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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6635-7]

### 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 December 2, 2002, through December 6, 2002.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

*EIS No. 020498, Draft EIS, SFW, WA,* Daybreak Mine Expansion and Habitat Enhancement Project, Habitat Conservation Plan, Issuance of a Multiple Species Permit for Incidental Take, Implementation, Clark County, WA, Comment Period Ends: February 21, 2003. Contact: Tim Romanski (360) 753-4371.

*EIS No. 020499, Final EIS, BLM, OR,* Coos County Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline, Construction, Operation and Maintenance, Proposed Natural Gas Pipeline from Roseburg to Coos Bay, Right-of-Way Grant, Coos Bay District, Coos County, OR, Wait Period Ends: January 13, 2003, Contact: Bob Gunther (541) 751-4295.

*EIS No. 020500, Draft EIS, AFS, CA,* Giant Sequoia National Monument Management Plan, Implementation, To Establish Management Direction for the Land and Resources, Sequoia National Forest, Fresno, Kern and Tulare Counties, CA, Comment Period Ends: March 13, 2003. Contact: Jim Whitfield (559) 784-1500.

*EIS No. 020501, Final EIS, FHW, KS,* U.S. 59 Highway Construction Improvements, Lawrence to Ottawa, Funding, NPDES Permit Issuance and Possible US Army COE Permit Issuance, Douglas and Franklin Counties, KS, Wait Period Ends: January 24, 2003, Contact: J. Michael Bowen (785) 267-7287.

*EIS No. 020502, Draft EIS, MMS, AK,* Cook Inlet Planning Area Oil and Gas Lease Sales 191 and 199, Outer Continental Shelf, Offshore Marine Environment, Cook Inlet, AK, Comment Period Ends: January 27, 2003, Contact: George Valiulis (703) 787-1662.

*EIS No. 020503, Draft EIS, STB, TX,* Bayport Loop New Rail Line, Construction and Operation, Finance Docket No. 34079, Houston, Harris County, TX, Comment Period Ends:

January 27, 2003, Contact: Dana White (202) 565-1552. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

*EIS No. 020504, Draft EIS, AFS, ID,* Gaylord North Timber Sale Project, Harvesting Timber, Council Ranger District, Payette National Forest, Adam County, ID, Comment Period Ends: January 27, 2003, Contact: Michael Hutchins (208) 253-0100.

*EIS No. 020505, FINAL EIS, NAS, 00,* Programmatic—Mars Exploration Rover-2003 (MER-2003) Project, Continuing the Long-Term Exploration of Mars, Implementation, Wait Period Ends: January 13, 2003, Contact: David Lavery (202) 358-4800.

*EIS No. 020506, Final EIS, NRC, VA,* Generic EIS—Surry Power Station, Unit 1 and 2, Supplement 6 to NUREG-1437, License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, COE Section 404 Permit and NPDES Permit, James River, VA, Wait Period Ends: January 13, 2003, Contact: Andrew Kugler (301) 415-2828.

*EIS No. 020507, Final EIS, NRC, VA,* Generic EIS—North Anna Power Station, Units 1 and 2, Supplement 7 to NUREG-1437, License Renewal, VA, Wait Period Ends: January 13, 2003, Contact: Andrew Kugler (301) 415-2828.

*EIS No. 020508, Final EIS, DOE, KY,* Kentucky Pioneer Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle Demonstration Project, Constructing and Operating a 540 megawatt-electric Plant, Clean Coal Technology Program, Clark County, KY, Wait Period Ends: January 13, 2003, Contact: Roy Spears (304) 285-5460.

### Amended Notices

*EIS No. 020421, Draft EIS, FHW, OR,* Newberg-Dundee Transportation Improvement Project (TEA 21 Prog. #37), Proposal to Relieve Congestion on Ore. 99W through the Cities of Newberg and Dundee, Bypass Element Location (Tier 1), Yamhill County, OR, Comment Period Ends: December 16, 2002, Contact: Jim Cox (503) 986-3013. Revision of FR notice published on October 18, 2002: CEQ Comment Period Ending December 2, 2002 has been extended to December 16, 2002.

Dated: December 10, 2002.

### Joseph C. Montgomery,

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6635-8]

### 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-FHW-E40796-NC Rating EC2,* U.S. 64 Corridor Project, Transportation Improvements in the vicinity of the City of Asheboro and Access Improvements to the NC Zoological Park, Funding and U.S. Army COE section 404 Permit Issuance, Randolph County, NC.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding primary impacts as a result of project implementation. These include a large number of residential relocations, with many residences experiencing excessive noise increases and the loss of deciduous forest and surface water habitat. EPA requested that deletion of one or two proposed interchanges be evaluated.

*ERP No. D-FHW-F40409-IN Rating LO, IN-25* Transportation Corridor Improvements from I-65 Interchange to U.S. 24, Funding, Right-of-Way and U.S. Army COE section 404 Permit Issuance, Hoosier Heartland Highway, Tippecanoe, Carroll and Cass Counties, IN.

*Summary:* EPA believes that the proposed project will result in minimum adverse impacts to the environment with the appropriate mitigation. No additional analyses are required.

*ERP No. D-FHW-K40253-CA Rating 3,* Riverside County Integrated Project, Winchester to Temecula Corridor Construction of a New Multi-Modal Transportation Facility, Route Location and Right-of-Way Preservation, Riverside County, CA.

*Summary:* EPA found that the DEIS was inadequate to satisfy the requirements of NEPA and lead to the selection of a preferred alignment containing the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative to satisfy section 404 of the Clean Water

Act. The DEIS evaluated the two CETAP corridors in isolation of one another and of other major pending highway projects, did not adequately analyze a No Build alternative, and lacked adequate assessment of indirect and cumulative impacts on aquatic and biological resources as well as water and air quality. EPA recommends that these concerns be addressed in a revised DEIS.

*ERP No. D-FHW-K40254-CA Rating 3, 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.*

*Summary:* EPA found that the DEIS was inadequate to satisfy the requirements of NEPA and lead to the selection of a preferred alignment containing the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative to satisfy section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The DEIS evaluated the two CETAP corridors in isolation of one another and of other major pending highway projects, did not adequately analyze a No Build alternative, and lacked adequate assessment of indirect and cumulative impacts on aquatic and biological resources as well as water and air quality. EPA recommends that these concerns be addressed in a revised DEIS.

#### Final EISs

*ERP No. F-BLM-K67054-NV, Phoenix Project, Current Mining Operations and Processing Activities Expansion, Battle Mountain, Plan of Operations Approval, Lander County, NV.*

*Summary:* The final EIS does not address EPA's concern that the long-term post-closure mitigation will not be adequately funded. The environmental acceptability of the project depends on adequate funding of the mitigation plan to prevent degradation of water quality and impacts to biological resources. The final EIS continues to be inadequate since it does not include an itemized cost estimate for the mitigation or assurance that funds will be available in perpetuity to perform the project startup.

*ERP No. F-COE-C30011-NJ, New Jersey Shore Protection Study to Determine a Feasible Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction Plan from 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.*

*Summary:* EPA continues to have environmental concerns and requests an

opportunity to review a complete cumulative impacts and analysis and General Conformity Determination prior to the signing of the Record of Decision for the project.

*ERP No. F-FHW-J40149-CO, Colorado Forest Highway 80, Guanella Pass Road (also known as Park County Road 62/Clear Creek County Road 381/Forest Development Road 118) from U.S. 285 in Grant to Georgetown, Improvements, Funding and U.S. Army COE Section 404, NPDES and Special Use Permits Issuance, Park and Clear Creek Counties, CO.*

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns about wetland impacts and mitigation implementation.

*ERP No. F-FHW-K40244-CA, CA-120 Oakdale Expressway Project, Construction and Operation, Post Mile 3.0 to Post Mile R12.9 near Oakdale, Funding, U.S. Army COE Section 404 and NPDES Permits Issuance, Stanislaus County, CA.*

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns and recommended that FHWA request and obtain EPA's written concurrence on the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative and conceptual mitigation plan prior to the signing of the record of decision (ROD) in accordance with the NEPA/404 Memorandum of Understanding. EPA believes that the FEIS lacks sufficient information on indirect and cumulative impacts and a qualitative PM-10 analysis. In addition, the conceptual mitigation plan presented in the FEIS does not clearly show how it will adequately offset the project's wetland impacts.

*ERP No. FS-AFS-E65036-00, Vegetation Management in the Coastal Plain/Piedmont, Proposal to Clarify Direction for Conducting Project-Level Inventories for Biological Evaluations (BEs), U.S. 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. FS-AFS-E65037-00, 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.

Dated: December 10, 2002.

**Joseph C. Montgomery,**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7421-6]

### Office of Research and Development, Board of Scientific Counselors, Executive Committee Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C., App.2) notification is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development (ORD), Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC), will hold an Executive Committee meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on January 9-10, 2003. On Thursday, January 9th, the meeting will begin at 1 p.m., and will recess at 5:30 p.m. On Friday, January 10th, the meeting will reconvene at 9 a.m. and will adjourn at approximately 4 p.m. All times noted are eastern time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Lowe's L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20024.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Agenda items to include, but not be limited to: Consultation on ORD's Homeland Security Research Strategy, Briefing on EPA's Report on the Environment, Discussion of BOSC Future Issues and Plans, and BOSC Communications Ad-Hoc Committee Report Update.

Anyone desiring a draft BOSC agenda may fax their request to Shirley R. Hamilton (202) 565-2444. The meeting is open to the public. Any member of the public wishing to make a presentation at the meeting should contact Shirley Hamilton, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Research and Development (8701R), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; or by telephone at (202) 564-6853. In general, each individual making an oral presentation will be limited to a total of three minutes.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shirley R. Hamilton, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development, National Center for Environmental Research (MC 8701R), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 564-6853.