

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6686-8]

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 6, 2007 (72 FR 17156).

Draft EISs

EIS No. 20070033, ERP No. D-FTA-C54010-00, Access to the Region's Core Project, To Increase Trans-Hudson Commuter Rail Capacity, Improve System Safety and Reliability between Secaucus Junction Station in NJ and midtown Manhattan, Funding, Hudson County, NJ and New York County, NY.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about impacts to wetlands and air quality. EPA recommends that FTA provides more information on cumulative impacts as well as a wetlands mitigation plan. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20070078, ERP No. D-NPS-C61011-NY, Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, General Management Plan, Implementation, Oyster Bay, Nassau County, NY.

Summary: EPA does not object to the proposed action. Rating LO.

EIS No. 20070097, ERP No. D-NOA-A91075-00, Programmatic—Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program (MMHSRP), Day-to-Day Operation on Stranding, Response, Rehabilitation, Release, and Disentanglement Activities.

Summary: EPA does not object to the proposed project.

However, EPA did request that NMFS clarify questions pertaining to water quality, contaminants, and human health. Rating LO.

Final EISs

EIS No. 20070057, ERP No. F-FHW-E40763-NC, Winston-Salem Northern Beltway, (Eastern Section) U.S. 52 south to I-40 Business and I-40 Business south to U.S. 311, Improvements to the Surface Transportation Network, TIP Project

Nos. U2579 and U-2579A, Forsyth County, NC (This EIS #20070057 and EIS #20070058 are combined in a single document.)

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns about impacts to streams, terrestrial forest habitat, and impacts to migratory birds. EPA recommends that the Record of Decision disclose planned mitigation for these impacts.

EIS No. 20070106, ERP No. F-FRC-H03002-00, Rockies Express Western Phase Project, Construction and Operation for the Natural Gas Pipeline Facilities: Rockies Express (CP06-354-000), TransColorado (CP06-401-000) and Overthrust (CP06-423-000), CO, WY, NE, KS, MO and NM.

Summary: EPA does not object to the proposed project, but recommends additional consideration be given to potential invasive species transfer via hydrostatic testing.

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Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Federal Activities.

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[ER-FRL-6686-7]

Environmental Impacts 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 through pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9

EIS No. 20070176, Draft EIS, AFS, CO, Spruce Creek Project, Proposed Timber Harvest, Temporary Road Construction, Thinning of Sub-Merchantable Trees, Enhancement of Asper and Whitebark Pine, Cascade Ranger District, Boise National Forest, Valley County, ID, Comment Period Ends: 6/25/2007, Contact: Keith Dimmett, 208-382-7400.

EIS No. 20070177, Draft EIS, AFS, OR, Spears Vegetation Management Project, Proposal to Use Commercial Timber Harvest, Precommercial Thinning, Prescribed Fire, Grapple Piling and Hand Piling in the Mark Creek Watershed and Veaqie Creek Subwatershed, Lookout Mountain Ranger District, Ochoco National Forest, Crook and Wheeler Counties, OR, Comment Period Ends: 6/25/

2007, Contact: Katherine Farrell, 541-416-6500.

EIS No. 20070178, Final EIS, AFS, 00, Kootenai National Forest Invasive Plant Management, Proposes to Manage Noxious Weed and Invasive Plant Species, Lincoln Sanders, Flathead Counties, MT and Bonner and Boundary Counties, ID, Wait Period Ends: 6/11/2007, Contact: John Gubel, 406-283-7774.

EIS No. 20070179, Final Supplement, AFS, WA, School Fire Salvage Recovery Project, To Clarify Definitions of Live and Dead Trees, Implementation, Pomeroy Ranger District, Umatilla National Forest, Columbia and Garfield Counties, WA, Wait Period Ends: 6/11/2007, Contact: Dean R. Millett, 509-843-1891.

EIS No. 20070180, Final EIS, NOA, 00, Programmatic—Steller Sea Lion and Northern Fur Seal Research, Proposal to Disburse Funds and Issue Permit for Research, AK, WA, OR and CA, Wait Period Ends: 6/11/2007, Contact: P. Michael Payne, 301-713-2289.

EIS No. 20070181, Draft EIS, FHW, VT, Middlebury Spur Project, Improvements to the Freight Transportation System in the Town of Middlebury in Addison County to the Town of Pittsford in Rutland County, VT, Comment Period Ends: 6/29/2007, Contact: Kenneth Sikora, Jr., 802-828-4423.

EIS No. 20070182, Final EIS, COE, MD, Masonville Dredged Material Containment Facility, New Information, New Source of Dike Building Material from the Seagirt Dredging Project within the Patapsco River, Funding, Baltimore, MD, Wait Period Ends: 6/11/2007, Contact: Jon Romeo, 410-962-6079.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 20070080, Draft EIS, NIG, CA, Graton Rancheria Casino and Hotel Project, Transfer of Land into Trust, Implementation, Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria (Tribe), Sonoma County, CA, Comment Period Ends: 6/4/2007, Contact: Brad Mehaffy, 202-632-7003. Revision of FR Notice Published 3/9/2007: Extending Comment Period from 5/14/2007 to 6/4/2007.

EIS No. 20070103, Draft EIS, FHW, NY, Kosciuszko Bridge Project, Propose Rehabilitation or Replacement a 1.1 mile Segment Brooklyn-Queens Expressway (-278) from Morgan Avenue in Brooklyn and the Long Island Expressway (1495) in Queens, Kings and Queens Counties, NY, Comment Period Ends: 6/15/2007, Contact: Robert Arnold, 518-431-4127. Revision of FR Notice Published

3/23/2007: Extending Comment Period from 5/25/2007 to 6/15/2007.

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Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Federal Activities.

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[FRL-8313-6]

Notice of Open Meeting, Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB), Workshop on Environmental Management Systems

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Financial Advisory Board will hold an open meeting of its Environmental Management Systems Project Workgroup.

EFAB is chartered with providing analysis and advice to the EPA Administrator and EPA program offices on issues relating to environmental finance. The purpose of this meeting is for the EFAB to gather information and ideas with respect to how professionals in the areas of commercial banking/debt, insurance, and equity investment view and/or use a corporation's environmental information such as Environmental Management Systems (EMSs) in their work. The day will be structured to address this issue via a series of panel discussions involving public and private experts in these areas.

The meeting is open to the public with limited seating available on a first come first served basis. Due to building security requirements, all members of the public who wish to attend the meeting must register in advance no later than Wednesday, June 6, 2007.

DATES: June 12, 2007 from 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Potomac Yard Conference Center, One Potomac Yard, 2777 S. Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202-3553.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To register for the workshop or to obtain further information, contact Vanessa Bowie, Director, Environmental Finance Staff, U.S. EPA, at 202-564-5186 or bowie.vanessa@epa.gov.

For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please

contact Vanessa Bowie at 202-564-5186 or bowie.vanessa@epa.gov. To request accommodation of disability, please contact Vanessa Bowie, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

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Joseph Dillon,

Director, Office of Enterprise Technology and Innovation.

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Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of a Public Teleconference of the Science Advisory Board; Environmental Economics Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA's Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office is announcing a public teleconference of the SAB Environmental Economics Advisory Committee (EEAC) to discuss its draft advisory report to EPA regarding issues in valuing mortality risk reduction.

DATES: The teleconference will be held from 1 p.m.–4 p.m. Eastern time on June 4, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information regarding the public teleconference and call-in number may contact Dr. Holly Stallworth, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office by telephone/voice mail at (202) 343-9867, or via e-mail at stallworth.holly@epa.gov. The SAB mailing address is: U.S. EPA, Science Advisory Board (1400F), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. General information about the SAB, as well as any updates concerning the public teleconference announced in this notice, may be found in the SAB Web Site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>. The technical contact for EPA's work on valuing mortality risk reduction is Dr. Chris Dockins who may be reached at (202) 566-2286 or dockins.chris@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the SAB Environmental Economics Advisory Committee will hold a public teleconference to discuss

appropriate methods for valuing mortality risks. The SAB EEAC will be augmented by economists from the chartered Science Advisory Board as well as the Advisory Council on Clean Air Compliance Analysis. The SAB was established by 42 U.S.C. 4365 to provide independent scientific and technical advice to the Administrator on the technical basis for Agency positions and regulations. The SAB is a Federal Advisory Committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. The SAB will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

Background

The SAB EEAC has been asked to review two papers related to EPA's issues in valuing mortality risk reduction. The first paper entitled "Report of the EPA Work Group on VSL Meta-Analyses" addresses the application of meta analysis techniques to the derivation of estimates for mortality risk reduction. A second paper, entitled "Willingness to Pay for Environmental Health Risk Reductions when there are Varying Degrees of Life Expectancy: A White Paper" discusses appropriate and available methods for valuing mortality risk reductions when affected populations have varying life expectancies. <http://yosemite.epa.gov/EE/epa/erm.nsf/vwRepNumLookup/EE-0495?OpenDocument>. These papers are posted at: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/EE/epa/erm.nsf/vwRepNumLookup/EE-0494?OpenDocument> and <http://yosemite.epa.gov/EE/epa/erm.nsf/vwRepNumLookup/EE-0495?OpenDocument>. The SAB EEAC met on September 14–15, 2006 (71 FR 48546), and a teleconference was held on October 30, 2006 (71 FR 59779–59780). During the June 4, 2007 teleconference, the SAB EEAC members will discuss their draft advisory responding to EPA's charge questions on the two papers cited above.

Availability of Teleconference Materials: Materials in support of the teleconference, including the SAB EEAC's draft response to the Agency's charge, will be placed on the SAB Web Site at http://www.epa.gov/sab/panels/eeac_adv_val_mortal_rick_reduc.htm prior to the teleconference.

Procedures for Providing Public Input: Interested members of the public may submit relevant written or oral information for the SAB to consider during the advisory process.

Oral Statements: In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public teleconference will be limited to five minutes per