

the proposed project NBP representatives will be present at the scoping meetings to describe their proposal. Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend the meetings and to present comments on the environmental issues they believe should be addressed in the EIS/EIR. A transcript of each meeting will be made so that your comments will be accurately recorded.

On January 10 and 11, 2001, we will also be conducting a site visit to the project area. This will be an on-the-ground inspection, conducted by automobile on public roads, or where access to private property has been granted (specific locations to be determined later). Anyone interested in participating in the site visit may contact the Commission's Office of External Affairs identified at the end of this notice for more details and must provide their own transportation.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EIS/EIR scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding, known as an "intervenor." Intervenor status is a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need

intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

Availability of Additional Information

Additional information about the proposed project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-0004 or on the FERC website (www.ferc.fed.us) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the "CIPS" link, select "Docket #" from the CIPS Menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

Information concerning the involvement of the CSLC in the EIS/EIR process may be obtained from Kirk Walker, EIR Project Manager, at (916) 574-1893, or on the California State Lands website at <http://www/slc.ca.gov>.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6918-3]

Clean Water Act Section 303(d): Availability of Proposed Determinations That Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) Are Not Needed

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability for comment EPA proposed determinations that TMDLs are not

needed for 54 waterbody/pollutant combinations in the Mermentau and Vermilion/Teche river basins. EPA prepared the proposed determinations in response to a Court Order dated October 1, 1999, in the lawsuit *Sierra Club, et al. v. Clifford et al.*, No. 96-0527, (E.D. La.). Under this court order, EPA is required to prepare TMDLs when needed for waters on the Louisiana 1998 section 303(d) list by December 31, 2007. EPA is also required to add or delete waters to the schedule as new data confirms that waters are or are not meeting water quality standards.

DATES: Comments on the 54 proposed determinations that TMDLs are not needed must be submitted in writing to EPA on or before January 17, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the proposed determinations should be sent to Ellen Caldwell, Environmental Protection Specialist, Water Quality Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6, 1445 Ross Ave., Dallas, TX 75202-2733. For further information, contact Ellen Caldwell at (214) 665-7513. The administrative record file for the proposed determinations is available for public inspection at this address as well. The administrative record file may be viewed at www.epa.gov/region6/water/tmdl.htm, or obtained by calling or writing Ms. Caldwell at the above address. Please contact Ms. Caldwell to schedule an inspection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Caldwell at (214) 665-7513.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1996, two Louisiana environmental groups, the Sierra Club and Louisiana Environmental Action Network (plaintiffs), filed a lawsuit in Federal Court against the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), styled *Sierra Club, et al. v. Clifford et al.*, No. 96-0527, (E.D. La.). Among other claims, plaintiffs alleged that EPA failed to establish Louisiana TMDLs in a timely manner. Discussion of the court's order may be found at 65 FR 54032 (September 6, 2000).

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Waterbody	Waterbody description	Suspected pollutant	Reason for delisting
050101	Bayou Des Cannes—Headwaters to Mermentau	Turbidity	Assessment of new data and information shows it is meeting Water Quality Standards (WQS).
050102	Bayou Joe Marcel	Turbidity	Assessment of new data and information show it is meeting WQS.
050103	Bayou Mallet	Turbidity	Assessment of new data and information show it is meeting WQS.
050201	Bayou Plaquemine Brule—Headwaters to Bayou Des Cannes.	Chlorides Sulfates	Assessment of new data and information show it is meeting WQS.

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Waterbody	Waterbody description	Suspected pollutant	Reason for delisting
050301	Bayou Nezpique—Headwaters to Mermentau River ..	Turbidity	Assessment of new data and information show it is meeting WQS.
050401	Mermentau River—Origin To Lake Arthur	Turbidity	Assessment of new data and information show it is meeting WQS.
050402	Lake Arthur and Lower Mermentau	Turbidity	Assessment of new data and information shows it is meeting WQS.
050501	Bayou Que de Tortue—Headwaters to Mermentau River.	Chlorides	Assessment of new data and information shows it is meeting WQS.
050602	Intracoastal Waterway	Sulfates	
050701	Grand Lake	Phosphorus	
050702	Intracoastal Waterway	Turbidity	Assessment of new data and information shows it is meeting WQS.
050703	White Lake	Turbidity	Assessment of new data and information shows it is meeting WQS.
050901	Bays and Gulf Waters to State 3-mile Limit	Sulfates	Assessment of new data and information shows it is meeting WQS.
060202	Bayou Cocodrie	Turbidity	Assessment of new data and information shows it is meeting WQS.
060203	Chicot Lake	Turbidity	Assessment of new data and information shows it is meeting WQS.
060204	Bayou Courtableau—Origin to West Atchafalaya Borrow Pit Canal.	Chlorides	Assessment of new data and information shows it is meeting WQS.
060205	Bayou Teche—Headwaters at Bayou Courtableau to I-10.	Turbidity	Assessment of new data and information shows it is meeting WQS.
060207	Bayou des Glaises Diversion Channel	Turbidity	Assessment of new data and information shows it is meeting WQS.
060208	Bayou Boeuf—Headwaters to Bayou Courtableau	Chlorides	Assessment of new data and information shows it is meeting WQS.
060209	Irish Ditch/Big Bayou—Unnamed Ditch to Irish Ditch	Sulfates	
060210	Bayou Carron	Turbidity	Assessment of new data and information shows it is meeting WQS.
060211	West Atchafalaya Borrow Pit Canal	Salinity/TDS	Assessment of new data and information shows it is meeting WQS.
060212	Chatlin Lake Canal and Bayou DuLac	Chlorides	Assessment of new data and information shows it is meeting WQS.
060401	Bayou Teche—Keystone Locks and Dam to Charenton Canal.	Turbidity	Assessment of new data and information shows it is meeting WQS.
060501	Bayou Teche—Charenton Canal to Wax Lake Outlet	Turbidity	Assessment of new data and information shows it is meeting WQS.
060601	Charenton Canal	Turbidity	Assessment of new data and information shows it is meeting WQS.
060701	Tete Bayou	Turbidity	Assessment of new data and information shows it is meeting WQS.
060702	Lake Fausse Point and Dauterive Lake	Turbidity	Assessment of new data and information shows it is meeting WQS.
060703	Bayou du Portage	Turbidity	Assessment of new data and information shows it is meeting WQS.
060801	Vermilion River—Head-waters at Bayou Fusilier—Bourbeaux Junction to New Flanders (Ambassador Caffery Bridge at Hwy 3073).	Chlorides	Assessment of new data and information shows it is meeting WQS.
060802	Vermilion River—From New Flanders (Ambassador Caffery Bridge at Hwy 3073) To Intracoastal Waterway.	Salinity/TDS	Assessment of new data and information shows it is meeting WQS.
060803	Vermilion River Cutoff	Turbidity	Assessment of new data and information shows it is meeting WQS.
060804	Intracoastal Waterway	Turbidity	Assessment of new data and information shows it is meeting WQS.
060901	Bayou Petite Anse	Turbidity	Assessment of new data and information shows it is meeting WQS.
060902	Bayou Carlin (Delcambre Canal)—Lake Peigneur to Bayou Petite Anse (Estuarine).	Turbidity	Assessment of new data and information shows it is meeting WQS.
060903	Bayou Tigre	Turbidity	Assessment of new data and information shows it is meeting WQS.

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Waterbody	Waterbody description	Suspected pollutant	Reason for delisting
060904	Vermilion River B890 Basin New Iberia Southern Drainage Canal.	Turbidity	Assessment of new data and information shows it is meeting WQS.
060906	Intracoastal Waterway	Turbidity	Assessment of new data and information shows it is meeting WQS.
060909	Lake Peigneur	Turbidity	Assessment of new data and information shows it is meeting WQS.
061102	Intracoastal Waterway	Turbidity	Assessment of new data and information shows it is meeting WQS.

EPA requests that the public provide to EPA any water quality related data and information that may be relevant to the 54 proposed determinations that TMDLs are not necessary. EPA will review all data and information submitted during the public comment period and revise the determinations where appropriate.

Dated: November 27, 2000.

Sam Becker,

Acting Director, Water Quality Protection Division, Region 6.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1350-DR]

Montana; Major Disaster and Related Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Montana (FEMA-1350-DR), dated December 6, 2000, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 6, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3772.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated December 6, 2000, the President declared a major disaster under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 USC 5121, *et seq.*, as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, Pub. L. 106-390, 114 Stat. 1552 (2000), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of beginning on October 31, 2000, and continuing through November 20, 2000, is of sufficient severity and magnitude

to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 USC 5121, *et seq.*, as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, Pub. L. 106-390, 114 Stat. 1552 (2000) (Stafford Act). I, therefore, declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of Montana.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes, such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation in the designated areas and any other forms of assistance under the Stafford Act you may deem appropriate. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance or Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency under Executive Order 12148, I hereby appoint Steven R. Emory of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the State of Montana to have been affected adversely by this declared major disaster:

Carter, Fallon, Richland, Roosevelt, Sheridan, and Wibaux Counties for Public Assistance.

All counties within the State of Montana are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing

Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program)

James L. Witt,

Director.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-3157-EM]

New York; Emergency and Related Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of an emergency for the State of New York (FEMA-3157-EM), dated December 4, 2000, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 4, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3772.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated December 4, 2000, the President declared an emergency under the authority of The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 USC 5121, *et seq.*, as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, Public Law 106-390, 114 Stat. 1552 (2000), as follows:

I have determined that the impact in certain areas of the State of New York, resulting from the near record snow on November 19-21, 2000, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 USC 5121, *et seq.*, as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, Public Law 106-390, 114 Stat. 1552 (2000), ("Stafford Act"). I, therefore, declare that such an emergency exists in the State of New York.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds