

Permits Issuance, Bronx Borough, NY, Comment Period Ends: September 24, 2001, Contact: John Schnagl (202) 219-2661. This document is available on the Internet at: [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov).

*EIS No. 010295, DRAFT EIS, AFS, OR, WA*, Plentybob Ecosystem Restoration Project, Restoration Activities include: Prescribed Fire, Timber Harvest, Road Obliteration, Hardwood Planting and Noxious Weed Treatment, Implementation, Walla Walla Ranger District, Umatilla National Forest, Umatilla County, OR, Comment Period Ends: September 24, 2001, Contact: Dennis Sedam (509) 522-6050.

*EIS No. 010296, FINAL EIS, USA, MD*, Fort George G. Meade Future Development and Operations of a New Administrative and Support Buildings, Anne Arundel and Howard Counties, MD, Wait Period Ends: September 10, 2001, Contact: Jim Gebhardt (301) 677-9365.

*EIS No. 010297, FINAL EIS, AFS, MT*, Lolo National Forest, Big Game Winter Range and Burned Area Management, Restoration, Prevention and Cooperation, Implementation, Missoula, Lake, Mineral, Sanders, Granite, Powell, Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Ravalli Counties, MT, Comment Period Ends: September 10, 2001, Contact: Andy Kulla (406) 329-3962.

*EIS No. 010298, FINAL EIS, TVA, TN, AL*, Guntersville Reservoir Land Management Plan, Implementation, Proposal to Update a 1983 Land Allocation Plan, Jackson and Marshall Counties, AL and Marion County, TN, Wait Period Ends: September 10, 2001, Contact: Nancy R. Greer (256) 571-4289.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6620-8]

### 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 the **Federal Register** dated April 14, 2000 (65 FR 20157).

#### Draft EISs

*ERP No. D-AFS-J65339-UT Rating EC2*, Solitude Mountain Resort Master Development Plan Update (MDP), Implementation, Special-Use-Permit, Wasatch-Cache National Forest, Salt Lake County, UT.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding the impacts to, or analysis of, water quality and quantity, aquatic and wetland habitat, wildlife habitat, alpine tundra and development of additional support facilities.

*ERP No. D-FAA-K51040-CA Rating EC2*, Santa Barbara Airport Improvements, Extension of Runway Safety Areas for Runway 7/25, Expansion of the Airline Terminal Building, New Air Cargo Building, New Taxiway M, Pavement of Taxiway B, Additional T-Hangers and a New On-Airport Service Road, Funding, COE Section 404 and 10 Permits, Santa Barbara County, CA.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns due to a loss of eight acres of coastal wetlands, the adequacy of mitigation to compensate for unavoidable wetlands, the adequacy of mitigation to compensate for unavoidable wetlands loss, increased water pollution loading and an apparent discrepancy regarding air quality conformity.

The FEIS/R should have mitigation adequate to ensure consistency with the Clean Water Act and Federal regulations governing the issuance of permits under Clean Water Act Section 404 and clarify/resolve the air quality issue.

*ERP No. DD-NOA-L64015-AK Rating EC2*, Groundfish Fishery Management Plan, Implementation, Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands, AK.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding the analyses for different species and groups of species, and the incomplete discussion of the ecology of the fishery. EPA recommends that the final EIS use similar methodologies in its impacts analysis, and bolster the discussion of the ecology of the fishery.

*ERP No. DS-UMC-K11067-00 Rating LO*, Yuma Training Range Complex Management, Additional Information on the Cumulative Impacts of Activities on the Sonoran pronghorn (*Antilocapra americana sonoriensis*), Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Goldwater Range, Yuma and La Paz Cos., AZ and

Chocolate Mountain Range, Imperial and Riverside, CA.

*Summary:* EPA commended the lead agency for its thorough analysis of cumulative effects on the Sonoran pronghorn.

#### FINAL EISs

*ERP No. F-AFS-F65028-MI*, Plantation Lakes Vegetation Management Project, Implementation, Ottawa National Forest, Kenton and Ontonagon Ranger Districts, Houghton County, MI.

*Summary:* EPA has not identified any potential environmental impacts requiring changes to the proposed action.

*ERP No. F-BLM-J65331-00*, Williams, Questar, Kern River Pipeline Project, To Approve a Petroleum Products Pipeline, and one or two Natural Gas Pipelines and To Amend Forest Plan, UT, NM and CO.

*Summary:* EPA continues to have concerns that the Equilon pipeline from Odessa, TX to Bloomfield, NM was not disclosed as a connected action. Therefore, the final EIS could not evaluate the entire scope of possible impacts. BLM has stated they will compile additional information for EPA to consider.

*ERP No. F-DOE-K08023-AZ*, Sundance Energy Project, Interconnecting a 600-megawatt Natural Gas-Fired, Simple Cycle Peaking Power Plant with Western's Electric Transmission System, Construction and Operation on Private Lands, Pinal County, AZ.

*Summary:* EPA continued to express concerns regarding the storage and reuse of wastewater, bioaccumulation of contaminants in wastewater storage ponds, and CWA Section 404 compliance. EPA suggested that the Record of Decision provide data and documentation to address these concerns, and EPA urged the action agency and proponent to work with the local community on safety concerns with the storage and use of liquid ammonia.

*ERP No. F-FAA-A52169-00*, Programmatic EIS—Commercial Launch Vehicles, Implementation, Issuing a Launch License.

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

*ERP No. F-NPS-B65022-MA*, New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, General Management Plan, Implementation, Bristol County, MA.

*Summary:* EPA had no objections to the proposed project.

*ERP No. FA-FAA-F51040-IN*, Indianapolis International Airport Master Plan Development, Updated

Information to Construct a Midfield Terminal, Midfield Interchange, and Associated Developments, Airport Layout Plan Approval, Funding and Section 404 Permit, Marion County, IN.

**Summary:** EPA continues to have concerns related to the possibility of a shortfall in the provision of forested compensatory wetlands as related both to this project and the previous major construction project at the airport.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7029-7]

### Technical Workshop on the Draft Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a meeting, organized and convened by Versar, Inc., a contractor to EPA's Risk Assessment Forum, for external scientific peer consultation on the draft Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment. The meeting is being held to discuss technical issues associated with cumulative risk assessment and how to capture these issues in a broad, flexible framework that will inform future guidance development efforts in this area. Meeting participants, invited by Versar, Inc., will be drawn from academia, industry, consulting, environmental and community groups and will provide expertise in areas such as aggregate and cumulative exposure, chemical mixtures, socioeconomic vulnerability, as well as public health assessment and uncertainty analysis.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 22, 2001, and from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, August 23, 2001. Members of the public may attend as observers, and there will be a limited time for comments from the public. Comments should be in writing and must be postmarked by September 10, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Marriott Crystal Gateway Hotel, Arlington, VA. Versar, Inc., an EPA contractor, will convene and facilitate the workshop. To register to attend the

workshop as an observer, visit [www.versar.com/epa/cumriskmtg.htm](http://www.versar.com/epa/cumriskmtg.htm), or contact Ann Cyrus, Versar, Inc.; telephone: (703) 750-3000 extension 274; facsimile: 703-642-6954; email [cyrusann@versar.com](mailto:cyrusann@versar.com) by 5 p.m. eastern daylight time, August 17, 2001. Space is limited, and reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be a limited time for comments from the public during the workshop. Please let Versar know if you wish to make comments, and provide Versar with one written copy of comments prior to the start of the meeting.

The draft Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment is available primarily via the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea/raf/rafpub.htm>. A limited number of paper copies are available from the Technical Information Staff (8623D), NCEA-W; telephone: 202-564-3261; facsimile: 202-565-0050. If you are requesting a paper copy, please provide your name, mailing address, and the document title, draft Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment. Copies are not available from Versar. Comments may be mailed to the Technical Information Staff (8623D), NCEA-W, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, or delivered to the Technical Information Staff at 808 17th Street, NW., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20006; telephone: 202-564-3261; facsimile: 202-565-0050. Comments should be in writing and please submit one unbound original with pages numbered consecutively, and two copies of the comments. For attachments, provide an index, number pages consecutively with the comments, and submit an unbound original and three copies. Electronic comments may be emailed to: [nceadc.comment@epa.gov](mailto:nceadc.comment@epa.gov).

Please note that all technical comments received in response to this notice will be public information. For that reason, commentors should not submit personal information (such as medical data or home address), Confidential Business Information, or information protected by copyright. Due to limited resources, acknowledgments will not be sent.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information concerning the technical workshop please contact Ann Cyrus, Versar, Inc.; telephone: (703) 750-3000 extension 274; facsimile: 703-642-6954; email [cyrusann@versar.com](mailto:cyrusann@versar.com). For technical inquiries concerning the draft Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment, please contact Steven Knott, U.S. EPA Office of Research and

Development, Risk Assessment Forum (8601-D), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 564-3359; facsimile (202) 565-0062; email [knott.steven@epa.gov](mailto:knott.steven@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Several reports have highlighted the importance of understanding the accumulation of risks from multiple environmental stressors. These include the National Research Council's (NRC) 1994 report *Science and Judgment in Risk Assessment* and the 1997 report by the Presidential/Congressional Commission on Risk Assessment and Risk Management entitled *Risk Assessment and Risk Management in Regulatory Decision-Making*. In addition, legislation such as the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA), has directed the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to move beyond single chemical assessments and to focus, in part, on the cumulative effects of chemical exposures occurring simultaneously. Further emphasizing the need for EPA to focus on cumulative risks are cases filed under Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. These cases have necessitated a population-based approach to assessing human health risks from environmental contaminants.

In response to the increasing focus on cumulative risk, several EPA programs have begun to explore cumulative approaches to risk assessment. In 1997, The EPA Science Policy Council issued a guidance on planning and scoping for cumulative risk assessments (<http://www.epa.gov/ord/spc/2cumrisk.htm>). More recently, the Office of Pesticide Programs has developed draft cumulative risk assessment guidance focused on implementing certain provisions of FQPA. The Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards has applied cumulative exposure models in its analyses for the National-Scale Air Toxics Assessment (NATA). In addition, community-specific cumulative risk assessment has been explored through the Agency's Cumulative Exposure Project.

The EPA Science Policy Council has asked the Risk Assessment Forum (RAF) to begin developing Agency-wide cumulative risk assessment guidance that builds from these activities. As a first step, a technical panel convened under the RAF has been working to develop a Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment. Building from the Agency's growing experiences, this Framework is intended to identify the basic elements of the cumulative risk assessment process. It should provide a flexible structure for the technical issues