

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6617-2]

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-L65375-00 Rating EC2, Lookout Pass Ski and Recreation Area (LPSRA) Expansion Project, Implementation, Amendment to the Existing Special Use Permit, NPDES Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Idaho Panhandles National Forests, Coeur d'Alene River Range District, ID and MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns over the lack of mitigation for aquatic habitat impacts; consistency with TMDL development for 303(d) listed waters; and the indirect effects to off site land uses.

ERP No. D-IBR-L65374-WA Rating EC2, Potholes Reservoir Resource Management Plan, Implementation, COE Section 404 and NPDES Permits, Moses Lake, Grant County, WA.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns regarding the loss of shrub-steppe and water quality. EPA requested that the Bureau of Reclamation estimate the direct, indirect and cumulative effects on shrub-steppe from project implementation, and contact the state Ecology Department for information on load limits for the Potholes Reservoir and East Potholes Canal.

ERP No. D-NPS-K65229-CA Rating EC2, Santa Cruz Island Primary Restoration Plan, Implementation, Channel Islands National Park, Santa Cruz Island, Santa Barbara County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with the adequacy of the proposed mitigation measures concerning soil erosion and noxious weeds and from potential impacts to air and water quality from aerially applied herbicides. While EPA agrees with the need for the project EPA favors the selection of Alternative 2

which appears more cost effective and efficient in the long term.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-J65316-MT Clearwater Ecosystem Management and Timber Sale Project, Timber Harvesting, Burning, Weed Spraying and Road Management, Lola National Forest, Seeley Lake Ranger District, Missoula County, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding short-term increases in sediments levels from temporary road construction and reconstruction, road obliteration and timber harvest. EPA supports the long term objectives of the proposed project which will reduce road densities; protect the grizzly bear; reduce sources of sediment to protect water quality and bull trout habitat; improve forest health and reduce risk of insect infestation and wildfire; improve wildlife habitat; treat noxious weeds; and enhance scenic views.

ERP No. F-AFS-L65346-OR Triangle Land Exchange Project, Between Clearwater Land Exchange Oregon (Clearwater) an Oregon Partnership, Implementation, Malheur, Umatilla and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests, Baker, Grant, Harney and Wallowa Counties, OR.

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

ERP No. F-BLM-K61148-NV Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area (RRCNCA), General Management Plan (GMP), Amendment to the Las Vegas Resource Management Plan, Las Vegas, NV.

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

ERP No. F-DOE-K22004-CA National Ignition Facility Project Specific Analysis, Construction and Operation at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, CA.

Summary: EPA noted that the FSEIS satisfactorily responds to EPA comments on the DSEIS.

ERP No. F-FHW-G40152-LA North-South Expressway Const. I-220 in Shreveport, LA to the Arkansas State Line, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, Caddo Parish, LA.

Summary: The Final EIS adequately responded to comments offered on the DEIS. EPA has no objection to the section of the preferred alternative. EPA has no further comments to offer.

ERP No. F-NPS-J65319-UT Zion National Park, General Management Plan, Implementation, Washington, Iron and Kane Counties, UT.

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

ERP No. F-NPS-K65221-AZ Chiricahua National Monument, General Management Plan, To Protect Certain National Formations, Known as "The Pinnacles," AZ.

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

ERP No. F-NPS-K65222-AZ Fort Bowie National Historic Site General Management Plan, Implementation, Cochise County, AZ.

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

ERP No. F-TVA-E06020-MS Kemper County Combustion Turbine Plant, Construction and Operation, Addition of Electric General Peaking Capacity at Greenfield Sites, NPDES Permit, Kemper County, MS.

Summary: Although overall impacts do not appear to be major, EPA has some concerns with the proposed new peaking power facility. These include air quality and compensation for the proposed conversion of forested wetlands. EPA also suggest that substantive issues be included in the TVA ROD. EPA will continue to review this project through the State of Mississippi's PSD process.

ERP No. F-TVA-E39053-TN Future Water Supply Needs in the Upper Duck River Basin, NPDES Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Bedford, Marshall, Maury and Williamson Counties, TN.

Summary: EPA notes that no preferred alternative was identified in the FEIS and believes that the No-Action Alternative should be continued with water conservation measures implemented before any additional source water action alternative is initiated when water shortfalls become acute. EPA prefers action alternatives C and E, and has environmental objections to alternatives B and D, as proposed.

Dated: April 10, 2001.

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

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Report No. 2477]

Petitions for Reconsideration and Clarification of Action in Rulemaking Proceedings

April 6, 2001.

Petitions for Reconsideration and Clarification have been filed in the Commission's rulemaking proceedings

listed in this Public Notice and published pursuant to 47 CFR Section 1.429(e). The full text of these documents are available for viewing and copying in Room CY-A257, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC or may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, ITS, Inc. (202) 857-3800. Oppositions to these petitions must be filed by April 30, 2001. See Section 1.4(b)(1) of the Commission's rules (47 CFR 1.4(b)(1)). Replies to an opposition must be filed within 10 days after the time for filing oppositions have expired.

Subject: Amendment of FM Table of Allotments (MM Docket No. 99-233).

Number of Petitions Filed: 1.

Subject: Policies and Rules Concerning Unauthorized Changes of Consumers Long Distance Carriers (CC Docket No. 94-129).

Number of Petitions Filed: 4.

Subject: Provisions of Directory Listing Information Under the Telecommunications Act of 1934 (CC Docket No. 99-273).

Number of Petitions Filed: 2.

Subject: The Development of Operational, Technical, and Spectrum Requirements for Meeting Federal State and Local Public Safety Agency Communications Requirements Through the Year 2010 (WT Docket No. 96-86).

Number of Petitions Filed: 4.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting; Notice of Agency Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that at 10:26 a.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2001, the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation met in closed session to consider matters relating to the Corporation's corporate and supervisory activities.

In calling the meeting, the Board determined, on motion of Director Ellen S. Seidman (Director, Office of Thrift Supervision), seconded by Director John D. Hawke, Jr. (Comptroller of the Currency), concurred in by Director John M. Reich (Appointive), and Chairman Donna Tanoue, that Corporation business required its consideration of the matters on less than seven days' notice to the public; that no notice earlier than April 4, 2001, of the

meeting was practicable; that the public interest did not require consideration of the matters in a meeting open to public observation; and that the matters could be considered in a closed meeting by authority of subsections (c)(2), (c)(8), (c)(9)(A)(ii), and (c)(9)(B) of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2), (c)(8), (c)(9)(A)(ii), and (c)(9)(B)).

The meeting was held in the Board Room of the FDIC Building located at 550-17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Dated: April 11, 2001.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

James D. LaPierre,

Deputy Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency has submitted the following proposed information collection to the Office of Management and Budget for review and clearance in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507).

Title: National Fire Department Census.

Type of Information Collection: New.
Abstract. The U.S. Fire

Administration (USFA) receives many requests from Fire Service organizations and the general public for information related to fire Departments, including total number of departments, number of stations per department, population protected, and number of fire fighters. Many data products and reports exist that contain fragmented or estimated information about fire department demographics, and capabilities, but there is no single reference source today that aggregates this data to provide a complete and accurate profile of fire departments in the United States. The data collected from this collection of information will be used to develop a database by the USFA to identify all fire departments in the United States that will include information related to demographics, capabilities and activities. The database will also be used by USFA to guide programmatic decisions, provide the Fire Service and

the public with information about fire departments, to produce mailing lists for USFA publications and other materials, and serve as a baseline from which to sample fire loss data.

Affected Public: Federal, State, local government, volunteer, and industrial fire departments.

Number of Respondents: 33,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 25 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 13,860.

Frequency of Response: One-time.

COMMENTS: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to David Rostkler, Desk Officer for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 within 30 days of the date of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be made to Muriel B. Anderson, FEMA Information Collections Officer, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW, Room 316, Washington, DC 20472. Telephone number (202) 646-2625. FAX number (202) 646-3524, or email address: muriel.anderson@fema.gov.

Dated: April 9, 2001.

Reginald Trujillo,

Director, Program Services Division,
Operations Support Directorate.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

[Docket No. R-1100]

Policy Statement on Payments System Risk

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Policy statement.

SUMMARY: The Board is eliminating the requirements for establishing Fedwire third-party access arrangements from its Policy Statement on Payments System Risk.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 9, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Bettge, Associate Director (202-452-3174), or Sue Harris, Senior Financial Services Analyst (202-452-3490), Division of Reserve Bank Operations and Payment Systems.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: