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*EIS No. 20090349, Draft EIS, SFW, CA, Hatchery and Stocking Program. Operation of 14 Trout Hatcheries and the Mad River Hatchery for the Anadromous Steelhead, Federal Funding, California Department of Fish and Game, CA, Comment Period Ends: 11/30/2009, Contact: Bart Prose 916-978-6152.*

*EIS No. 20090350, Final EIS, AFS, WI, Grub Hoe Vegetation and Transportation Management Project, Proposes to Implement Vegetation Management Activities, Eagle River Florence Ranger District, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, Florence County, WI, Wait Period Ends: 11/16/2009, Contact: Christine Brunner 715-479-2827.*

*EIS No. 20090351, Final EIS, AFS, WY, Thunder Basin National Grassland Prairie Dog Management Strategy, Land and Resource Management Plan Amendment #3, Proposes to Implement a Site-Specific Strategy to Manage Black Trained Prairie Dog, Douglas Ranger District, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland, Campbell, Converse, Niobrara and Weston Counties, WY, Wait Period Ends: 11/16/2009, Contact: Misty A. Hays 307-358-4690.*

*EIS No. 20090352, Draft EIS, FHW, NC, Elizabeth Brady Road (NC-1879) Extension Project, Widening and Extension of NC-1879 from the Intersection of NC-86 with US-70 Business to North of US-70 Bypass at the Intersection of St. Mary's Road NC-1002, Hillsborough Central Business, Orange County, NC, Comment Period Ends: 11/30/2009, Contact: John F. Sullivan III, P.E. 919-747-7002.*

*EIS No. 20090353, Final EIS, AFS, WI, Northwest Sands Restoration Project, Restoring the Pine Barren Ecosystem, Implementation, Washburn District Ranger, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, Bayfield County, WI, Wait Period Ends: 11/16/2009, Contact: Jennifer Maziasz 715-373-2667 Ext. 235.*

*EIS No. 20090354, Final EIS, USN, 00, West Coast Basing of the MV-22, Determining Basing Location(s) and Providing Efficient Training Operations, CA, AZ, Wait Period Ends: 11/16/2009, Contact: Sue Goodfellow 703-695-8240 Ext. 3339.*

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**Notice of Peer-Review Teleconference for the External Peer Review Draft of Recommended Toxicity Equivalency Factors (TEFs) for Human Health Risk Assessments of Dioxin and Dioxin-Like Compounds**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of peer-review teleconference with opportunity for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is announcing that Versar, Inc., an EPA contractor for external scientific peer review, plans to convene an independent panel of experts and organize and conduct an external peer review meeting to review the draft document titled, "Recommended Toxicity Equivalency Factors (TEFs) for Human Health Risk Assessments of Dioxin and Dioxin-Like Compounds." The peer review meeting is planned to take place by teleconference on October 22, 2009. On September 2, 2009, EPA announced a 30-day public comment period for the draft document (74 FR 45437). The draft document was prepared by the Agency's Risk Assessment Forum.

The public comment period and the external peer review are separate processes that provide opportunities for all interested parties to comment on the document. In addition to considering public comments that were submitted to the EPA docket by the closing date of October 2, 2009, in accordance with the September 2, 2009 announcement of a public comment period, the public can provide comments for the external peer reviewers' consideration through the public teleconference on October 22, 2009.

EPA is releasing this draft document solely for the purpose of pre-dissemination peer review under applicable information quality

guidelines. This document has not been formally disseminated by EPA. It does not represent and should not be construed to represent any Agency policy or determination.

The public will be given an opportunity to observe and provide oral comments at this teleconference by registering with the point of contact below (see How Can I Request to Participate in this Meeting?). The draft document is available through the EPA docket at <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2009-0605. Additionally, the draft document and the charge questions for EPA's external peer review are available via the Internet on the Risk Assessment Forum's home page at <http://www.epa.gov/raf/hhtefguidance>.

In preparing a final report, EPA will consider the peer review report of the recommendations from the external peer review teleconference and any public comments that EPA receives in accordance with the September 2, 2009 notice (74 FR 45437) and at the public teleconference.

**DATES:** The peer review teleconference will be held on October 22, 2009, from 1 p.m. to approximately 3:30 p.m. Registration for this teleconference is required (see How Can I Request to Participate in this Meeting?). Time will be provided for public observers who wish to make comments on the document. Members of the public will be allowed to make brief (no longer than 5 minutes) oral statements during the meeting's public comment period.

**ADDRESSES:** The draft "Recommended Toxicity Equivalency Factors (TEFs) for Human Health Risk Assessments of Dioxin and Dioxin-Like Compounds" is available primarily via the Internet on the Risk Assessment Forum's home page at <http://www.epa.gov/raf/hhtefguidance>. A limited number of paper copies are available from the Risk Assessment Forum. If you are requesting a paper copy, please provide your name, mailing address, and the document title, "Recommended Toxicity Equivalency Factors (TEFs) for Human Health Risk Assessments of Dioxin and Dioxin-Like Compounds," to Seema Schappelle via the contact information below.

**How Can I Request To Participate in This Meeting?**

Members of the public may call into the teleconference as observers, and there will be a limited time for comments from the public. In order to participate, you should contact Ms. Kathy Coon of Versar, Inc. by e-mail at [kscoon@versar.com](mailto:kscoon@versar.com) (subject line: Dioxin TEF Peer Review Teleconference) or by