

to the relevant meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

### 6. Request for Nominations for the Advisory Council on Clean Air Compliance Analysis (the Council)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is soliciting nominations to the Council, or panels that provide the Council with detailed technical advice, for future reviews of the Agency's assessments under section 812 of the Clean Air Act Amendments of the effects of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments on the "public health, economy and the environment of the United States." By Statute, the Council is composed of "not less than nine members \* \* \* in the fields of health and environmental effects of air pollution, economic analysis, environmental sciences, and other fields that the Administrator determines to be appropriate." Historically, the Council has been supported by two subcommittees, the Health and Ecological Effects Subcommittee and the Air Quality Modeling Subcommittees, which have advised the Council on technical issues. The EPA is especially seeking individuals with expertise in epidemiology related to air pollution effects, air quality modeling, and cost and benefit assessment as related to the effects of control of air pollution.

Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals for membership on the subcommittee. Nominees should be identified by name, occupation, position, address and telephone number. To be considered, all nominations must include a current resume providing the nominee's background, experience and qualifications.

The criteria for selecting Council members or members of panels providing the Council with detailed technical advice, are that members be recognized experts in their fields; that members be as impartial and objective as possible; that members represent an array of backgrounds and perspectives (within their disciplines); and that members be available to participate fully in the review, which will be conducted over a relatively short time frame. Members will be asked to attend at least one public meeting followed by at least one public telephone conference meeting over the course of 3 months; they will be asked to participate in the discussion of key issues and assumptions at these meetings, and they will be asked to review and to help finalize the products and outputs of the Council or technical panel. Any technical panel will make recommendations to the Council for

approval of the Board's report and transmittal to the Administrator.

Nominations should be submitted to Dr. Angela Nugent, Designated Federal Officer, EPA Science Advisory Board, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1400A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 564-4562; FAX (202) 501-0323; or via e-mail at [nugent.angela@epa.gov](mailto:nugent.angela@epa.gov) no later than Wednesday, August 1, 2001. The Agency will not formally acknowledge or respond to nominations.

#### General Information

Additional information concerning the EPA Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found on the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) and in EPA-SAB-01-002, Science Advisory Board FY 2000 Annual Staff Report: Making Science Real which is available on the SAB Website or from the SAB Publications Staff at (202) 564-4533 or via fax at (202) 501-0256. Committee rosters, draft Agendas and meeting calendars are also located on our website.

Dated: June 4, 2001.

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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-L65378-ID* Rating EC2, Clean Slate Ecosystem Management Project, Aquatic and Terrestrial Restoration, Nez Perce National Forest, Salmon River Ranger District, Idaho County, ID.

*Summary:* EPA expressed concerns regarding purpose and need,

alternatives, environmental monitoring, cumulative impacts, prescribed burning, and Clean Water Act TMDL protocols. EPA has requested inclusion of a more easy to follow statement of overriding purpose and need; the addition of a no-grazing alternative that includes active habitat restoration; the addition of specific and enforceable standards; thresholds and responsible parties for environmental monitoring; additional detail on implementation and contingencies for the prescribed burning program; additional analysis of cumulative impacts, and more detail on the process to be used for addressing TMDL protocols.

*ERP No. D-BLM-G65078-NM* Rating LO, San Felipe Pueblo Land Exchange, Involves Exchanges Federal Lands to Private Lands, Acquisition, Sandoval and Santa Fe Cos. NM.

*Summary:* EPA has no objection to the proposed plan of action.

*ERP No. D-BLM-K65330-CA* Rating LO, Northern and Eastern Colorado Desert Plan (Plan), Implementation, Comprehensive Framework for Managing Species and Habitats (BLM), Joshua Tree National Park (JTNP) and Chocolate Mountains Aerial Gunnery Range, California Desert, Riverside, Imperial and San Bernardino Counties, CA.

*Summary:* EPA has no objections to the proposed plan.

*ERP No. D-FHW-F40393-MI* Rating EC2, I-96/Airport Area Access Study, Transportation Improvements, Surrounding the Gerald R. Ford International Airport, Kent County, MI.

*Summary:* EPA expressed concerns regarding wetlands, woodlands and water quality impacts to Thornapple River, Martin and Beck Drain and Little Plaster Creek.

*ERP No. D-FHW-F40394-MI* Rating EO2, I-94/Rehabilitation Project, Transportation Improvements to a 6.7 mile portion of I-94 from east I-96 west end to Conner Avenue on the east end, Funding and NPDES Permit, City of Detroit, Wayne County, MI.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental objections because of issues in the following areas: scope of analysis, purpose and need, alternatives analysis, air quality, noise, pedestrian and bicyclist impacts, costs, and cumulative impacts.

*ERP No. D-FHW-G40160-OK* Rating LO, I-40 Crosstown Expressway Transportation Improvements, From I-235/I-35 Interchange West to Meridan Avenue, Funding, Oklahoma City, OK.

*Summary:* EPA has no objection to the selection of the preferred alternative. EPA however asks that additional information on cultural resource

mitigation, SHPO coordination, and hazardous waste site baseline data be incorporated in the FEIS to strengthen the document.

*ERP No. D-FRC-E08021-00* Rating EC2, Florida Gas Transmission (FGT) Phase V Expansion Project, FGT Natural Gas Pipeline and Associated Above Ground Facilities, Construction and Operation, Approvals and Permit Issuance, several counties of FL, AL and MS.

*Summary:* EPA has environmental concerns about the proposed project. In particular, air quality, wetlands impact, water quality, noise, endangered species and Environmental Justice issues warrant further discussion as the project progresses.

*ERP No. D-NOA-L91012-WA* Rating EO2, Anadromous Fish Agreements and Habitat Conservation Plans for the Welss, Rocky Reach, and Rock Island Hydroelectric Projects, Implementation, Incidental Take Permits, Chelan and Douglas Counties, WA.

*Summary:* EPA objects to selection of Alternative 3 as the preferred alternative. The proposed framework for the HCPs fails to demonstrate that salmon and fish species of concern would be protected and restored during the next 50 years. Specific problems with the framework and accompanying analyses include Columbia River bull trout not being included in the HCP or extensively analyzed, development of biological information being deferred until the writing of the Biological Opinion, a lack of monitoring methodology, and inadequate water quality information. EPA recommends that NMFS invite USF&WS to become a cooperating agency to accommodate inclusion of Columbia River bull trout in the context of the HCP and that it address concerns about inadequate information and analyses described above.

*ERP No. D-NRS-D28013-WV* Rating EC2, Upper Tygart Valley River Watershed Plan, Water Supply Project, Approval and Funding, Randolph and Pocahontas Counties, WV.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding loss of native trout habitat and wetlands and suggested that more information be provided on stream and wetland mitigation.

*ERP No. DA-FHW-F40347-IL* Rating EO2, FAP Route 340 (I-355 South Extension), Interstate Route 55 to Interstate Route 80, Additional Information for the Tollroad/Freeway Alternative, Funding, US Coast Guard Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Cook, DuPage and Will Counties, IL.

*Summary:* EPA raised objections to the selection of alternatives. EPA's objections would be resolved if an additional Supplemental EIS were to be issued with a full environmental impact assessment of the Lemont Bypass Alternative. Our Section 404 objections would be resolved if sufficient wetlands impacts information on the Lemont Bypass Alternative is submitted to permit a finding of compliance with the Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines.

#### Final EISs

*ERP No. F-COE-K36107-CA* Bolsa Chica Project, Construction/Road Construction, Restoration and Flood Control Improvement, Section 10/404 Permits and Land Use Plan, City of Huntington Beach, Orange County, CA.

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

*ERP No. F-FHW-E40739-NC* US 17 New Bern Bypass Construction, Jones-Craven County Line to NC-1438 near Vanceboro, Funding, Section 404 and U.S. Coast Guard Bridge Permit, Craven County, NC.

*Summary:* EPA's review indicates that all earlier concerns have been addressed satisfactorily. Adverse community, cultural and natural environmental resource impacts have been minimized substantially. The 4-lane highway improvement project on new alignment includes commitments for good mitigation of identified wetlands losses, stormwater runoff control, and habitat impacts.

*ERP No. F-IBR-K39049-CA* Coachella Canal Lining Water Project, Revised and Updated Information, Approval of the Transfers and Exchanges of Conserved Coachella Canal Water, Construction, Operation and Funding, Riverside and Imperial Counties, CA.

*Summary:* EPA recognized the commitment to mitigation for biological resources, cumulative impacts, safety, and large mammals. We recommended the ROD include additional information on consultation with tribal governments on cultural resources and local socioeconomic effects from loss of canal seepage water.

*ERP No. FS-COE-K36083-CA* Guadalupe River Flood Control and Adjacent Streams Investigation, Proposed Modifications to the Guadalupe River Project, Downtown San Jose, Santa Clara County, CA.

*Summary:* EPA found the FGRER/FSEIS adequately addresses most of the issues raised in our comment letter on the DSEIS. We reiterated our support for additional measures to control mercury impacts through sediment control traps and mitigation measures which would remove "hard" engineered flood control

structures in other parts of the basin. EPA expressed continued concern with the use of invert stabilization mechanisms.

Dated: June 4, 2001.

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*Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.*

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### Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

*Responsible Agency:* Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or [www.epa.gov/oeca/ofa](http://www.epa.gov/oeca/ofa)

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

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*EIS No. 010194, Draft EIS, FHW, AL, Memphis to Atlanta Corridor Study (DPS-A002(002)), Proposal to Build Highway from the Mississippi/Alabama State Line to Interstate 65, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone and Morgan Counties, AL, Comment Period Ends: July 30, 2001, Contact: Joe D. Wilkerson (334) 223-7370.*

*EIS No. 010195, Draft EIS, FHW, LA, I-49 Connector, Construction from Evangeline Thruway US-90 and US-197 in Urbanized Lafayette, Funding, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Parish of Lafayette, LA, Comment Period Ends: July 23, 2001, Contact: Bill Farr (225) 757-7615.*

*EIS No. 010196, Draft EIS, FHW, FL, I-4 Corridor Improvements, Upgrading the Safety and Mobility of the existing I-4, from west of FL-528 (Bee Line Expressway) interchange in Orange County to east of FL-472 interchange in Volusia County, Funding, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, NPDES Permit, Orange, Seminole, and Volusia Counties, FL, Comment Period Ends: July 23, 2001, Contact: Donald Davis (850) 942-9650.*

*EIS No. 010197, Draft EIS, BOP, FL, GA, MS, AL, Criminal Alien Requirement (CAR) II, To Contract for a Private Contractor-Owned/Contractor-Operated Correctional Facility in Florida, Mississippi, Georgia and Alabama to House Adult-Male and Non-US Citizen, AL, FL, GA and/or MS, Comment Period Ends Due: July*