

Tank Closure (DOE/EIS-0303D), Implementation, Industrial Wastewater Closure Plan for the F and H-Area High-Level Waste Tank Systems, Aiken County, SC, Due: January 23, 2001, Contact: Andrew R. Grainger (800) 881-7292.

EIS No. 000402, FINAL EIS, COE, IL, Hunter Lake New Supplemental Water Supply Reservoir, Construction, City of Springfield Application for Permit, Sangamon County, IL, Due: December 26, 2000, Contact: Charlene Carmack (309) 794-5570.

EIS No. 000403, FINAL EIS, COE, NE, Western Sarpy/Clear Creek Flood Reduction Study Including Environmental Restoration Component, Lower Platte River and Tributaries, Saunders and Sarpy Counties, NE, Due: December 26, 2000, Contact: Nelson S. Carpenter (402) 221-4450.

EIS No. 000404, FINAL SUPPLEMENT, AFS, CA, WA, OR, Northern Spotted Owl Management Plan, Updated Information for Amendment to the Survey and Manage, Protection Buffer and Other Mitigating Measures, Standards and Guidelines (to the Northwest Forest Plan), Late-Successional and Old Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl, OR, WA and CA, Due: December 26, 2000, Contact: Dick Prather (503) 808-2165.

EIS No. 000405, FINAL EIS, COE, CA, Whitewater River Basin (Thousand Palms) Flood Control Project, Construction of Facilities to Provide Flood Protection, Coachella Valley, Riverside County, CA, Due: December 26, 2000, Contact: Hayley Lovan (213) 452-3863.

EIS No. 000406, FINAL EIS, FHW, WA, NE 8TH/I-405 Interchange Project, Construction, Funding, Right-of-Way Use Permit and NPDES Stormwater Permit, City of Bellevue, King County, WA, Due: December 26, 2000, Contact: Gene Fong (360) 753-9413.

#### Amended Notices

EIS No. 000331, DRAFT SUPPLEMENT, AFS, WA, Huckleberry Land Exchange Consolidate Ownership and Enhance Future Conservation and Management, Updated Information, Proposal to Exchange Land and Mineral Estates, Federal Land and Non Federal Land, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Skagit Snohomish, King, Pierce, Kittitas, and Lewis Counties, WA Revision of FR notice published on 09/22/2000: CEQ Comment Date Extended from 11/13/2000 to 11/27/2000.

Dated: November 20, 2000.

**Joseph C. Montgomery,**  
Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS); Extension of Waiver

**ACTION:** Notice of FIPS waiver.

**SUMMARY:** The Chief Information Officer for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has granted an extension to the waiver (published October 1, 1998, at 63 FR 52693) authorizing the Agency to continue to use the cryptographic features in the commercial software application, Travel Manager Plus. The software's cryptographic features do not comply with Federal Information Processing Standards: 46-3 Data Encryption Standard (DES); 140-1, Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules; 180-1, Secure Hash Standard; and 186-2, Digital Signature Standard. This waiver is being issued pursuant to the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 1441.

**DATES:** This waiver extension takes effect on November 24, 2000 and expires on January 1, 2004.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 46-3 Data Encryption Standard (DES); 140-1, Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules; 180-1, Secure Hash Standard; and 186-2, Digital Signature Standard publications establish standards for generating digital signatures (which can be used to verify authenticity) and for the encryption of sensitive information transmitted and stored electronically. As authorized by 40 U.S.C. 1441(c), these FIPS publications permit Federal agencies to waive them under certain circumstances: A waiver may be granted if (1) compliance with a standard would adversely affect the accomplishment of the mission of an operator of a Federal computer system; or (2) compliance with a standard would cause a major adverse financial impact on the operator

which is not offset by Governmentwide savings.

Travel Manager Plus is commercial off the shelf (COTS) software that is on the General Services Administration (GSA) schedule. The application complies with a broad range of governmentwide requirements including Travel System Requirements issued by the Joint Financial Management Improvement Program.

EPA plans to deploy Travel Manager Plus agency-wide so that the process of reimbursing EPA employees can be fully automated. In addition to gaining efficiencies, by dramatically shortening the reimbursement process cycle, the Travel Manager Plus software will help ensure that the Agency complies with new legal requirements that travelers be reimbursed promptly.

The EPA Chief Information Officer has granted a waiver from the four FIPS cited above to enable EPA to continue to use the built-in cryptographic features in Travel Manager Plus. EPA determined that the cryptographic protection embedded in Travel Manager Plus provides an appropriate level of security to protect the unclassified information used, communicated, and stored on the system.

If the Agency were to purchase and maintain FIPS-compliant applications for its automated travel reimbursement system, the additional costs would be prohibitive. By relying on the FIPS non-compliant cryptographic features embedded in Travel Manager Plus, EPA will be able to achieve a fully automated travel reimbursement system that has adequate and cost-effective security.

In accordance with FIPS requirements, notice of this waiver has been sent to the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate.

Dated: November 7, 2000.

**Edwin A. Levine,**

Interim Chief Information Officer.

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### State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) Working Committee on Pesticide Operations & Management; Notice of Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).