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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 the **Federal Register** dated April 12, 2002 (67 FR 17992).

#### Draft EISs

ERP No. D-COE-E35086-FL Rating EC2, Fort Pierce Shore Protection Project, Future Dredging of Capron Shoal, Implementation, St. Lucie County, FL.

*Summary:* EPA has environmental concerns regarding the direct and indirect consequences of this proposal which will require additional information to determine if the unavoidable losses will be appropriately mitigated.

ERP No. D-DOE-L08063-WA Rating EC2, Plymouth Generating Facility, Construction and Operation of a 307-megawatt (MW) Natural Gas-Fired Combined Cycle Power Generation Facility on a 44.5 Acre Site, Conditional Use/Special Use Permit Issuance, Benton County, WA.

*Summary:* EPA identified environmental concerns with the proposed project based on its contribution to significant cumulative visibility degradation in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and at Mount Hood. EPA recommended that the EIS be revised to include a more comprehensive air quality analysis.

ERP No. D-NOA-E91011-00 Rating LO, Northeast Skate Complex Fishery Management Plan, Implementation of Management Measures, Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, New England Fishery Management Council.

*Summary:* EPA has no objection to the proposal, but made suggestions on enhancing the efficacy of the study fleet and on multi-species zone closures.

ERP No. D-NOA-E91012-00 Rating LO, Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fishery Management Plan Amendment 13, Implementation, US Exclusive Economic Zone along the Atlantic Seaboard from Maine through North Carolina.

*Summary:* EPA expressed no objection to Amendment 13, but made suggestions for periodic stock assessment monitoring; for reducing clam dredge bycatch; and, for determining gear effects on fauna.

ERP No. DS-COE-H32002-00 Rating LO, Missouri River Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project to Restore Fish and Wildlife Habitat Losses Resulting from Construction, Operation and Maintenance of the Missouri River Bank Stabilization and Navigation Project (BSNP), Missouri River, Sioux City, Iowa to the Mouth near St. Louis, NB, KS and MO.

*Summary:* The Draft Supplemental EIS for this project was adequate and considered all appropriate environmental impacts. Comments made on the DSEIS consisted of suggestions to improve the presentation or organization of data to ease the reader's understanding.

ERP No. DS-UAF-K11076-00 Rating LO, Airborne Laser (ABL) Program to Conduct Test Activities at Kirtland Air Force Base (AFB) and White Sands Missile Range/Holloman AFB, New Mexico and Edwards AFB and Vandenberg AFB CA.

*Summary:* EPA expressed a lack of objection on the proposed action but requested clarification on the applicability of this project to the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, the Pollution Prevention Act and Executive Order 13148 for ammonia, chlorine and sulfuric acid.

#### Final EISs

ERP No. F-BIA-K39071-00 Truckee River Water Quality Settlement Agreement-Federal Water Right Acquisition, Implementation, Truckee River, Placer County, CA and Washoe, Storey and Lyon Counties, NV.

*Summary:* EPA commended the Truckee River Water Quality Settlement Agreement signatories' work to

permanently improve Truckee River water quality and reduce violations of water quality standards. EPA encouraged them to continue to work with EPA in achieving full compliance with water quality standards. The FEIS adequately addresses our concerns.

ERP No. F-DOE-G06012-00, Technical Area 18 (TA-18) Relocation of Capabilities and Materials at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), Operational Activities involve Research in and the Design, Development, Construction, and Application of Experiments on Nuclear Criticality, NM, NV and ID.

*Summary:* EPA has no objections to the selection of the preferred alternative since EPA comments on the draft document have been adequately responded to.

ERP No. F-FHW-E40786-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, U.S. Army COE Section 10 and 404 and NPDES Permits Issuance, Orange, Seminole, and Volusia Counties, FL.

*Summary:* EPA continues to have environmental concerns about the extent and mitigation of related socio-economic impacts. EPA suggests that a schedule for construction and operation of all project components be documented in the Record of Decision to ensure that alternative project considerations are consistent with comprehensive review procedures under NEPA.

ERP No. F-FRC-E03009-00, 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.

*Summary:* EPA has environmental concerns regarding the need for better documentation regarding cumulative and secondary impacts, environmental justice issues, sampling and analysis of potentially contaminated sediments at Mud Creek, and pipeline safety.

ERP No. FS-COE-E34030-FL, Central and Southern Florida Project, Indian River Lagoon-South Feasibility Study, Additional Information concerning Selection of Plan, Alternative 6, Restoration of the Southern Indian River Lagoon and the St. Lucie Estuary Ecosystem, Martin, St. Lucie and Okeechobee Counties, FL.

*Summary:* EPA supports the positive water quality and habitat benefits which should result from the proposed IRLS plan.

Dated: November 12, 2002.

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### 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

Filed November 4, 2002, through November 8, 2002,

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

*EIS No. 020457, Draft EIS, AFS, UT,* Fox and Crescent Reservoirs Maintenance Project, to operate and maintain the dam structures, special use permit, High Uintas Wilderness, Ashley National Forest, Uinta Basin, Duchesne County, UT, Due: December 30, 2002, Contact: Clark Tucker (435) 781-5203.

*EIS No. 020458, Draft EIS, AFS, ID,* Salmon-Challis National Forest Noxious Weed Management Program, to implement an integrated series of weed treatment and non-treatment practices, Custer, Lemhi, Butte and Blaine Counties, ID, Due: January 14, 2003, Contact: William Diage (208) 756-5100.

*EIS No. 020459, Final EIS, MMS, AL, LA, MS, TX,* Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Lease Sales: 2003-2007, starting in 2002 the proposed central planning area sales 185, 190, 194, 198, and 201 and western planning area sales 187, 192, 196, and 200, offshore marine environment, coastal counties and parishes of TX, LA, AL and MS, Due: December 16, 2002, Contact: Archie Melancon (703) 787-1547.

*EIS No. 020460, Final EIS, AFS, MT,* Cave Gulch post-fire salvage sale, harvesting dead or dying trees, implementation, Helena National Forest, Big Belts Mountain, Lewis and Clark Counties, MT, Due: December 16, 2002, Contact: Jerry Meyer (406) 449-5201.

*EIS No. 020461, Draft EIS, EPA, CA,* Lower Owens River Project, to implement a large-scale habitat restoration project, funding, NPDES permit and COE section 404 permit, Owens Valley, Inyo County, CA, Due:

January 14, 2003, Contact: Gail Louis (414) 972-3467. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://lorpeir.com>

*EIS No. 020462, Draft EIS, DOE, CA,* Sacramento Area Voltage Support Project, to improve system reliability and provide voltage support, Sierra Nevada Region, Alameda, Contra Costa, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin and Sutter Counties, CA, Due: December 30, 2002, Contact: Loreen McMahon (916) 353-4460. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.wapa.gov>.

*EIS No. 020463, Draft EIS, SFW, CA,* Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP), implementation, issuing incidental take permits, Riverside and Orange County, CA, Due: January 15, 2003, Contact: Jim Bartel (760) 431-9440.

*EIS No. 020464, Draft EIS, APH,* importation of solid wood packing material, to exclude, eradicate and/or control invasive alien agricultural pest, implementation, United States, Due: December 30, 2002, Contact: Ray Nosbaum (301) 734-6280. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/es/ppq/swpmdeis.pdf>.

*EIS No. 020465, Draft EIS, COE, LA,* Bayou Sorrel Lock Replacement (formerly IWW Locks) feasibility study, to relieve navigation delays and/or provide adequate flood protection, Atchafalaya Basin Floodway, Iberville Parish, LA, Due: December 30, 2002, Contact: Richard Boe (504) 862-1505.

*EIS No. 020467, Draft EIS, FHW, IL,* Milan Beltway Extension (FAU 5822) Airport Road to Blackhawk Road/John Deere Expressway, to provide a connections between the developing areas, Black Hawk State historic site, Rock Island County, IL, Due: January 13, 2003, Contact: Roger E. Rocke (815) 284-2271.

*EIS No. 020468, Final EIS, COE, TX,* Texas City's Proposed Shoal Point Container Terminal Project, containerized cargo gateway development, U.S. Army COE section 404 and 10 permits issuance, material placement area (DMPA), City of Texas, Galveston County, TX, Due: December 16, 2002, Contact: Sharon Manzaella-Tirpak (409) 766-3136.

*EIS No. 020469, Draft Supplement, FTA, FL,* Miami-Miami Beach (Bay Link) Transportation Corridor Study, transportation improvements connecting government center and downtown Miami Beach Convention Center, Dade County, FL, Due:

December 30, 2002, Contact: Elizabeth B. Martin (404) 562-3509.

*EIS No. 020470, Final EIS, FTA, AZ,* Central Phoenix/East Valley Light Rail Transit Corridor, construction, operation and maintenance, funding, Cities of Phoenix, Tempe and Mesa, Maricopa County, AZ, Due: December 16, 2002, Contact: Hymie Luden (415) 744-3115.

*EIS No. 020471, Draft EIS, SFW, FL,* proposed rulemaking for: the incidental take of small numbers of Florida manatees (*Trichechus manatus latirostris*) resulting from government programs related to watercraft access and watercraft operation in the State of Florida, Due: January 10, 2003, Contact: Pete Benjamin (904) 232-2580.

### Amended Notices

*EIS No. 020418, Draft EIS, USN, CA,* Advanced Amphibious Assault Vehicle (AAAV) development, replacement and establishment, implementation, Del Mar Basin Area of Marine Base Corps (MCB) Camp Pendleton, San Diego County, CA, Due: December 03, 2002, Contact: Lisa Seneca (619) 532-4744. Revision of **Federal Register** notice published on 10/11/2002: CEQ comment period ending 11/25/2002 has been extended to 12/3/2002.

*EIS No. 020452, Final Supplement, AFS, GA, AL, FL, SC, LA, NC, MS, TX,* 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, Due: December 9, 2002, Contact: Robert Wilhelm (404) 347-7076. Revision of **Federal Register** notice published on 11-8-2002: correction to website address on the Internet at: <http://www.southregion.fs.fed.us/planning/vmeis/index.htm>.

*EIS No. 020453, Final Supplement, AFS, AL, GA, KY, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV,* 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, Due: December 9, 2002, Contact: Robert Wilhelm (404) 347-7076. Revision of **Federal Register** notice published 11-08-02 correction to website address. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.southregion.fs.fed.us/planning/vmeis/index.htm>.