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Resumes and letters of interest may be directed to Lara P. Autry, NELAC/NELAP Director, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development, National Exposure Research Laboratory, Environmental Sciences Division, Landscape Characterization Branch (E243-05), Research Triangle Park, NC 27711 or by e-mail: [autry.lara@epa.gov](mailto:autry.lara@epa.gov). Inquiries must be submitted by August 15, 2003 for consideration.

Dated: July 30, 2003.

**Henry L. Longest,**

*Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Research and Development.*

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**[FRL-7548-6]**

### **Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board; Notice of Charter Renewal**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Charter for the Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board (ELAB) has been renewed for an additional two-year period, as a necessary committee which is in the public interest, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2 section 9(c). The purpose of ELAB is to provide advice and recommendations to the Administrator of EPA on issues associated with the

systems and standards of accreditation for environmental laboratories.

It is determined that ELAB is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Agency by law.

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**[ER-FRL-6643-2]**

### **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 4, 2003 (68 FR 16511).

#### **Draft EISs**

ERP No. D-AFS-J70021-SD Rating EC2, Prairie Project Area (Lower Rapid Creek Area), Multiple Resource Management Actions, Implementation, Black Hills National Forest, Mystic Ranger District, Pennington County, ID.

*Summary:* EPA has environmental concerns about potential soil erosion, runoff and degradation of water quality and stream habitat, stream sedimentation, and impacts to wildlife and sensitive species. EPA recommended the final EIS include measures to minimize impacts to important wildlife habitat and private property when harvesting on the Forest Service-private land interface.

ERP No. D-FHW-E40797-MS Rating LO, Airport Parkway Extension, Improvements to MS-475 from I-20 to Old Brandon Road, U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, Rankin County, MS.

*Summary:* EPA has lack of objections to the proposed action.

However, EPA recommends that further information regarding project description, project need and adequate mitigation be included in the FEIS.

ERP No. D-FHW-F40413-IL Rating EC2, US 20 (FAP 301) Construction Project, IL-84 north of Galena to Bolton Road northwest of Freeport, Funding, NPDES Permit and U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, Jo Davies and Stephenson Counties, IL.

*Summary:* EPA has environmental concerns with the proposed project relating to: (1) Karst areas and groundwater contamination, (2) impaired water impacts, (3) neotropical migrant impacts, and (4) forest impact mitigation.

ERP No. D-FHW-F40414-OH Rating EC2, Butler County, OH-63 Extension to U.S. 127 (Trenton Area Access), Construction of a Multi-Lane Limited Access, Divided Highway on New Alignment from east of OH-41/OH-63 Interchange in the City of Monroe, Funding, Butler County, OH.

*Summary:* EPA has environmental concerns with the proposed project regarding potential ground water contamination in a federally-designated sole source aquifer (the Great Miami/Little Miami Buried Valley Aquifer System). EPA also asks that more information be provided on wetlands mitigation and impacts to surface water.

ERP No. D-FHW-F40415-IN Rating EC2, US 31 Improvement Project (I-465 to IN-38) between I-465 North Leg and IN-38, Funding, NPDES Permit and U.S. Army Section 10 and 404 Permits Issuance, Hamilton County, IN.

*Summary:* EPA has environmental concerns with the preferred alternative regarding potentially adverse impacts to public drinking water supplies, forests, wetlands, streams and floodplains. EPA recommends the FEIS include specific mitigation measures to minimize and/or compensate for these impacts.

ERP No. D-FHW-G40174-TX Rating LO, Eastern Extension of the President George Bush Turnpike (PGBT) from TX-78 to I-30, New Controlled Access Tollway Construction at a New Location, Cities of Garland, Sachse, Rowlett and Dallas, Dallas County, TX.

*Summary:* EPA has no objections to the project as proposed. EPA recommends additional information regarding the areas of air quality and floodplain mitigation be included in the FEIS.

ERP No. D-NPS-G65086-TX Rating LO, Big Bend National Park General Management Plan, Implementation, Brewster County, TX.

*Summary:* EPA has no objections to the selection of the preferred alternative as described.

ERP No. D-NPS-J65384-MT Rating EC2, Glacier National Park Commercial Services Plan, and General Management Plan, Implementation, Glacier National Park, a Portion of Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park, Flathead and Glacier Counties, MT.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns with potential impacts to outstanding resource waters within Glacier National Park from stream channel maintenance activities and construction. EPA believes additional information should be presented to fully assess and mitigate all potential impacts of the management actions.

#### Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-K65249-CA, Stream Fire Restoration Project, Implementation, Plumas National Forest, Mt. Hough Ranger District, Plumas County, CA.

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

ERP No. F-BLM-K61155-CA, Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area Management Plan Revision and Update and Amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan, Implementation, Imperial County, CA.

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

ERP No. F-COE-G39036-TX, North Padre Island Storm Damage Reduction and Environmental Restoration Project, Construction of a Channel between the Laquna Madre and the Gulf of Mexico across North Padre Island referred to as Packery Channel Project, Nueces County, TX.

*Summary:* EPA had no objections to the proposed action.

ERP No. F-DOE-L08055-WA, Kangley—Echo Lake Transmission Line Project, New 500-kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Construction, U.S. Army COE Section 10 and 404 Permits Issuance, King County, WA.

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

ERP No. F-DOE-L08063-WA, 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 continues to have environmental concerns with the lack of a comprehensive air quality cumulative effects analysis.

ERP No. F-FHW-K40253-CA, 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 has environmental concerns regarding the preferred alternative's contribution to habitat fragmentation, and impacts to endangered species, waters of the United States, water quality and air quality. EPA requests clarifications in the Record of Decision, and commitments that these key issues be addressed in the Tier 2 project level evaluation.

ERP No. F-USN-K11107-CA, Naval Station Treasure Island Disposal and Reuse Property, Implementation, Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA), City of San Francisco, San Francisco County, CA.

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

ERP No. FS-COE-G39002-00, Red River Chloride Control Project, Authorization to Reduce the Natural Occurring Levels of Chloride in the Wichita River Portion Only, North, Middle and South Forks, Wichita River and Red River, Implementation, Tulsa District, Wichita County, TX.

*Summary:* EPA had no objections to the preferred alternative.

ERP No. FS-UAF-K11076-00, Airborne Laser (ABL) Program, Conducting Test Activities at Kirtland Air Force Base (AFB) and White Sands Missile Range/Holloman AFB, New Mexico; and Edwards AFB and Vandenberg AFB, California, NM and CA.

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

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*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 August 11, 2003 Through August 15, 2003  
Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

*EIS No. 030376, DRAFT EIS, FHW, AK, Gravina Access Project, Improve Surface Transportation between Revillagigedo Island and Gravina Island, Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Funding by (TEA-21), Endangered Species Act Section 7, NPDES, U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, AK, Comment Period Ends: October 6, 2003, Contact: Tim A. Haugh (907) 586-7418. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.gravina-access.com>.*

*EIS No. 030377, DRAFT EIS, AFS, MT, North Belts Travel Plan and the Dry Range Project, Provide Motorized and Non-motorized Recreation, Helena National Forest, Broadwater, Lewis & Clark and Meagher Counties, MT, Comment Period Ends: October 6, 2003, Contact: Beth Ihle (406) 266-3425. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/helena/projects>.*

*EIS No. 030378, FINAL EIS, FRC, LA, Hackberry Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Terminal and Natural Gas Pipeline Facilities, Construction and Operation, Cameron, Calcasieu, and Beauregard Parishes, LA, Wait Period Ends: September 22, 2003, Contact: Thomas Russo (800) 208-3372.*

*EIS No. 030379, FINAL EIS, BLM, WY, Pittsburg and Midway Coal Mining Proposal (WYW148816), Exchange of Private Owned Land P&M for Federally-Owned Coal, Lincoln, Carbon and Sheridan Counties, WY, Wait Period Ends: September 22, 2003, Contact: Nancy Doelger (307) 261-7627. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.wy.blm.gov>.*

*EIS No. 030380, REVISED DRAFT EIS, COE, CA, Port of Long Beach Pier J South Terminal Expansion Project, Additional Cargo Requirements Associated with Growing Export and Import Volumes, Port Master Plan (PMP) Amendment, COE Section 404, 401 and 10 Permits, City of Long Beach, CA, Comment Period Ends: October 6, 2003, Contact: Dr. Aaron O. Allen (805) 585-2148.*

*EIS No. 030381, FINAL EIS, NRC, NB, GENERIC EIS—Fort Calhoun Station, Unit 1, Renewal of the Operating Licenses (OLs) for an Additional 20 Years, Supplement 12 (NUREG-1437) Omaha Public Power District, Washington County, NB, Wait Period Ends: September 22, 2003, Contact: Jack Cushing (301) 415-1424.*

*EIS No. 030382, FINAL EIS, AFS, OR, ID, OR, ID, Hells Canyon National Recreation Area (HCNRA), Comprehensive Management Plan, Implementation, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, Nez Perce and*