

needed to reduce impacts of suction dredge mining to 303(d) listed waters and listed fish species. EPA recommends that the final EIS contain these measures, training for miners to identify and protect aquatic species and develop required planning documents under the Northwest Forest Plan, and a well defined enforcement strategy.

ERP No. D-FHW-L53003-WA Rating EC2, Vancouver Rail Project, Rail Improvements at the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Rail Yard and Possible Elimination of the West 39th Street At-Grade Crossing, Funding and NPDES Permit Issuance, Clark County, WA.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns that the draft EIS did not provide full disclosure of direct, indirect and cumulative environmental impacts, including impacts to wetland buffers, and does not provide sufficient discussion of alternatives.

ERP No. D-FTA-K54026-NV Rating EC2, Las Vegas Resort Corridor Project, Transportation Improvements, Funding, City of Las Vegas, Clark County, NV.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns that the document does not provide sufficient information on environmental justice and cumulative impacts. EPA requested additional analysis and documentation on both of these issues.

ERP No. DS-FHW-F40368-WI Rating EO2, US-12 Highway Corridor Project, Improvement from IH90/94 at Lake Delton south to Ski Hi Road, Updated Information, Funding and US Army COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, Sauk County, WI.

*Summary:* EPA has concluded that potential adverse impacts to the Baraboo Hills resources will be significant and must be avoided to protect the environment. Specific objections are lack of consistency between the preferred alternative and the Highway 12 Memorandum of Agreement signed in 1999, indirect effects of the highway improvements, including secondary land use impacts, and the possibility of increased developmental pressure on the Baraboo Hills area's natural resources, and mitigation for anticipated impacts to interior forest habitat.

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ERP No. F-BIA-L65330-WA White River Amphitheater Project, Construction and Operation of a 20,000 Seat Open-Air Amphitheater on the Muckleshoot Indian Reservation US Army COE Section 404 Permit and NPDES Permit Issuance, Seattle-Tocoma, King County, WA.

*Summary:* EPA requested that the concerns of local residents be addressed by implementing the mitigation measures. The records of Decision should commit to and implement actions that will mitigate traffic, noise, air and water quality.

ERP No. F-FHW-G40145-00 US 71 Highway Improvement Project, between Texarkana, (US71) Arkansas and DeQueen, Funding, Right-of-Way Grant and US Army COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, Little River, Miller and Sevier Counties, AR and Bowie County, TX.

*Summary:* EPA had no further comments to offer on the Final EIS. EPA had no objection to the preferred alternative.

ERP No. F-FHW-J40153-MT Montana State Primary Route 78 (P-78), Reconstruction, Widening and Realignment, from the junction with State Secondary Route 419 (S-419) which is just South of Abarokee, to the Southern end of the Yellowstone River Bridge which is just south of Columbus, MT.

*Summary:* EPA has environmental concerns regarding proposed stream channel modifications. EPA recommended consultation with the Montana Department of Environment Quality (MDEQ) to assure consistency of the proposed highway's construction activities with MDEQ's Total Maximum Daily Loading standards development for impaired water bodies in the project area.

ERP No. F-FHW-K40221-CA CA-84—Realignment Project, Transportation Improvement between CA-84 from I-880 to CA-2389/Mission Blvd, Funding and US Army COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, Cities of Fremont, Hayward and Union, Alameda County, CA.

*Summary:* EPA expressed continuing environmental concern that there is not enough information in the final EIS to assess the ways in which the project will impact waters of the United States and whether impacts have been avoided and minimized. EPA also commented that the conclusion that the project would not violate National Ambient Air Quality Standards for CO and PM10 at the project level was not supported.

ERP No. F-FTA-F40390-MN Northstar Transportation Corridor Improvement Project, Downtown Minneapolis to the St. Cloud Area along Trunk Highway 10/47 and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Transcontinental Route connecting Hiawatha Light Rail Transit Line at a Multi-Modal Station, Minneapolis/St Paul International Airport and Mall of America, Bloomington, MN.

*Summary:* The final EIS includes additional information and discussions for the areas of concern identified in EPA's comment letters concerning the draft EIS and supplemental draft EIS. Direct wetland impacts have been reduced from 7.23 acres in the DEIS to 1.86 acres in the final EIS.

ERP No. F-NPS-D65023-DC Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site General Management Plan, Implementation, Washington, DC.

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

Dated: May 7, 2002.

**Joseph C. Montgomery,**

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

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[AMS-FRL-7210-7]

### Meeting of the Clean Diesel Independent Review Panel

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Clean Diesel Independent Review Panel of the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee will be active until September 30, 2002. This notice pertains to the first meeting of the panel. All panel meetings are open to the public. The preliminary agenda for this meeting will be available on the panel's website in early May: <http://www.epa.gov/air/caaac/subcommittees.html>.

**DATES:** Thursday, May 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Old Town Holiday Inn Select, 480 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, (703) 549-6080.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

*Technical Information:* Ms. Mary Manners, Designated Federal Official, U.S. EPA, National Vehicle and Fuels Emission Laboratory, Assessment and Standards Division, 2000 Traverwood, Ann Arbor MI 48105; telephone (734) 214-4873, fax (734) 214-4051, e-mail: [manners.mary@epa.gov](mailto:manners.mary@epa.gov).

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Current Information: <http://www.epa.gov/air/caaac/subcommittees.html>.

Individuals or organizations wishing to provide comments to the panel should submit them to Ms. Manners at the address above by September 30, 2002. The Clean Diesel Independent Review Panel expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements.

Dated: May 7, 2002.

**Margo T. Oge,**

Director, Office of Transportation and Air Quality.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7210-6]

### Technical Peer Review Workshop on the EPA Risk Assessment Forum Draft Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is announcing a meeting, organized and convened by Versar, Inc., a contractor to EPA's Risk Assessment Forum, for external scientific peer review on the draft Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment (EPA/630/P-02/001A). 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. The EPA also is announcing a 30-day public comment period for the draft document. EPA will consider the peer review advice and public comment submissions in revising the Framework document.

**DATES:** The peer review meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 2002 and from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 2002. The 30-day public comment period begins May 10, 2002, and ends June 10, 2002. Technical comments should be in writing and must be postmarked by June 10, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Courtyard Crystal City Hotel, 2899 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202. 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 Ms. Traci Bludis, Versar, Inc.; telephone: (703) 750-3000 extension 449; facsimile: 703-642-6954; e-mail [bluditra@versar.com](mailto:bluditra@versar.com) by 5 p.m. eastern daylight time, May 31, 2002.

The draft Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment is available via the Internet on the Risk Assessment Forum Publications home page at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea/raf/rafpub.htm> under What's New. Copies are not available from Versar Inc.

Public 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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information concerning the technical peer review workshop or the draft Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment, please contact Steven Knott, U.S. EPA Office of Research and Development (8601-D), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone (202) 564-3359, Fax (202) 565-0062, e-mail [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*.

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. More

recently, the Office of Pesticide Programs has developed 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).

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 ongoing 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 and define key terms associated with cumulative risk assessment.

Feedback on early drafts of the Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment was obtained through meetings with other Federal and State government scientists. In addition, feedback was obtained through a public peer consultation meeting held in August 2001. The workshop and public comment period announced in this notice are associated with the external scientific peer review of the current draft of the Framework. The peer review will focus on the technical issues associated with the draft Framework.

Dated: May 3, 2002.

**George W. Alapas,**

Acting Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7210-3]

### Paying for Water Quality: Managing Funding Programs To Achieve the Greatest Environmental Benefits; Report to Congress

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of report.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency held a public workshop on March 14-15, 2002, to provide a forum to discuss how water quality funding programs can be managed and enhanced to achieve the greatest environmental benefit. A report to Congress entitled,