

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 202-564-7146.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 6, 2008 (73 FR 19833).

Draft EISs

EIS No. 20080309, ERP No. D-TVA-E65082-00, Mountain Reservoirs Land Management Plan, Implementation, Proposes to Develop a Plan for Managing Nine Mountain Reservoirs: Chatuge, Hiwassee, Blue Ridge, Nottely, Ocoees 1, 2, and 3, Apalachia, and Fontana Reservoirs, Fannin, Towns, and Union Counties, GA; Cherokee, Clay, Graham, and Swain Counties, North Carolina; and Polk County, TN.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about shoreline development and potential water quality impacts. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20080315, ERP No. DA-BLM-K67011-NV, Betze Pit Expansion Project, Development of New Facilities and Expansion of Existing Open-Pit Gold Mining, Eureka and Elko Counties, NV.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about impacts from tailings closure and cessation of mine dewatering, which could include soil salinity accumulations, saline and/or alkaline runoff conditions, accelerated eolian or surface water erosion, fire, and cheatgrass or other weed infestations. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20080239, ERP No. DS-UAF-A10051-MA, Pave Paws Early Warning Radar Operation Project, Continued Operation of the Solid-State Phased-Array Radar System (SSPARS), also known as Pave, Phased Array Warning Systems (PAWS), Cape Cod Air Force Station, MA.

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

Final EISs

EIS No. 20080245, ERP No. F-FHW-J40181-UT, I-15, Corridor Project,

Transportation Improvement from Utah County to Salt Lake County, UT.

Summary: EPA continues to express environmental concerns about wetland and air quality impacts.

EIS No. 20080317, ERP No. F-FHW-E40815-00, Interstate 73 North Project, Construct on New Alignment, from I-95 to Future I-74 in NC, Funding, U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, Dillon and Malboro Counties, SC, and Richmond and Scotland Counties, NC.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concern about wetland impacts and the compensatory mitigation plan.

EIS No. 20080323, ERP No. F-CGD-A99225-00, Rulemaking for Dry Cargo Residue (DCR) Discharges in the Great Lakes, To Regulate Nonhazardous and Nontoxic DCR Sweeping from Vessels in the Great Lakes that fall under the Jurisdiction of the United States.

Summary: EPA does not object to the proposed project.

EIS No. 20080335, ERP No. F-BLM-E60016-00, Alabama and Mississippi Resource Management Plan, Analyzes Management Alternatives for the Public Land and Resources, in Portions of the States of Alabama and Mississippi.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns because the FEIS presented minimal discussion of how the preferred disposal method will affect the ground water resources, including the Southern Hills Regional Sole Source Aquifer.

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Environmental Impacts Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-1399 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>.

Weekly Receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed 09/29/2008 Through 10/03/2008 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9

EIS No. 20080401, Draft Supplement, FHW, OR, Sunrise Project, Proposes to Build a New East-West Oriented,

Limited-Access Highway between I-205 to Rock Creek Junction, Funding and U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, Clackamas County, Oregon, Comment Period Ends: 11/28/2008, Contact: Thomas Picco 503-731-8230.

EIS No. 20080402, Final EIS, AFS, MT, Whitetail-Pipestone Travel Management, Develop Site-Specific Travel Management Plan, Jefferson and Butte Ranger Districts, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Jefferson and Silver Bow Counties, MT, Wait Period Ends: 11/10/2008, Contact: Terry Sexton 406-287-3223.

EIS No. 20080403, Final EIS, FHW, UT, Layton Interchange Project, Improvements on I-15 (Exit-330) to Provide Unrestricted Access Across the Unicon Pacific Railroad and to Address Traffic Congestion on Gentile St. in West Layton, Layton City, UT, Wait Period Ends: 11/10/2008,

Contact: Doug Atkin 801-963-0182.
EIS No. 20080404, Draft EIS, DOI, 00, Grand Staircase—Escalante National Monument (GSENM), Draft Monument Management Plan Amendment & Draft Rangeland Health, Implementation, Portions of Kane and Garfield, Utah and Coconino County, AZ, Comment Period Ends: 01/08/2009, Contact: Paul Chapman 435-644-4309.

EIS No. 20080405, Draft Supplement, COE, LA, Inner Harbor Navigation Canal (IHNC) Lock Replacement Project, Proposal for Relieving Navigation Traffic Congestion Associated with IHNC Lock, Located between the St. Claude Avenue and North Claiborne Avenue Bridge, Orleans, LA, Comment Period Ends: 11/25/2008, Contact: Richard E. Boe 504-862-1505.

EIS No. 20080406, Final EIS, BIA, MT, Absaloka Mine Crow Reservation South Extension Coal Lease Approval, Proposed Mine Development Plan, and Related Federal and State Permitting Actions, Crow Indian Reservation, Crow Tribe, Bighorn County, MT, Wait Period Ends: 11/10/2008, Contact: Rick Stefanic 406-247-7911.

EIS No. 20080407, Draft EIS, AFS, CA, Moonridge Animal Park Relocation Project, Application for a Special-Use Permit to Construct and Operate a Wild Animal Park and Associated Facilities, Mountaintop Ranger District, San Bernardino National Forest, San Bernardino County, CA, Comment Period Ends: 11/24/2008, Contact: Paul Bennett 909-382-2819.

EIS No. 20080408, Draft EIS, COE, GA, Fort McPherson Project, Disposal and