Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements.
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Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

Notice
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EIS No. 20100073, Draft EIS, USA, AK, Resumption of Year-Round Firing Opportunities at Fort Richardson, Proposal to Strengthen Unit Preparedness and Improve Soldier and Family Quality of Life by Maximizing Live-Fire Training, Fort Richardson, AK, Comment Period Ends: 05/10/2010, Contact: Robert Hall 907–384–2546.

Amended Notices

Revision to FR Notice Published 02/26/2010: Comment Period will end on 05/26/2010.

EIS No. 20100051, Draft EIS, USFS, UT, South Unit Oil and Gas Development Project, Master Development Plan, Implementation, Duchesne/Roosevelt Ranger District, Ashley National Forest, Duchesne County, UT, Comment Period Ends: 04/26/2010, Contact: David Herron 435–781–5218.

Revision to FR Notice Published 02/26/2010: Correction to Comment Period from 04/12/2010 to 04/26/2010.


Revision to FR Notice Published 02/26/2010: Correction to Document Agency from NOAA to NASA.

Dated: March 9, 2010.
Robert W. Hargrove,
Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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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 or http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated July 17, 2009 (74 FR 34754).

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Draft EISs


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

EIS No. 20090452, ERP No. D–FWH–H40196–MO, Rex Whitton Expressway Project. To Safely and Reliably Improve Personal and Freight Mobility, Reduce Traffic Congestion, US 50/63 (Rex Whitton Expressway, also Known as Whitton) Facility in Cole County, MO.

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

EIS No. 20100010, ERP No. D–COE–E39079–NC, Surf City and North Topsail Beach Project, To Evaluate Coastal Storm Damage Reduction, Topsail Island, Pender and Onslow Counties, NC.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about the use of hopper dredges during construction and the potential effects on marine and threatened and endangered resources. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20090278, ERP No. DS–FWH–B40092–NH, I–93 Highway Improvements, from Massachusetts State Line to Manchester, NH, Funding, NPDES and U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permits Issuance, Hillsborough and Rockingham Counties, NH.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about impacts related to alternatives, wetlands, water resources, greenhouse gas emissions, air quality, and indirect effects. Rating EC2.

Final EISs

EIS No. 20090439, ERP No. F–FWH–B40091–ME, Aroostook County Transport Study, Route I–161 Connector, To Identify Transportation Corridors that will Improve Mobility and Efficiency within Northeastern Aroostook County and other portions of the U.S. and Canada, U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, Endangered Species Act, NPDES and Section 10 River and Harbors Act, Caribou, Aroostook County, ME.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about wetland, road salt, and economic development impacts. EPA offered to provide additional input as necessary to help FHWA and MainDOT address the comments.


Summary: While EPA does not object to the proposed action, EPA requested clarification of funding and enforcement mechanisms as well as a commitment to future project-specific environmental analysis.

Dated: March 9, 2010.

Robert W. Hargrove,
Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2 (FACA), notice is hereby given that the EPA Science Advisory Board will hold a public meeting to review strategic research directions planned by EPA’s Office of Research and Development (ORD). The SAB was established pursuant to 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 will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

EPA’s Office of Research and Development (ORD) has requested SAB advice on strategic research directions over the next five years to support EPA’s mission and priorities. The chartered SAB initiated discussions on November 9–10, 2009 (74 FR 52805–52806). The SAB will continue its discussion and develop advice for EPA on this advisory topic.

Availability of Meeting Materials: A meeting agenda and other materials for the meeting will be placed on the SAB Web site at http://epa.gov/sab.

Procedures for Providing Public Input: Interested members of the public may submit relevant written or oral information for consideration on the topics included in this advisory activity. Oral Statements: To be placed on the public speaker list for the April 5–6, 2010 meeting, interested parties should notify Dr. Angela Nugent, DFO, by e-mail no later than March 31, 2010. Individuals making oral statements will be limited to five minutes per speaker. Written Statements: Written statements for the April 5–6, 2010 meeting should be submitted to the DFO in the following formats: One hard copy with original signature and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat PDF, MS Word, WordPerfect, MS PowerPoint, or Rich Text files in IBM–PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format).

Submitters are asked to provide an electronic version of the document submitted with and without signatures, because the SAB Staff Office does not...