

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[ER-FRL-6633-5]

**Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability**

*Responsible Agency:* Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

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Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

*EIS No. 020395, Draft EIS, NPS, MT,* Glacier National Park—Going-to-Sun Road Rehabilitation Plan, To Protect and Preserve National Historic Landmark, Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park, The World First International Peace Park, A World Heritage Site, MT, Comment Period Ends: November 12, 2002, Contact: Mary Riddle (406) 888-7898.

*EIS No. 020396, Draft EIS, NPS, AZ, UT,* Glen Canyon National Area, Personal Watercraft Rule-Making, Implementation, Lake Powell, Coconino County, AZ and Garfield, Kane, San Juan and Wayne Counties, UT, Comment Period Ends: November 27, 2002, Contact: Kitty L. Roberts (928) 608-6272.

*EIS No. 020397, Final EIS, FHW, FL, I-4* Corridor Improvements, Upgrading the Safety and Mobility of the existing I-4, from west of FL-528 (Bee Line Expressway) interchange in Orange County to east of FL-472 interchange in Volusia County, Funding, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, NPDES Permit, Orange, Seminole, and Volusia Counties, FL, Wait Period Ends: October 28, 2002, Contact: Derek Fusco (850) 942-9650.

*EIS No. 020398, Draft Supplement, FHW, UT, U.S. Highway 189,* Utah Valley to Heber Valley, Widen and Realign 35km (22 miles) between the Junctions with Utah Route 52 and U.S. Highway 40, Provo Canyon, Utah and Wasatch County, UT, Comment Period Ends: November 12, 2002, Contact: William R. Gedris (801) 963-0182.

*EIS No. 020399, Final EIS, COE, NJ,* New Jersey Shore Protection Study, To Determine a Feasible Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction Plan, between Manasquan Inlet to Barnegat Inlet, Boroughs of Point Pleasant Beach, Bay Head, Mantoloking Lavallette, Seaside Heights and Seaside Park, and Townships of Buck, Dover and Berkeley, NJ, Wait Period Ends: October 28, 2002, Contact: James Warren (202) 761-4526.

*EIS No. 020400, Draft Supplement, AFS, ID,* Salmon Wild and Scenic River Management Plan, To Implement Timeline Change From December 31, 2002 to December 31, 2005 and Provide Clarify Information on Economic Impacts to the Camps, Stub Creek, Arctic Creek, and Smith Gulch Creek, Salmon National Forest, Salmon County, ID, Comment Period Ends: November 12, 2002, Contact: Patricia Pearson (208) 756-5348.

*EIS No. 020401, Final EIS, FRC, TN, NC,* VA, Patriot Project, Construction and Operation of Mainline Expansion and Patriot Extension in order to Transport 510.000 dekatherms per day (dth/day) of Natural Gas, TN, VA and NC, Wait Period Ends: October 28, 2002, Contact: Magalie Roman Salas (202) 208-1371.

*EIS No. 020402, Final EIS, NPS, TX,* Fort Davis National Historic Site, General Management Plan, Implementation, Fort Davis, TX, Wait Period Ends: October 28, 2002, Contact: Jerry R. Yarbrough (915) 426-3224. This document is available on the Internet at: "<http://planning.den.nps.gov/plans.cfm>".

*EIS No. 020403, Final EIS, FHW, LA,* Bayou Barataria Bridge/LA-302 Replacement, LA-45/Jean Lafitte Boulevard to LA-3257/Privateer Boulevard, Funding and U.S. Army COE Section 404 and U.S. Coast Guard Bridge Permits Issuance, Communities of Jean Lafitte and Barataria, Jefferson Parish, LA, Wait Period Ends: October 28, 2002, Contact: William C. Farr (225) 757-7615.

**Amended Notices**

*EIS No. 020305, Draft EIS, FHW, CA,* Riverside County Integrated Project, Winchester to Temecula Corridor a New Multi-Modal Transportation Facility, Route Location and Right-of-Way Preservation, County of Riverside, CA, Comment Period Ends: November 15, 2002, Contact: Mary Ann Rondinella (916) 498-5040. Revision of FR Notice Published on 7/19/2002: CEQ Wait Period Ending on 9/20/2002 has been Extended to 11/15/2002.

*EIS No. 020306, Draft EIS, FHW, CA,* Riverside County Integrated Project, Hemet to Corona/Lake Elsinore Corridor a New Multi-Modal Transportation Facility, Route Location and Right-of-Way Preservation, Riverside County, CA, Comment Period Ends: November 15, 2002, Contact: Mary Ann Rondinella (916) 498-5040. Revision of FR Notice Published on 7/19/2002: CEQ

Comment Period Ending 9/20/2002 has been Extended to 11/15/2002.

Dated: September 24, 2002.

**Joseph C. Montgomery,**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[ER-FRL-6633-6]

**Environmental Impact Statements 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-NAS-A12043-00 Rating LO,* Programmatic—MARS Exploration Rover-2003 (MER-2003) Project, Continuing the Long-Term Exploration of MARS, Implementation.

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

*ERP No. D-SFW-A65171-00 Rating Lo,* Resident Canada Goose Management Plan to Evaluate Alternative Strategies to Reduce Manage and Control Resident Canada Goose Populations within the Conterminous United States.

*Summary:* EPA had no objections to the proposed management plan.

**Final EISs**

*ERP No. F-AFS-G65008-NM,* Viveash Fire Timber Salvage Project, Proposal to Harvest a Portion of the Fire-Killed Trees, Pecos/Las Vegas Ranger District, Santa Fe National Forest, NM.

*Summary:* EPA's comments on the DEIS were adequately addressed and EPA has no objection to the selected alternative.

*ERP No. F-AFS-J65354-MT,* Game Range Project, Ecosystem Health and Productivity Improvements, Fuel Loading Reduction and Game Winter Range Condition Improvements and Maintenance, Lolo National Forest Plain/Thompson Falls Ranger District, Thompson River to Squaw Creek, Thompson Falls, MT.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding proposed timber harvests in roadless areas. Helicopter yarding methods were proposed to minimize impacts to water quality and appropriate BMPs and inland Native Fish Strategy guidelines for Riparian Habitat Conservation Areas would be applied.

*ERP No. F-AFS-L65396-ID*, Mann Creek Vegetation Management and Watershed Restoration Project, Implementation, Payette National Forest, Weiser Ranger District, Washington County, ID.

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

*ERP No. F-FTA-D54039-PA*, North Shore Connector extending existing Light Rail Transit (LRT) System from Golden Triangle of Downtown Pittsburgh to the North Shore, Funding, USCG Bridge Permit, NPDES Permit, and COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Allegheny County, PA.

*Summary:* EPA feels that its comment on the DEIS were addressed adequately. The project team should continue to work closely with appropriate agencies to ensure incorporation of any changing environmental conditions in the project area.

*ERP No. F-NAS-K12008-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.

*Summary:* The final Programmatic EIS includes added mitigation measures to better address construction-phase air emissions and other EPA recommendations for air quality mitigation. EPA suggested that the air quality measures be incorporated in the Record of Decision.

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Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-7384-9]

**Office of Environmental Justice Small Grants Program—Application Guidance FY 2003**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This guidance outlines the purpose, goals, and general procedures

for application and award under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 (October 1, 2002–September 30, 2003) Environmental Justice Small Grants Program. For FY 2003, the EPA will make available approximately \$1,500,000 in grant funds to eligible organizations (pending availability of funds); \$1,000,000 of this amount is available for Superfund projects only.

**DATES:** The application must be delivered by close of business Wednesday, December 18, 2002 to your appropriate EPA regional office (listed in section III) or postmarked by the U. S. Postal Service midnight Wednesday, December 18, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** For specific application delivery please contact the appropriate EPA regional office listed in section III.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sheila Lewis, Senior Program Analyst, EPA Office of Environmental Justice, (202) 564-0152.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

This guidance includes the following:

- I. Scope and Purpose of the Environmental Justice Small Grants Program
- II. Eligible Applicants and Activities
- III. Application Requirements
- IV. Process for Awarding Grants
- V. Expected Time-frame for Reviewing and Awarding Grants
- VI. Project Period and Final Reports
- VII. Fiscal Year 2004 Environmental Justice Small Grants Program

**Translations Available**

The Spanish translation of this application is found at the back of the published document and on the Web page <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/environmentaljustice/grants/>. Please note the forms are translated into Spanish but must be completed in English.

**I. Scope and Purpose of the OEJ Small Grants Program**

The purpose of this grant program is to provide financial assistance to eligible community groups (*i.e.*, community-based/grassroots organizations, churches<sup>1</sup>, or other nonprofit organizations with a focus on community-based issues) and federally recognized tribal governments that are working on or plan to carry out projects to address environmental justice issues. Preference for awards will be given to community-based/grassroots organizations that are working on local solutions to local environmental problems. Funds can be used to develop

<sup>1</sup> Churches that qualify as nonprofit organizations may use EPA grant funds only for environmental justice projects EPA grant funds may not be used to advance religious point of views.

a new activity or substantially improve the quality of existing programs that have a direct impact on affected communities. All awards will be made in the form of a grant not to exceed one year.

*Background*

In its 1992 report, “*Environmental Equity: Reducing Risk for All Communities*,” the EPA found that minority and/or low-income populations may experience higher than average exposure to toxic pollutants than the general population. The EPA established the Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ) in 1992 to help these communities identify and assess pollution sources, to implement environmental awareness and training programs for affected residents, and to work with community stakeholders to devise strategies for environmental improvements.

In June 1993, OEJ was delegated granting authority to solicit, select, supervise, and evaluate environmental justice-related projects, and to disseminate information on the projects’ content and effectiveness. FY 1994 marked the first year of the OEJ Small Grants Program. The chart below shows how the grant monies have been distributed since FY 1994.

Fiscal year	\$ Amount	Number of awards
1994 .....	500,000	71
1995 .....	3,000,000	175
1996 .....	2,800,000	152
1997 .....	2,700,000	139
1998 .....	2,500,000	123
1999 .....	1,455,000	95
2000 .....	899,000	61
2001 .....	1,300,000	88
2002 .....	1,113,000	73

*How Does EPA Define Environmental Justice Under the Environmental Justice Small Grants Program?*

Environmental justice is the *fair treatment and meaningful involvement* of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, culture, education, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. *Fair treatment* means that no one group of people, including racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic groups, should bear a disproportionate share of the negative environmental consequences resulting from industrial, municipal, and commercial operations or the execution of federal, state, local, and tribal environmental programs and policies. *Meaningful involvement* means that: (1) Potentially affected community