

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

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Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 000335, Final EIS, FHW, WI,

WI-113 Wisconsin River Crossing at Merrimac, Improvements, US Coast Guard and COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Columbia and Sauk Counties, WI, Due: November 06, 2000, Contact: Peter Garcia (608) 829-7513.

EIS No. 000336, Draft EIS, BLM, MA,

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, General Management Plan, Implementation, Bristol County, MA, Due: December 01, 2000, Contact: John Piltzecker (508) 996-4095.

EIS No. 000337, Draft Supplement, IBR,

CA, East Bay Municipal Utility District Supplemental Water Supply Project and Water Service Contract Amendment, New and Additional Information on Alternatives, American River Division of the Central Valley Project (CVP), Sacramento County, CA, Due: November 20, 2000, Contact: Rob Schroeder (916) 988-1707.

EIS No. 000338, Draft EIS, STB, SD, WY,

MN, Powder River Basin Expansion Project, Construction of New Rail Facilities, Finance Docket No. 33407 Dakota, Minnesota and Eastern Railroad, SD, WY and MN, Due: November 20, 2000, Contact: Victoria Rutson (202) 565-1545.

EIS No. 000339, Final EIS, AFS, KY,

Daniel Boone National Forest, Implementation, Salvage Harvest Due to 1998 Storm Damage Timber, McCreary and Pulaski County, KY, Due: November 06, 2000, Contact: Benjamin T. Washington (606) 679-2018.

EIS No. 000340, Final EIS, AFS, ID,

Warm Springs Ridge Vegetation Management Project, Improve Forest Condition, Boise National Forest, Cascade Resource Area, Boise County, ID, Due: November 06, 2000, Contact: Kathy Ramirez (208) 392-6681.

EIS No. 000341, Final Supplement,

COE, CA, Port of Los Angeles Channel Deepening Project, To Improve Navigation and Disposal of Dredge Material for the Inner Harbor Channels, Los Angeles County, CA, Due: November 06, 2000, Contact: Larry Smith (213) 452-3846.

EIS No. 000342, Draft EIS, NOAA, AK,

Cook Inlet Beluga Whale Stock, Federal Actions Associated with the Management and Recovery, Implementation, Cook Inlet, AK, Due: November 20, 2000, Contact: P. Michael Payne (907) 586-2735.

EIS No. 000343, Draft EIS, UAF, TX,
Brooks City Base Project, To Improve Mission Effectiveness and Reduce Cost of Quality Installation Support, Implementation, Brooks Air Force Base, Bexar County, TX, Due: November 20, 2000, Contact: Jonathan D. Farthing (210) 536-3668.

EIS No. 000344, Draft EIS, BLM, UT, 3R
Minerals Coal Bed Canyon Mine Plan, Approval, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Garfield County, UT, Due: December 04, 2000, Contact: Paul Chapman (435) 644-4309.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 000196, Draft EIS, NPS, MN,
Voyageurs National Park General Management, Visitor Use and Facilities Plans, Implementation, Koochiching and St. Louis Counties, MN, Due: October 23, 2000, Contact: Kathleen Przybylski (218) 283-9821. Revision of FR notice published on 06/23/2000: CEQ Comment Date has been Extended from 09-22-2000 to 10/23/2000.

Dated: October 2, 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 FR dated April 14, 2000 (65 FR 20157).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-K65359-00 Rating EC2, Northern Sierra Amendment to the Toiyabe Land and Resource Management, To Unify and Revise Management Direction, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Carson Ranger District, Stanislaus National Forest, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Douglas and Washoe Counties, NV and Alpine and Toulomne Counties, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns related to purpose and need and the timing of the plan amendment in advance of the 15 year deadline for Forest Plan revision set for June 23, 2001. Specific concerns were expressed regarding the lack of standards and guidelines promoting road decommissioning pursuant to the Chief's Natural Resource Agenda and the Clean Water Action Plan.

ERP No. D-AFS-L65362-ID Rating EC2, West Mountain North Project, Timber Harvest, Road Construction and Reconstruction), Boise National Forest, Cascade Ranger District, Valley County, ID.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns over water and air quality. EPA requested that further information on these concerns be provided in the final EIS.

ERP No. D-COE-E30041-NC Rating EC2, Dare County Beaches (Bodie Island Portion) Hurricane Wave Protection and Beach Erosion Control. The towns of Nags Head, Kill Devil Hills, Kitty Hawk, Dare County, NC.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns due to the open-ended loss of biotic stability along the project shoreline which was not mitigated by the incremental gain in sea turtle nesting habitat.

ERP No. D-FRC-F03008-00 Rating EO2, Guardian Pipeline Project, Proposal to Construct and Operate an Interstate Natural Gas Pipeline that would extend from Joliet (Will County), IL and Ixonia (Jefferson County), WI.

Summary: EIS raised objections and identified several issues that were not adequately addressed in the Draft EIS, including the cumulative impacts analysis, mitigation measures, and the definition of the project purpose and need.

ERP No. D-IBR-K29000-AZ Rating EC2, Central Arizona Project (CAP), Allocation of Water Supply and Long-Term Contract Execution, Maricopa, Pinal and Pima Counties, AZ.

Summary: EPA expressed concern that there was minimal discussion and commitment to available tools for enhancing water management flexibility/reliability and providing long-term sustainable use of the allocated water. EPA also had concerns regarding the potential impacts to soil salinity, land subsidence, sustainable groundwater yields, and the specifics of the long-term water supply contracts. EPA did express strong support for the underlying goal of a long-term sustainable water supply by achieving a balance between water use/demand and available water resources EPA also urged Reclamation to take a role beyond

just mere allocation of CAP water and to promote efficient, equitable and sustainable use of the allocated water as part of this Federal action.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-J65315-UT, Monroe Mountain Ecosystem Restoration Project, Implementation, Fishlake National Forest, Richfield Ranger District, Sevier and Piute Counties, UT.

Summary: EPA has no objection to the proposed action, as this document adequately responded to EPA's previous comments on the draft EIS.

ERP No. F-AFS-L65322-AK, Luck Lake Timber Sales Project, Implementation, Tongass National Forest, Thorne Bay Ranger District, Prince of Wales Island, AK.

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

ERP No. F-AFS-L65356-ID, Box Canyon Timber Sale, Vegetative Management, Implementation, Palisades Ranger District, Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Bonneville County, ID.

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

ERP No. F-FHW-G40155-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.

Summary: EPA has no objection to the action as proposed.

ERP No. F-NPS-J26002-MT, Lake McDonald/Park Headquarters Wastewater Treatment System Rehabilitation, Implementation, COE Section 404 Permit, Glacier National Park, A Portion of Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park, Flathead and Glacier Counties, MT.

Summary: EPA supports the preferred alternatives, but recommends that the site location of the ultimate wastewater treatment plant sludge disposal be evaluated and established. The information is needed to fully assess and mitigate all potential environmental impacts of the management actions.

ERP No. F-SFW-L65334-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.

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

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Director, NEPA, Office of Federal Activities.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6883-3]

Open Meeting of the Industrial Non-Hazardous Waste Stakeholders Focus Group

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting of the Industrial Non-Hazardous Waste Stakeholders Focus Group.

SUMMARY: As required by section 10 (a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), EPA is giving notice of the seventh meeting of the Industrial Non-Hazardous Waste Policy Dialogue Committee, also known as the Industrial Non-Hazardous Waste Stakeholders Focus Group. The purpose of this Committee is to advise EPA and ASTSWMO (the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials) in developing voluntary guidance for the management of industrial non-hazardous waste in new landfills, waste piles, surface impoundments, and land application units. The Focus Group facilitates the exchange of information and ideas among the interested parties relating to the development of the final "Guide for Industrial Waste Management." The purpose of the seventh meeting will be to review and discuss issues associated with the public comments received on the "Draft Guide for Industrial Waste Management." Major areas of discussion will include the public comments on the draft air tool (IWAIR) and the draft ground-water tool (IWEM), as well as suggested changes to the individual chapters of the Guide. In addition, there will be an opportunity for limited public comment at the end of each day of the meeting.

DATES: The committee will meet on November 1 and 2, 2000, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on November 1, and from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on November 2.

ADDRESSES: The location of the meeting is the Governor's House, 1615 Rhode Island Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20001. The phone number is 202-296-2100. The seating capacity of the room is approximately 75 people, and seating will be on a first-come basis. Supporting materials are available for viewing at Docket F-1999-IDWA-FFFFF in the RCRA Information Center (RIC), located at Crystal Gateway One, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, First Floor, Arlington, VA. The RIC is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. To review

docket materials, the public must make an appointment by calling (703) 603-9230. The public may copy a maximum of 100 pages from any regulatory docket at no charge. Additional copies cost \$.15/page. Most of the material to be discussed at the November Focus Group meeting will be available for viewing in the above docket on and after October 17, 2000. For general information, contact the RCRA Hotline at 1-800-424-9346 or TDD 1-800-553-7672 (hearing impaired). In the Washington metropolitan area, call 703-412-9610 or TDD 703-412-3323.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Persons needing further information on the committee should contact John Sager, Municipal and Industrial Solid Waste Division, Office of Solid Waste, at (703) 308-7256.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

EPA and ASTSWMO formed a State/EPA Steering Committee in 1996 to jointly develop voluntary facility guidance regarding the management of industrial nonhazardous waste in new land-based disposal units. The purpose of the guidance document is to provide a guide to facility managers, State and Tribal environmental staff, and members of the general public so that safe industrial waste management can be achieved. The current draft Guide addresses such topics as appropriate controls for ground-water protection, liner designs, air emissions, run-on/run-off, public participation, daily operating practices, monitoring and corrective action, and closure and post-closure considerations. In addition, the draft Guide addresses such topics as waste characterization, pollution prevention, and building partnerships.

The draft Guide and the CD-ROM, on which the Guide and modeling tools were placed, were noticed in the *FR* in June 1999. The public comment period ended in January 2000. The State/EPA Steering Committee will continue to convene this Stakeholders Focus Group in order to obtain recommendations from those individuals who represent a broad spectrum of public interest groups and affected industries. All recommendations from Focus Group participants are forwarded to the State/EPA Steering Committee for consideration, as the Stakeholders Focus Group does not strive for a consensus.

Copies of the minutes of the past six Stakeholder Focus Group meetings have previously been made available through the original docket for this project (F-96-INHA-FFFFF) at the RCRA