

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with potential adverse impacts to water and air quality, existing wetland functions, from invasive species and of the non-target impacts of agricultural practices.

*ERP No. D-AFS-G65079-NM Rating LO,*

Talpa-to-Penasco Proposed to Construct and Operate 69 kV Transmission Line, Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Carson National Forest, Camine Real Ranger District, Taos County, NM.

*Summary:* While EPA has no objections to the selection of the preferred alternative (Alternative B), EPA did recommend that the Final EIS make a commitment that mitigation measures be incorporated into the Record of Decision document.

*ERP No. D-FAA-K51039-CA Rating*

EO2, Los Angeles International Airports, Proposed Master Plan Improvements on Runway, New Taxiways, New Terminal, New Air Cargo and Maintenance, Funding, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, CA.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental objections due to projected violations of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards; disproportionately high, adverse effects on low income and minority communities from aircraft noise; potential health effects from air pollutants; and the failure to fully evaluate a regionally-based alternative. EPA requested additional information on these issues and appropriate mitigation to reduce projected impacts.

*ERP No. D-FHW-E40789-MS Rating*

EO2, East Harrison County Connector Construction, I-10 to US 90, Funding, US Army COE and US Coast Guard Permits Issuance and Possible Transfer of Federal Lands, Harrison County, MS.

*Summary:* EPA expressed objections due to extensive wetland impacts, noise impacts, and hazardous waste impacts. EPA requested additional information and mitigation of these issues.

*ERP No. D-FHW-H40397-MO Rating*

LO, Interstate 70 Corridor Improvements, Kansas City to St. Louis, Funding, US Army COE Section 404 and 10 and US Coast Guard Section 9 Permits Issuance, several counties, MO.

*Summary:* EPA expressed a lack of objections to the First Tier DEIS. EPA recommended that the FHWA also examine the merits of including "truck only" features (in addition to widening existing 1-70) in the Metropolitan Kansas City and St. Louis sections of the I-70 improvements for enhancing the project's ability to meet stated purposes(s) and need(s).

*ERP No. D-UAF-J11019-MT Rating*  
EC2, Montana Air National Guard Air-to-Ground Training Range Development for Use by the 120th Fighter Wing (120th FW), Implementation, Phillips and Blaine Counties, MT.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns about impact to people and wildlife from noise and visual stimuli from low altitude F-16 flights, and noted the need for monitoring for hazardous contaminants, and development of a weed control strategy, and improved analysis and disclosure of environmental justice concerns. EPA also recommended that the FEIS include a more comprehensive alternatives matrix to more fully summarize environmental consequences and provide a clearer basis for choice among alternatives.

*ERP No. DS-FAA-F51046-MN Rating*

EC2, Flying Cloud Airport, Substantive Changes to Alternatives and New Information, Extension of the Runways 9R/27L and 9L/27R, Long-Term Comprehensive Development, in the City of Eden Prairie, Hennepin County, MN.

*Summary:* EPA expressed concern regarding future noise levels and requested that the FEIS identify and discuss what provisions will be in place to monitor and mitigate, if necessary, any future significant increases in noise levels from those estimated in the SDEIS.

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*ERP No. F-AFS-L65366-AK*

Woodpecker Project Area, Timber Harvesting, Dispersed Recreation Opportunities and Watershed Improvements, Implementation, Tongass National Forest, Petersburg Ranger District, Mitkof Island, Petersburg, AK.

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

*ERP No. F-AFS-L65369-OR* Mill Creek Timber Sales and Related Activities, To Implement Ecosystem Management Activities, Prospect Ranger District, Rogue River National Forest, Jackson County, OR.

*Summary:* EPA has a lack of objections to the proposed timber sale and related activities.

*ERP No. F-FAA-E51048-CA* Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport, Construction and Operation of the 9,000-Foot Fifth Runway and Associated Projects, Approval of Airport Layout Plan (ALP), City of Atlanta, Fulton and Clayton Counties, GA.

*Summary:* EPA continues to express concern regarding noise, air quality and

EJ impacts. EPA recommended additional mitigation and that all mitigation be committed to in the ROD.

*ERP No. F-FAA-F51047-00* Chicago Terminal Airspace Project (CTAP), For Proposed Air Traffic Control Procedures and Airspace Modification for Aircraft Operations to/from the Chicago Region, Including Chicago O'Hare International Airport, Chicago Midway Airport, Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport, IL, IN and WI.

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

*ERP No. F-FHW-E40769-TN* TN-385 (Collierville-Arlington Parkway) Improvement Project, Construction from Mt. Pleasant Road to South of Interstate 40, Shelby and Fayette Counties, TN.

*Summary:* EPA remains concerned about degradation of water quality in the Wolf River and other tributaries not meeting designated uses from erosion, situation and other pollutants associated with road construction and operations.

*ERP No. F-FHW-G40161-AR* Southeast Arkansas I-69 Connector Construction, US-278 in the vicinity of Monticello to I-530 in Pine Bluff, Funding and US Army COE Section 404 and NPDES Permits Issuance, Drew, Lincoln, Cleveland and Jefferson Counties, AR.

*Summary:* EPA has no objection to the selection of the preferred alternative. EPA has no other comments to offer on the FEIS.

Dated: October 2, 2001.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7075-3]

**Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) or Superfund, Section 104; "Announcement of Proposal Deadline for the Competition for Fiscal Year 2002 Supplemental Assistance to the National Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilots"**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposal deadline and guidelines.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will begin to accept proposals for supplemental assistance for the National Brownfields

Assessment Pilots on October 5, 2001. Assessment pilots awarded on or before September 30, 2000, may apply for up to \$150,000 for continuance and expansion of their brownfields assessment efforts. This supplemental funding will be awarded on a competitive basis. Recipients of supplemental assessment pilot funding in FY2001 are *not* eligible to apply (See Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 66.811).

In fiscal year 2002, an additional \$50,000 may be awarded to an applicant to assess the contamination of a brownfields site(s) that is or will be used for greenspace purposes. Greenspace purposes may include, but are not limited to, parks, playgrounds, trails, gardens, habitat restoration, open space, and/or greenspace preservation.

EPA expects to select up to 38 National brownfields assessment pilots to receive supplemental assistance by April 2002. The deadline for proposals for the 2002 supplemental assistance is *November 26, 2001*. All proposals must be postmarked by USPS or delivered at U.S. EPA Headquarters by other means, no later than November 26, 2001, and a duplicate copy sent to the appropriate U.S. EPA Regional Office.

The supplemental assistance for the National brownfields assessment pilots will be administered on a competitive basis. To ensure a fair selection process, evaluation panels consisting of EPA Regional and Headquarters staff will assess how well the proposals meet the selection criteria outlined in the application booklet *The Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative: Proposal Guidelines for Supplemental Assistance for the Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilots* (September 2001). The evaluation panels make recommendations to EPA senior management. Final award decisions are made by EPA senior management, and may take into account policy considerations such as geographic distribution of funds. Applicants are encouraged to contact and, if possible, meet with EPA Regional Brownfields Coordinators.

**DATES:** This action is effective as of October 5, 2001, and expires on November 26, 2001. All proposals must be sent via registered or tracked (return receipt) mail and postmarked by USPS no later than November 26, 2001. Proposals must be sent to U.S. EPA Headquarters and a duplicate copy sent to the appropriate U.S. EPA Regional Office. Applicants may also send their proposals by commercial delivery service provided the proposals arrive at U.S. EPA Headquarters and the

appropriate U.S. EPA Regional Office on or before close of business on November 26, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Mailing addresses for U.S. EPA Headquarters and U.S. EPA Regional Offices are provided in the Proposal Guidelines.

*Obtaining Proposal Guidelines:* The proposal guidelines are available via the Internet: <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>

Copies of the Proposal Guidelines will also be mailed upon request. Requests should be made by calling the U.S. EPA Call Center at the following numbers:

Washington, DC Metro Area at 703-412-9810

Outside Washington, DC Metro at 1-800-424-9346

TDD for the Hearing Impaired at 1-800-553-7672

In order to ensure that the Guidelines are received in time to be used in the preparation of the proposal, applicants should request a copy as soon as possible and in any event no later than seven (7) working days before the proposal due date. Applicants who request copies after that date might not receive the proposal guidelines in time to prepare and submit a responsive proposal.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The U.S. EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Outreach and Special Projects Staff, (202) 260-4039.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As a part of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative, the Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilots are designed to empower States, communities, tribes, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, and safely cleanup brownfields to promote their sustainable reuse. EPA has awarded cooperative agreements to States, cities, towns, counties and Tribes for demonstration pilots that test brownfields assessment models and facilitate coordinated public and private efforts at the Federal, State, tribal and local levels. To date, the Agency has funded 399 Brownfields Assessment Pilots.

In fiscal year 2002, EPA has determined that brownfields assessment pilots awarded on or before September 30, 2000, may apply for up to \$150,000 for continuance and expansion of their brownfields assessment efforts. Recipients of supplemental assessment pilot funding in FY2001 are not eligible to apply. These pilots focus on EPA's primary mission—protecting human health and the environment. They are

also an essential piece of the nation's overall community revitalization efforts. EPA works closely with other federal agencies through the Interagency Working Group on Brownfields, and builds relationships with other stakeholders on the national and local levels to develop coordinated approaches for community revitalization.

Supplemental funding for the brownfields assessment pilots is authorized under Section 104(d)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, (CERCLA or Superfund), 42 U.S.C. 9604(d)(1). States (including U.S. Territories), political subdivisions (including cities, towns, counties), and federally recognized Indian Tribes which received a brownfields assessment pilot grant on or before September 30, 2000, are eligible to apply. EPA welcomes and encourages brownfields projects by coalitions of such entities, but only a single eligible entity may receive a cooperative agreement. Cooperative agreement funds will be awarded only to a state, a political subdivision of a state, or a federally recognized Indian tribe.

Through a brownfields cooperative agreement, EPA provides funds to an eligible state, political subdivision, or Indian Tribe to undertake activities authorized under CERCLA section 104. Use of these supplemental assistance pilot funds must be in accordance with CERCLA, and all CERCLA restrictions on use of funds also apply to the assessment pilots.

The evaluation panels will review the proposals carefully and assess each response based on how well it addresses the selection criteria, briefly outlined below. Applicants should address all of the evaluation criteria. Responses to the evaluation criteria will be utilized to determine whether to make an award and the amount of funds to be awarded. All evaluation criteria are equally important. There is no guarantee of an award.

Part I (Required)

1. Established Brownfields Program
2. Accomplishments under Existing Brownfields Assessment Pilot
3. Demonstrated Ability to Administer Existing Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot
4. Work to be Performed

Part II (Optional)

5. Greenspace
- Authority and Context
- Community Involvement
- Site Identification, Site Assessment Plan, Flow of Ownership, and Reuse Planning

Dated: September 20, 2001.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) or Superfund, Section 104; "Announcement of Proposal Deadline for the Competition for the 2002 National Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilots"

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection  
Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposal deadlines,  
revised guidelines.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection  
Agency (EPA) will begin to accept  
proposals for the National Brownfields  
Assessment Pilots on October 5, 2001.  
The brownfields assessment pilots (each  
funded up to \$200,000 over two years)  
test assessment models, and facilitate  
coordinated assessment and cleanup  
efforts at the federal, state, and local  
levels (see Catalogue of Federal  
Domestic Assistance Number: 66.811).

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\$50,000 may be awarded to an applicant  
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brownfields site(s) that is or will be  
used for greenspace purposes.  
Greenspace purposes may include, but  
are not limited to, parks, playgrounds,  
trails, gardens, habitat restoration, open  
space, and/or greenspace preservation.

EPA expects to select up to 38  
additional National brownfields  
assessment pilots by April 2002. The  
deadline for new proposals for the 2002  
assessment pilots is *December 10, 2001*.  
All proposals must be postmarked by  
USPS or delivered at U.S. EPA  
Headquarters by other means, no later  
than December 10, 2001, and a  
duplicate copy sent to the appropriate  
U.S. EPA Regional Office. Previously  
unsuccessful applicants are advised that  
they must revise and resubmit their  
proposals to be considered for the 2002  
National assessment pilot competition.

The National brownfields assessment  
pilots are administered on a competitive  
basis. To ensure a fair selection process,  
evaluation panels consisting of EPA  
Regional and Headquarters staff and  
other federal agency representatives will  
assess how well the proposals meet the  
selection criteria outlined in the newly

revised application booklet *The  
Brownfields Economic Redevelopment  
Initiative: Proposal Guidelines for  
Brownfields Assessment Demonstration  
Pilots* (September 2001). The evaluation  
panels make recommendations to EPA  
senior management. Final award  
decisions are made by EPA senior  
management, and may take into account  
policy considerations such as  
geographic distribution of funds.  
Applicants are encouraged to contact  
and, if possible, meet with EPA  
Regional Brownfields Coordinators.

**DATES:** This action is effective as of  
October 5, 2001, and expires on  
December 10, 2001. All proposals must  
be sent via registered or tracked (return  
receipt) mail and postmarked by USPS  
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Special Projects Staff, (202) 260-4039.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As a part  
of the Environmental Protection  
Agency's (EPA) Brownfields Economic  
Redevelopment Initiative, the

Brownfields Assessment Demonstration  
Pilots are designed to empower States,  
communities, tribes, and other  
stakeholders in economic  
redevelopment to work together in a  
timely manner to prevent, assess, and  
safely cleanup brownfields to promote  
their sustainable reuse. EPA has  
awarded cooperative agreements to  
States, cities, towns, counties and Tribes  
for demonstration pilots that test  
brownfields assessment models and  
facilitate coordinated public and private  
efforts at the Federal, State, tribal and  
local levels. To date, the Agency has  
funded 399 Brownfields Assessment  
Pilots.

EPA's goal is to select a broad array  
of assessment pilots that will serve as  
models for other communities across the  
nation. EPA seeks to identify proposals  
that demonstrate the integration or  
linking of brownfields assessment pilots  
with other federal, state, tribal, and local  
sustainable development, community  
revitalization, and pollution prevention  
programs. Special consideration will be  
given to Federal Empowerment Zones  
and Enterprise Communities (EZ/ECs),  
communities with populations of under  
100,000, and federally recognized  
Indian tribes. These pilots focus on  
EPA's primary mission—protecting  
human health and the environment.  
However, it is an essential piece of the  
nation's overall community  
revitalization efforts. EPA works closely  
with other federal agencies through the  
Interagency Working Group on  
Brownfields, and builds relationships  
with other stakeholders on the national  
and local levels to develop coordinated  
approaches for community  
revitalization.

Funding for the brownfields  
assessment pilots is authorized under  
Section 104(d)(1) of the Comprehensive  
Environmental Response,  
Compensation, and Liability Act of  
1980, as amended, (CERCLA or  
Superfund), 42 U.S.C. 9604(d)(1). States  
(including U.S. Territories), political  
subdivisions (including cities, towns,  
counties), and federally recognized  
Indian Tribes are eligible to apply. EPA  
welcomes and encourages brownfields  
projects by coalitions of such entities,  
but only a single eligible entity may  
receive a cooperative agreement.  
Cooperative agreement funds will be  
awarded only to a state, a political  
subdivision of a state, or a federally  
recognized Indian tribe.

Through a brownfields cooperative  
agreement, EPA provides funds to an  
eligible state, political subdivision, or  
Indian Tribe to undertake activities  
authorized under CERCLA section 104.  
Use of these assessment pilot funds