

Funding, NPDES, US Coast Guard Section 9 Bridge Permits and COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Lawrence County, OH and Greenup County, KY, Comment Period Ends: July 15, 2002, Contact: Peter Jilek (614) 280-6835.

EIS No. 020209, Draft Supplement, COE, FL, PCS Phosphate—White Springs Mine Continuation Mining Operations, Proposes to Discharge Dredged/ Fill Material into 1,858 Acres of Jurisdictional Wetlands, Applications of “Life of Mine” Permit, Hamilton County, FL, Comment Period Ends: July 15, 2002, Contact: Richard Legere (352) 331-0732. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/permit/occidental.htm>. [sic].

EIS No. 020210, Draft EIS, BLM, NV, Toquop Energy Project, Toquop Land Disposal Amendment to the Caliente Management Framework Plan (MFP), Constructing an 1,100-megawatt (MW) Natural Gas-Fired Water-Cooled Electric Power Generating Plant and Associated Features on Public Lands, Right-of-Way Permit, Lincoln, Clark and Washoe Counties, NV, Comment Period Ends: August 29, 2002, Contact: Dan Netcher (775) 289-1872. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.nv.blm.gov>.

EIS No. 020211, Draft EIS, AFS, MT, Pipestone Timber Sale and Restoration Project, To Propose Timber Harvest, Prescribed Fire Burning, Watershed Restoration, Associated Activities, Kootenai National Forest, Libby Ranger District, Lincoln County, MT, Comment Period Ends: July 15, 2002, Contact: Tim Charnon (406) 293-7773.

EIS No. 020212, Final EIS, COE, MS, Yalobusha River Watershed, Demonstration Erosion Control Project, Construction of Six Floodwater-Retarding Structures, Yazoo Basin, Webster, Calhoun and Chickasaw Counties, MS, Wait Period Ends: July 01, 2002, Contact: Wendell King (601) 631-5967.

EIS No. 020213, Draft EIS, FHW, PA, Mon/Fayette Transportation Project, Improvements from PA Route 51 to I-376 in Monroeville and Pittsburg, Funding, U.S. Coast Guard Bridge Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Allegheny County, PA, Comment Period Ends: August 14, 2002, Contact: James A. Cheatham (717) 221-1720.

EIS No. 020214, Draft EIS, BLM, CA, Headwaters Forest Reserve, Implementation Resource Management Plan, Long-Term Management Plan and Planning Framework, Located in the

northwestern Coast Ranges near Humboldt Bay in Humboldt County, CA, Comment Period Ends: September 06, 2002, Contact: Lynda J. Roush (916) 737-3010. This document is available on the Internet at: www.ca.blm.gov/arcata.

EIS No. 020215, Draft EIS, USA, KY, Blue Grass Army Depot the Destruction of Chemical Munitions, To Address the Design, Construction, Operation, and Closure of Facility, Madison County, KY, Comment Period Ends: July 15, 2002, Contact: Penny Robitaille (410) 436-4178.

EIS No. 020216, Final EIS, DOD, AL, CO, AR, KY, Assembled Chemical Weapons Destruction Technologies at One or More Sites: Design, Construction and Operation of One or More Pilot Test Facilities, Anniston Army Depot, AL; Pine Bluff Arsenal, AR; Blue Grass Army Depot, KY and Pueblo Chemical Depot, CO, Wait Period Ends: July 01, 2002, Contact: Jon Ware (410) 436-2210.

EIS No. 020217, Final EIS, DOE, SC, Savannah River Site, High-Level Waste Tank Closure (DOE/EIS-0303D), Implementation, Industrial Wastewater Closure Plan for the F and H-Area High-Level Waste Tank Systems, Aiken County, SC, Wait Period Ends: July 01, 2002, Contact: Andrew R. Grainger (800) 881-7292.

*EIS No. 020218, Final EIS, NOA, Deep-sea Red Crab (*chaceon quinque-dens*) Fisheries, Fishery Management Plan, Development and Implementation, Norfolk Canyon in the south to the Haque Line in the north, Continental United States and Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), Wait Period Ends: July 01, 2002, Contact: Steve Kokkinakis (978) 281-9300.*

EIS No. 020219, Final EIS, FAA, NY, Adoption-Plattsburgh Air Force Base (AFB) Disposal and Reuse, Implementation for Use in Preparing a Record of Decision for US Department of Transportation's (USDOT), Federal Aviation's (FAA) Decisions Relative to Reuse, Clinton County, NY, Contact: Marie Jenet (516) 227-3811. USDOT, FAA has adopted the Department of Defense's, United States Air Force FEIS #950514, filed with the US Environmental Protection Agency on 11/09/1995. FAA was a cooperating Agency on the above project. Recirculation of the document is not necessary under 1506.3(c) of the Council on Environmental Regulations.

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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 12, 2002 (67 FR 17992).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-FAA-B51020-CT Rating EC2, Groton-New London Airport, Construction of Runway 5-23 Safety Area, Permits and Approvals, Town of Groton, New London County, CT.

Summary: EPA has environmental concerns and requested additional information regarding alternatives, impacts and mitigation associated with the proposed project.

ERP No. D-HHS-E80003-GA Rating LO, Chamblee Campus Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Expansion, Atlanta Metro Area, City of Chamblee, Dekalb County, GA.

Summary: While EPA has no objection to the proposed action, EPA did request that some additional information be provided to help clarify certain issues.

ERP No. DS-AFS-E65036-00 Rating NC, Vegetation Management in the Coastal Plain/ Piedmont, Proposal to Clarify Direction for Conducting Project-Level Inventories for Biological Evaluations (BEs), US Forest Service Southern Region, AL, GA, FL, SC, NC, LA, MS and TX.

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

ERP No. DS-AFS-E65037-00 Rating NC, Vegetation Management in the Appalachian Mountains, Proposal to Clarify Direction for Conducting Project-Level Inventories for Biological Evaluations (BEs), AL, GA, KY, NC, SC, TN, VA and WV.

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

ERP No. DS-NPS-J61102-00 Rating EO2, Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway, Winter Use Plans, Updated and New Information on New Generation of Snowmobiles that Produce fewer Emissions and are Quieter, Fremont County, ID; Gallatin and Park Counties, MT and Park and Teton Counties, WY.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objections based on the potential adverse impacts from three action alternatives, 1b, 2 and 3 which could result in noncompliance with air quality standards and potential adverse impacts on human health.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-B65009-NH Loon Mountain Ski Resort Development and Expansion Project, Implementation, Special Use Permit and NPDES Permit Issuance, White Mountain National Forest, Pemgawasset Ranger District, Grafton County, NH.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about growth impacts and associated mitigation and made recommendations about hydrogeologic and air quality issues.

ERP No. F-FHW-E40781-TNI-40 Transportation Improvements from I-75 to Cherry Street in Knoxville, Funding, NPDES and US Army COE Section 404 Permits Issuance, Knox County, TN.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns regarding noise and cultural resources impacts. EPA supports the construction of noise barriers that were proposed but were not committed to be constructed.

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EPA Dockets; EPA's New Electronic Public Docket and Comment System; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing the availability of a new electronic public docket and comment system designed to greatly expand access to EPA's public

dockets, and facilitate the submission of public comments to EPA, providing an unprecedented level of online access to EPA's programs and rulemaking processes. Known as EPA Dockets, this online system will allow you to search the Agency's major public dockets online, view the index listing of the contents for the dockets included in the system, and access those materials that are available online. You will be able to submit your comments online when a particular public docket available in EPA Dockets is open for public comments, and you will be able to view public comments online for that docket. This new capability will be a valuable tool to support the Agency's regulatory process by enabling more efficient access to EPA's rulemaking development process, and will create a new means for the Agency to share other non-rulemaking information for comment purposes. This capability will enable Agency rulemakers and decision-makers to carry out their responsibilities more efficiently. It will greatly enhance the public's access to the materials used in EPA's decision-making process, simplify electronic commenting, and access to the public comments in those public dockets available in EPA Dockets. This document provides a brief introduction to EPA Dockets, along with an overview of EPA's policies related to the implementation of the system.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Electronic government is a core component of the President's Management Agenda with stated goals to: Make it easy for citizens to obtain service and interact with the federal government; improve government efficiency and effectiveness; and improve government's responsiveness to citizens. With those goals in mind, twenty-four projects with the most potential to simplify and unify agency processes and information flows, provide one-stop services to citizens and increase agency effectiveness were identified by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for implementation. One of those projects, On-Line Rulemaking, will create an easy-to-use, government-wide on-line portal to find

and comment on proposed rules. The project will ultimately improve quality, efficiency, and consistency in the federal rulemaking processes. EPA Dockets is consistent with the approach contained in the On-Line Rulemaking project and can serve as an important building block for development. More information regarding the projects included in the President's Management Agenda for E-gov can be obtained from the federal government's E-Government Strategy on the OMB website at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/inforeg/egovstrategy.pdf>.

There are also several statutory mandates for federal agencies to provide electronic access to agency information. For example, the Government Paperwork Elimination Act (GPEA), Public Law 105-277, Title XVII (1998), mandates that agencies give citizens the option to submit information and conduct transactions with the agency electronically, when practicable, by October 2003. The Electronic Freedom of Information Act (E-FOIA), Amendments of 1996, 5 U.S.C. 552(a), require agencies to ensure the electronic availability of the agency-created records that must be available for public inspection and copying, through on-line access where possible, or by other electronic means, and that agencies provide an electronic copy of the information if readily reproducible electronically when requested in that format. Other mandates require agencies to consider revising their operations or procedures to maximize the use of today's electronic technology.

EPA initiated the development of an electronic public docket system after a 1996 survey of docket customers revealed the desire of docket customers to have electronic access to docket materials and the ability to search across all of the EPA dockets for information. Initiated prior to the online rulemaking initiative included in the President's Management Agenda for E-gov, and before the enactment of the electronic access mandates, today's announcement of the EPA Dockets demonstrates EPA's commitment to ensuring that the public has access to the information that is used to inform the Agency's decisions regarding potential risks to the environment and public health, and that the public has an opportunity to participate in the Agency's decision process. By providing online access to EPA's public dockets, and an online mechanism for the submission of public comments, EPA is advancing the E-Government Strategy, as well as satisfying the mandate under GPEA.