

6. The proposed role that Western might play in the development of the transmission project.

7. The amount of funds the entity might be willing to contribute to Western to accomplish its role.

8. A brief description of any other information that would be useful in evaluating the SOI. Each SOI will be evaluated by Western based on the feasibility of developing a project that meets the criteria set forth in EPA Act 05 section 1222, while advancing the goal of facilitating the transmission of wind generation or other renewable generation sources from remote locations to distant load centers. Given the \$100 million limit through September 30, 2015, on the Secretary's authority to accept contributed funds, the SOIs received in response to this request, and the request for SOIs simultaneously being issued by Southwestern, will be evaluated through a competitive evaluation process.

#### Environmental Compliance

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*); the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508); and DOE NEPA Implementing Procedures and Guidelines (10 CFR part 1021), Western has determined this action is categorically excluded from further NEPA analysis. Future actions that the Secretary and Western may undertake under EPA Act 05 section 1222 as a result of this request will undergo separate NEPA analysis on a project by project basis.

Dated: November 13, 2008.

**Timothy J. Meeks,**

*Administrator.*

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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 202–564–7146. 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. 20080319, ERP No. D–FAA–L40234–AK, Sitka Rocky Gutierrez Airport Master Plan, Improvements to the Runway Safety Area, Taxiway, Seaplane Pullout, Approach Lighting System, and the Seawall, U.S. Army COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, NPDES Permit, AK.*

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns about water quality and stormwater impacts and the mitigation of those impacts. Rating EC2.

*EIS No. 20080331, ERP No. D–NOA–L91032–00, Proposed Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) and Optimum Yield (OY) Specifications and Management Measures for the 2009–2010 Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan, Implementation, WA, OR and CA.*

*Summary:* While EPA has no objection to the proposed action, EPA did request clarification on monitoring and catch limits. Rating LO.

*EIS No. 20080361, ERP No. DS–USA–K11038–HI, Makua Military Reservation (MMR) Project, Proposed Military Training Activities, To Conduct the Necessary Type, Level, Duration, and Intensity of Live-Fire and other Military Training Activities, in Particular Company-Level Combined-Arms, Live-Fire Exercises (CALFEX), 25th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S. Army, HI.*

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns about impacts to soil and water from weapons-related contaminants. Rating EC2.

#### Final EISs

*EIS No. 20080305, ERP No. F–CGD–E02013–AL, Bienville Offshore Energy Terminal (BOET) Deepwater Port License Application (Docket # USCG–2006–24644), Proposes to Construct and Operate a Liquefied Natural Gas Receiving and Degasification Facility, Outer Continental Shelf of the Gulf of Mexico, South of Fort Morgan, AL.*

*Summary:* EPA continues to have environmental objections about marine fish larvae impacts and impacts to hard bottom habitats from pipeline installation.

*EIS No. 20080403, ERP No. F–FHW–J40182–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.*

*Summary:* EPA's previous issues have been resolved; therefore, EPA does not object to the proposed action.

*EIS No. 20080406, ERP No. F–BIA–J01082–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.*

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

Dated: November 18, 2008.

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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) 564–1399 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

Filed 11/10/2008 Through 11/14/2008 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

*EIS No. 20080464, Draft Supplement, AFS, MN, Echo Trail Area Forest Management Project, Updated Information to Further Address Water Quality and Watershed Health, Superior National Forest, Lacroix Ranger District and Kawishiwi Ranger District, St. Louis and Lake Counties, MN, Comment Period Ends: 01/05/2009, Contact: Carol Booth, 218–666–0020.*

*EIS No. 20080465, Final EIS, AFS, WY, Battle Park Cattle and Horse (C&H) and Mistymoon Sheep and Goat (S&G) Allotment Project, Proposes to Continue Livestock Grazing on both Allotments, Powder River District Ranger, Bighorn National Forest, Bighorn County, WY, Wait Period Ends: 12/22/2008, Contact: Mark Booth 307–684–7806.*

*EIS No. 20080466, Final EIS, USN, 00, Introduction of the P–8A MMA into the U.S. Navy Fleet, To Provide Facilities and Functions that Support the Homebasing of 12 P–8A Multi-Mission Maritime Aircraft (MMA) Fleet Squadrons (72 Aircraft) and one Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS), which include the Following Installations: Naval Air Station Jacksonville, FL; Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, WA; Naval Air Station North Island, CA; Marine Corps Base, HI and Kaneohe Bay, HI, Wait Period Ends: 12/22/2008,*