965-5205.

Officially Withdrawn by the Preparing Agency.

Dated: August 1, 2000.

Ken Mittelholtz,

Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6846-1]

Notification of Proposed Policy Change; Superfund Construction Completion List

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposed policy change.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is today proposing to revise its policy with respect to the Construction Completion category established in the National Priorities List (NPL) under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended (CERCLA). Existing Agency

policy had limited sites eligible for inclusion to the Construction Completion List (CCL) to sites that are on the NPL at the time a determination is made that all physical construction has been completed. As a result, deleted sites would never qualify for the CCL if physical construction remains at the time of deletion from the NPL.

The proposed policy would allow all sites that are on the NPL or have been deleted from the NPL to be eligible for the CCL when all physical construction under all authorities is complete and all other applicable construction completion policy criteria have been satisfied. This will allow Superfund to track and report completion of all construction activities at NPL sites.

DATES: Comments on the proposed policy change must be submitted by September 5, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: Mr. Richard Jeng, Office of Emergency and Remedial Response (5204-G), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Richard Jeng, Office of Emergency and Remedial Response (5204-G), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460 at (703) 603-8749 or e-mail Jeng.Richard@epa.gov or the RCRA/Superfund Hotline from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, toll free at 1-(800)-424-9346.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

During the initial years of the Superfund program, outside audiences often measured Superfund's progress in cleaning up sites by the number of sites deleted from the NPL as compared to the number of sites on the NPL. This measure, however, did not and still does not fully recognize the substantial construction and reduction of risk to human health and the environment that has occurred at NPL sites. In response, the National Contingency Plan Preamble **Federal Register** (FR) Notice (55 FR 8699, March 8, 1990) established a Construction Completion category of NPL sites to more clearly communicate to the public the status of cleanup progress among sites on the NPL.

A later Notification of Policy Change **Federal Register** Notice (58 FR 12142, March 2, 1993) introduced the Superfund Construction Completions List (CCL) “* * * to simplify its system of categorizing sites and to better communicate the successful completion of cleanup activities.” A total of 155 sites were included on this initial list.

The same notice that introduced the CCL also indicated that “* * * deleted sites will not qualify for the CCL if physical construction remains to be conducted under another statutory authority.” As a result, EPA adopted the policy where only sites on the NPL (*i.e.*, not proposed or deleted sites) should qualify for inclusion to the CCL. In EPA's Close Out Procedures for National Priorities List Sites (Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response Directive 9320.2-09 A-P, January 2000) guidance, EPA defined a construction completion site as a former toxic waste site where physical construction of all cleanup actions is complete, all immediate threats have been addressed, and all long-term threats are under control.

B. Notice of Proposed Policy Change

Construction Completion List (CCL) will now include sites deleted from the NPL.

EPA now believes it is important to assess all NPL Superfund sites, including those that have been deleted, to ensure that all construction of response actions has been completed. In doing so, EPA believes that although a site is deleted from the Superfund NPL, it should be accounted for on the CCL when EPA determines that all physical construction is complete under all statutory authorities and all applicable construction completion policy criteria have been satisfied. Any previously listed NPL Superfund site added to the CCL as a result of this proposed policy change will be subject to all report documentation requirements as currently required for construction completions at NPL sites. Program projections indicate that this proposed policy revision could eventually affect up to eight sites currently deleted from the NPL. This includes sites deleted from the NPL as a result of deferral of physical construction to another authority. Should the proposed policy change become effective during the current fiscal year, one of the eight sites will have all physical construction completed under all authorities and will be added to the CCL in fiscal year 2000.

Notice: This document does not substitute for EPA's statutes or regulations, nor is it a regulation itself. Thus, it does not impose legally-binding requirements on EPA, states, or the regulated community. EPA may change this guidance in the future, as appropriate.

Dated: July 27, 2000.

Timothy Fields, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6845-3]

State Program Requirements; Application to Administer the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program; Maine

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; extension of public comment period on application for approval of the Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

SUMMARY: The State of Maine has submitted a request for approval of the Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) Program pursuant to section 402 of the Clean Water Act. On December 30, 1999 (64 FR 73552) EPA published a notice requesting comments on the Maine application by February 29, 2000. On June 28, 2000 (65 FR 39899) EPA published an extension of the comment period until July 28, 2000. Today, EPA is extending the comment period on the State's request until August 21, 2000 in response a request from commenters, solely for the purposes of taking comment on the question of whether EPA should approve the State's application to administer its program in the lands or territories of the Indian Tribes in Maine.

DATES: EPA Region I will take written comments solely on the question of whether EPA should approve the State's application to operate its program in the lands or territories of the Indian Tribes in Maine through August 21, 2000 at its office in Boston, MA. EPA requests that copies of such written comments also be provided to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MEDEP).

ADDRESSES: Written comments must be submitted to: Stephen Silva, USEPA Maine State Office, 1 Congress Street—Suite 1100 (CME), Boston, MA 02114-2023. EPA requests that a copy of each comment be submitted to: Dennis Merrill, MEDEP, Statehouse Station #17, Augusta, ME 04333-0017.

Copies of documents Maine has submitted in support of its program approval request may be reviewed during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, at: EPA Region I, 11th Floor Library, 1