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 Expertise (Identify the Nominee's specific qualifying expertise and relate it to the review areas identified in Section 4 of this **Federal Register**):
 Nominations should be submitted in electronic format as described above (and sent to sab@epa.gov). Anyone who is unable to submit nominations in electronic format may send hard copies of the nomination paperwork to Ms. White. Ms. White can be reached by first class mail at EPA Science Advisory Board, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1400A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; by overnight mail to Cubicle 6450Z, EPA Science Advisory Board, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW., Washington, DC 20004; or via fax at: (202) 501-0582. Nominations should be submitted in time to arrive no later than January 31, 2003. Any questions should be directed to Ms. White either at white.kathleen@epa.gov or via telephone at: (202) 564-4559.

The EPA Science Advisory Board will generally not formally acknowledge or respond to nominations. From the nominees (termed the "Widecast"), SAB Staff will develop a smaller subset (known as the "Short List") for more detailed consideration. Criteria used by the SAB Staff in developing this Short List are given at the end of the following paragraph. The Short List will be posted on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>, and will include, for each candidate, the nominee's name and their biosketch. Public comments will be accepted for 21 calendar days on the Short List. During this comment period, the public will have the opportunity to provide information, analysis or other documentation on nominees that the SAB Staff should consider in evaluating candidates for the Panel.

For the EPA SAB, a balanced review panel is characterized by inclusion of candidates who possess the necessary knowledge, the relevant scientific perspectives (which, among other factors, can be influenced by work history and affiliation), and the collective breadth of experience to undertake the review. Public responses to the Short List candidates will be considered in the selection of the Panel, along with information provided by candidates and information gathered by

EPA SAB Staff independently on the background of each candidate. Specific criteria to be used in evaluating an individual panelist include: (a) Scientific and/or technical expertise, knowledge, and experience (primary factors); (b) skills working in committees, subcommittees and advisory panels; (c) absence of financial conflicts of interest; (d) scientific credibility and impartiality; and (e) availability and willingness to serve.

Short List candidates will also be required to fill-out the "Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Special Government Employees Serving on Federal Advisory Committees at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency" (EPA Form 3110-48). This confidential form, which is used by EPA SAB Members and Consultants, allows Government officials to determine whether there is a statutory conflict between that person's public responsibilities (which includes membership on an EPA Federal advisory committee) and private interests and activities, or the appearance of a lack of impartiality, as defined by Federal regulation. The form may be viewed and downloaded from the following URL address: <http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/epaform3110-48.pdf>.

7. *General Information:* The approved policy under which the EPA SAB selects review panels is described in a recent SAB document, EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Panel Formation Process: Immediate Steps to Improve Policies and Procedures—An SAB Commentary (EPA-SAB-EC-COM-002-003), which can be found on the SAB's Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/ecm02003.pdf>.

Additional information concerning the EPA Science Advisory Board, including its structure, function, and composition, may be found on the EPA SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>; and in the EPA Science Advisory Board FY2001 Annual Staff Report, which is available from the EPA SAB Publications Staff at phone: (202) 564-4533; via fax at: (202) 501-0256; or on the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/annreport01.pdf>.

Dated: December 20, 2002.

A. Robert Flaak,

Acting Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.

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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-AFS-J65367-MT Rating EC2, Garver Project, Harvest and Old Growth Regeneration, Implementation, Kootenai National Forest, Three Rivers Ranger District, Lincoln County, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding impacts to water quality from the proposed 1,250 acres of tractor timber harvest in a 303(d) listed water body and about minimal water quality monitoring. Fuel reduction treatments were well planned and designed with many protective measures.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65369-MT Rating EC2, Windmill Timber Sale and Road Decommissioning Project, Timber Harvesting, Road Construction and Road Decommissioning, Mill Creek Drainage, Absaroka Mountain Range, Gallatin National Forest, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with potential effects of timber harvests and road construction to water quality, and to wildlife species dependent upon old growth habitats. EPA recommends that additional information on aquatic monitoring should be included in the final EIS.

ERP No. D-FTA-E59002-NC Rating LO, South Corridor Light Rail Project to Provide Light Rail Service between the Town of Pineville, and Downtown Charlotte, City of Charlotte, Charlotte-Mecklenburg County, NC.

Summary: EPA lacks objections to the project as proposed and believes that the DEIS provided adequate information on the project's environmental impacts.

ERP No. D-NPS-J65365-00 Rating EC2, Glen Canyon National Area, Personal Watercraft Rule-Making, Implementation, Lake Powell, Coconino County, AZ and Garfield, Kane, San Juan and Wayne Counties, UT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with potential impacts to water quality, specifically that it is not clear if Utah water quality standards are being violated. In addition, the DEIS does not disclose strategies for management of personal watercraft on Lake Powell. EPA recommends that a monitoring plan be included, given the potential for violation of water quality standards.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-J65337-MT Cave Gulch Post-Fire Salvage Sale, Harvesting Dead or Dying Trees, Implementation, Helena National Forest, Big Belts Mountain, Lewis and Clark County, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential adverse impacts of timber harvest on water quality limited Magpie and Hellgate Creeks, already impacted by wildfire. EPA supported proposed road decommissioning, Grouse Creek restoration, revegetation, and other mitigation measures, and supported proposed monitoring to document and validate minimal impacts.

ERP No. F-DOE-L09814-ID Idaho High-Level Waste and Facilities Disposition, Alternatives for Managing High-Level Waste, Mixed Transuranic Waste/Sodium Bearing Waste and Associated Radioactive Wastes Evaluation, Bannock, Bingham, Bonneville, Butte, Madison, Clark, and Jefferson Counties, ID.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental objections because the EIS does not clearly indicate how the separation alternatives meet the requirements of DOE Order 435.1 and about the option of treating High-Level Waste (HLW) at Hanford. EPA also has serious concerns with the lack of a clearly defined preferred alternative in the FEIS. EPA recommends that DOE select a preferred alternative that does not commit to treating HLW at Hanford and which commits to an early decision concerning the closure of the Calciner.

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Joseph C. Montgomery,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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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 December 16, 2002 Through December 20, 2002 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 020517, FINAL SUPPLEMENT, AFS, ID, North Lochsa Face Landscape and Watershed Assessment Project, Implementation, Clearwater National Forest, Lochsa Ranger District, Idaho County, ID, Wait Period Ends: February 10, 2003, Contact: Lois Foster (208) 935-4258.

EIS No. 020518, FINAL EIS, AFS, KY, Daniel Boone National Forest Land Exchange Project, Exchanging two Federal Tracts for 98.17 Acres of Privately Owned Land located in Owsley County, Federal Lands to be considered are Tract 107AB (52.15 acres) located on Langdon Branch in Leslie County and Tract 745 (39.96 acres) located on Spicer Fork in Perry County, KY, Wait Period Ends: January 27, 2002, Contact: William M. Rock (859) 745-3100.

EIS No. 020519, DRAFT EIS, NPS, WA, Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, General Management Plan, Development Concept Plans, Implementation, Oregon County, WA, Comment Period Ends: February 25, 2003, Contact: Alan Schmierer (510) 817-1441.

EIS No. 020520, DRAFT EIS, FHW, NY, Slingerlands Bypass Extension (NYS Route 85) (P.I.N. 1125.19) Route 140 (Cherry Avenue Extension) to the Albany City Line, Reconstruction Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, NY, Comment Period Ends: February 18, 2003, Contact: Robert Arnold (518) 431-4127.

EIS No. 020521, DRAFT EIS, AFS, MT, Management Area 11 Snowmobile Use Areas on the Seeley Lake Ranger District, Implementation, Lola National Forest, Missoula and Powell Counties, MT, Comment Period Ends: February 11, 2003, Contact: Timothy G. Love (406) 677-2233.

EIS No. 020522, FINAL EIS, AFS, CA, Brown Darby Fuel Reduction Project, Proposal for a Combination of the Salvage Harvesting of Trees Killed and other Fuels Management Activities, Stanislaus National Forest, Calaveras Ranger District, Calaveras and Tuolumne Counties, CA, Wait Period Ends: January 27, 2003, Contact: Kathy Aldrich (209) 795-1381. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.r5.fs.fed.us/stanislaus>.

EIS No. 020523, FINAL EIS, COE, CA, Middle Creek Flood Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration Project, Implementation, Located

between Highway 20 and Middle Creek immediately northwest of Clear Lake, Lake County, CA, Wait Period Ends: January 27, 2003, Contact: Jerry Fuentes (916) 557-6706.

EIS No. 020524, DRAFT EIS, FHW, MO, MO-17 Transportation Improvement Project, From South of Route O to South of Howell County Line Bridge Replacement with Approaches Job # J9P0440, Texas, Shannon and Howell Counties, MO, Comment Period Ends: February 18, 2003, Contact: Don Neumann (573) 636-7104.

EIS No. 020525, FINAL EIS, COE, FL, Fort Pierce Shore Protection Project, Future Dredging of Capron Shoal, Implementation, St. Lucie County, FL, Wait Period Ends: January 27, 2003, Contact: William Lang (904) 232-2615.

EIS No. 020526, FINAL EIS, USA, KY, Blue Grass Army Depot, Destruction of Chemical Munitions, Design, Construction, Operation and Closure of a Facility to Destroy the Chemical Agent and Munitions, Madison County, KY, Wait Period Ends: January 27, 2003, Contact: Penny Robitaille (410) 436-4178.

EIS No. 020527, FINAL EIS, NOAA, WA, Anadromous Fish Agreements and Habitat Conservation Plans for the Wells, Rocky Reach, and Rock Island Hydroelectric Projects, Implementation, Incidental Take Permits, Chelan and Douglas Counties, WA, Wait Period Ends: January 27, 2003, Contact: Ritchie Graves (503) 231-6891. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.nwr.noaa.gov>.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 020442, DRAFT EIS, COE, FL, Ona Mine Project, Proposes to Construct and Operate a Surface Mine for the Recovery of Phosphate Rock, in Western Hardee County, FL, Comment Period Ends: March 03, 2003, Contact: Charles A. Schnepel (813) 840-2908. Revision of FR Notice Published on 11/01/2002: CEQ Comment Period Ending 12/16/2002 has been Extended to 3/3/2003.

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