

- Vegetation and wildlife
- Endangered and threatened species

- Land use
- Cultural resources
- Air quality and noise
- Public safety

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section beginning on page 5.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Texas Eastern. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- Potential impact on 3 Federally-listed threatened reptile (1) and plant (2) species.
- Conversion to industrial use of about 30 acres of land that is registered with the New Jersey Green Acres program.
- Proximity of the proposed facilities to homes and residential land-use impacts.
- Impact and routing of a 25 kilovolt electric service line, about 1.5 miles long, to be installed by Public Service Electric & Gas Company.
- The Franklin Township Board of Education is in the process of acquiring land for construction of a new high school within 0.25 mile of the proposed Freehold Compressor Station site.
- Noise impacts due to operation of the proposed Freehold Compressor Station.
- Impact of operation of the proposed Freehold Compressor Station on Franklin Township Board of Education's plan to construct a new high school.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentator, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative locations), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your letter to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas/Hydro, PJ-11.3.
- Reference Docket No. CP02-17-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before January 15, 2002.

Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site under the "e-Filing" link.

If you do not want to send comments at this time but still want to remain on our mailing list, please return the Information Request (appendix 3). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be removed from the environmental mailing list.

Due to current events, we cannot guarantee that we will receive mail on a timely basis from the U.S. Postal Service, and we do not know how long this situation will continue. However, we continue to receive filings from private mail delivery services, including messenger services in a reliable manner. The Commission encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. We will include all comments that we receive within a reasonable time frame in our environmental analysis of this project.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor." Intervenor play 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 not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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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.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

Filed November 26, 2001 Through November 30, 2001

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 010501, Draft Supplement, FHW, NM, US 70 Corridor

Improvement, Between Ruidoso Downs to Riverside, New Information and Circumstances, Implementation, Right-of-Way Acquisition, Lincoln County, NM, Comment Period Ends:

January 22, 2002, Contact: Gregory D. Rawlings (505) 820-2027.

EIS No. 010502, Draft EIS, NAS, CA, Programmatic EIS—NASA Ames Development Plan (NADP) for Ames Research Center, New Research and Development Uses, Implementation, San Francisco Bay, Santa Clara County, CA, Comment Period Ends: January 28, 2002, Contact: Sandy Olliges (650) 604-3355. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://researchpark.arc.nasa.gov>.

EIS No. 010503, Final Supplement, AFS, UT, Rendezvous Vegetation Management Project, To the South Spruce Ecosystem Rehabilitation Project, Implementation, Dixie National Forest, Cedar City Ranger District, Iron and Kane Counties, UT, Wait Period Ends: January 07, 2002, Contact: Phillip G. Eisenhauer (435) 865-3200.

EIS No. 010504, Final EIS, FHW, TX, IH-10 West from Taylor Street to FM-1489, Construction and Reconstruction, Central Business District (CBD), Funding, Right-of-Way Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Harris, Fort Bend and Waller Counties, TX, Wait Period Ends: January 07, 2002, Contact: John R. Mack (512) 536-5960.

EIS No. 010505, Draft Supplement, COE, FL, Central and Southern Florida Project, Tamiami Trail Feature (US Highway 41), Modified Water Deliveries to Everglades National Park, Dade County, FL, Comment Period Ends: February 04, 2002,

Contact: Jon Moulding (904) 232-2286.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 010419, Draft EIS, AFS, UT, Ray's Valley Road Realignment, Proposal to Reduce or Eliminate Adverse Impacts to Watershed, and Aquatic Species, Provide Safer Driving Conditions, Uinta National Forest, Spanish Fork Ranger District, Utah County, UT, Due: January 11, 2002, Contact: Renee Flanagan (801) 342-5145. Revision of FR notice published on 11/16/2001: CEQ Comment Period Ending 01/02/2002 has been Corrected to 1/11/2002.

Dated: December 4, 2001.

Joseph C. Montgomery,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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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 May 18, 2001 (66 FR 27647).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-K65236-AZ Rating LO, Buck Springs Range Allotment Rangeland Management, Implementation, Blue Ridge Coconino National Forest, Coconino County, AZ.

Summary: EPA supports the dual objectives of providing grazing land and protecting sensitive habitat analyzed in the Buck Springs Range Allotment DEIS. EPA has no objections to the proposed project.

ERP No. D-AFS-L65390-ID Rating EO2, Garnet Stars and Sands Project, To Test and Develop Future Recreation, Garnet, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, St. Joe Ranger District, Latah, Shoshone and Benewah Counties, ID.

Summary: EPA had environmental objections because the proposed project would likely worsen already impaired water quality and degrade habitat for listed and sensitive fish species and riparian areas. EPA recommended that the final EIS contain sufficient mitigation measures to conserve aquatic resources consistent with section 313 of the Clean Water Act, section 7(a)(1) of the Endangered Species Act and the Forest Plan, utilize the Forest Service's Protocol for 303(d) Waters and include a comprehensive monitoring plan specifically tied to the project.

ERP No. D-APH-A65169-00 Rating EC2, Programmatic—EIS Rangeland Grasshopper and Mormon Cricket Suppression Program, Authorization, Funding and Implementation in 17 Western States, AZ, CA, CO, ID, KS, MT, NB, NV, NM, ND, OK, OR, SD, TX, UT, WA and WY.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns since the draft EIS did not fully identify a proposed action nor fully analyze a reasonable range of alternatives. EPA requested that

additional information and analyses be available in the final EIS.

ERP No. D-BLM-K65235-AZ Rating LO, Las Cienegas Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Las Cienegas National Conservation Area (NCA) and Sonoita Valley Acquisition Planning District, AZ.

Summary: EPA expressed a lack of environmental objections to the proposed project. ERP No. D-FHW-F40398-IN Rating EO2, Indianapolis Northeast Corridor Transportation Connections Study, To Identify Actions to Reduce Expected Year 2025 Traffic Congestion and Enhance Mobility, Between I-69: from I-465 to IN-328; I-465: from US 31 to I-70; I-70: from I-65 to I-465; IN-37 from I-69 to Allisonville Road (Noblesville), Marion and Hamilton Counties, IN.

Summary: EPA expressed objections to and requested additional information regarding: Alternatives, noise, air quality, wetlands, threatened and endangered species habitat, water quality/storm water management, flood plains and mitigation.

ERP No. D-NOA-K36136-CA Rating EC2, Goat Canyon Enhancement Project, Implementation, Tijuana River Estuary, City and County of San Diego, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding impacts to water quality, cumulative impacts and the objectives for improvements to Monument Road and the trail system. EPA requested that additional information be provided to address EPA's concerns on these issues.

ERP No. DS-COE-E39054-FL Rating LO, Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow Protection, Interim Operating Plan (IOP), Updated Information on a New Alternative 7 for Emergency Sparrow Protection Actions, Implementation, Everglades National Park, Miami-Dade County, FL.

Summary: EPA had no objection to the proposed action since Alternative 7 appears to address our previous water quality concerns, but still provides adequate protection to the Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-L65232-OR, Deep Vegetation Management Project, Implementation, Ochoco National Forest, Paulina Ranger District, Crook and Wheeler Counties, OR.

Summary: The final EIS adequately discloses the impacts and satisfactorily responded to most of EPA's previous comments on the draft EIS. In addition, the project overall should benefit the landscape. Therefore, EPA has no objection to the action as proposed.