

and an unnecessary part of its pipeline system.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 60 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the NGA.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenter's will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenter's will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentary, will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 7 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Dated: May 20, 2011.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD09-9-000]

#### Small Hydropower Development in the United States; Notice of Small/Low- Impact Hydropower Webinar

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) will host a Small/Low-Impact Hydropower Webinar on June 22, 2011, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. The webinar will be open to the public and advance registration is required.

The purpose of this webinar is to provide guidance on what types of hydropower projects qualify as a conduit or a 5-megawatt (MW) exemption and the requirements for filing an application for these types of projects. Specifically, the webinar will provide the opportunity for participants to learn the differences between a conduit and a 5-MW exemption, find out what to do if a project does not qualify for an exemption, learn how to get more information and assistance from FERC staff, and ask questions.

To register for this webinar, please go to <https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/hydro-webinar-6-22-11-form.asp>. Registration will be open for 30 days. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar a few days prior to the start of the webinar.

For more information about this webinar, please contact Shana Murray at (202) 502-8333 or [shana.murray@ferc.gov](mailto:shana.murray@ferc.gov).

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**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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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 05/16/2011 Through 05/20/2011 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9

#### Notice

In accordance with Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act, EPA is required to make its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies public. Historically, EPA met this mandate by publishing weekly notices of availability of EPA comments, which includes a brief summary of EPA's comment letters, in the **Federal Register**. Since February 2008, EPA has included its comment letters on EISs on its Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html>. Including the entire EIS comment letters on the Web site satisfies the Section 309(a) requirement to make EPA's comments on EISs available to the public. Accordingly, on March 31, 2010, EPA discontinued the publication of the notice of availability of EPA comments in the **Federal Register**.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

*EIS No. 20110158, Draft EIS, FHWA, CA, State Route 91 Corridor Improvement Project, Proposes Widening, Including the Construction of one Mixed-Flow Lane in each Direction between State 91 and Interstate 15, Riverside and Orange County, CA, Comment Period Ends: 07/11/2011, Contact: Aaron Burton 909-383-2841.*

*EIS No. 20110159, Final EIS, USFS, CA, Big Pony Project, Proposes to Reduce Fire Hazard to Permanent Research Plots and to Areas within and Adjacent to Wildland Urban Interface near Tennant, Goosenest Ranger District, Klamath National Forest, Siskiyou County, CA, Review Period Ends: 06/27/2011, Contact: Wendy Coats 530-841-4470.*

*EIS No. 20110160, Final EIS, USACE, CA, Folsom South of U.S. 50 Specific Plan Project, Proposed land Use Development in the Specific Plan Area, City of Folsom, Sacramento County, CA, Review Period Ends: 06/27/2011, Contact: Lisa M. Gibson 916-557-5288.*

*EIS No. 20110161, Final Supplement, USFS, CA, Salt Timber Harvest and Fuel Hazard Reduction Project, Additional Analysis and Supplemental Information, Proposing Vegetation Management in the Salt Creek Watershed, South Fork Management Unit, Hayfork Ranger District, Shasta-Trinity National Forest, Trinity County, CA, Review Period Ends: 06/27/2011, Contact: Joshua Wilson 530-226-2422.*

*EIS No. 20110162, Draft EIS, FHWA, IL, U.S. 30 Transportation Improvement Project, from Illinois 136 to Illinois 40. Federal Aid Primary (FAP) Route 309, Whiteside County, IL, Comment Period Ends: 07/29/2011, Contact: Eric S. Therkidsen, P.E. 815-284-2271.*

*EIS No. 20110163, Final EIS, USFS, OR, Howard Elliot Johnson Fuel and Vegetation Management Project, Proposed Fuels and Vegetation Treatments Reduce the Risk of Stand Loss Due to Overly Dense Stand Condition, Crook County, OR, Review Period Ends: 06/27/2011, Contact: Marcy Anderson 541-416-6463.*

*EIS No. 20110164, Revised Draft EIS, BOEMRE, AK, Chukchi Sea Planning Area, Oil and Gas Lease Sale 193, Revised Information, Analyzing the Environmental Impact of Natural Gas Development and Evaluate Incomplete, Missing, and Unavailable Information, Chukchi Sea, Alaska Outer Continental Shelf, AK, Comment Period Ends: 07/11/2011, Contact: Tim Holder 703-787-1744.*

*EIS No. 20110165, Third Final EIS (Tiering), USFS, OR, Mt. Ashland Ski Area Expansion, To Address Matters Identified by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals for the Existing 2004 FEIS, Ashland Ranger District, Rogue River National Forest and Scott River Ranger District, Klamath National Forest, Jackson County, OR, Review Period Ends: 06/27/2011, Contact: Steve Johnson 541-552-2900.*

*EIS No. 20110166, Final EIS, USFS, CA, Fish Camp Project, Proposes to Create a Network of Landscape Area Treatments and Defensible Fuel, Sierra National Forest, Bass Lake Ranger District, Madera and Mariposa Counties, CA, Review Period Ends: 06/27/2011, Contact: Mark Lemon 559-877-2218 Ext. 3110.*

Dated: 05/24/2011.

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

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9312-2]

### The Effects of Mountaintop Mines and Valley Fills on Aquatic Ecosystems of the Central Appalachian Coalfield and A Field-Based Aquatic Life Benchmark for Conductivity in Central Appalachian Streams; Release of Final Reports

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** EPA publically released on April 13, 2011, two final scientific reports assessing the environmental and water quality effects of mountaintop coal mining on Appalachian streams. Both reports, prepared by EPA scientists in the Agency's Office of Research and Development, were strongly endorsed by EPA's Science Advisory Board following an extensive independent peer review. The reports provide valuable scientific information for use by Federal and state agencies responsible for the review of surface coal mining operations under the Clean Water Act. The two reports, entitled *The Effects of Mountaintop Mines and Valley Fills on Aquatic Ecosystems of the Central Appalachian Coalfields* (EPA/600/R-09/138F) and *A Field-based Aquatic Life Benchmark for Conductivity in Central Appalachian Streams* (EPA/600/R-10/023F) are available via the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>.

**DATES:** These two reports were posted publically on April 13, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Both reports are available primarily via the Internet on the National Center for Environmental Assessment's home page under the Recent Additions and Publications menus at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. A limited number of paper copies are available from the Information Management Team, NCEA; telephone: 703-347-8561; facsimile: 703-347-8691. If you are requesting a paper copy, please provide your name, your mailing address, and the document title.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information, contact the National Center for Environmental Assessment; Michael Slimak; telephone: 703-347-8524; or e-mail: [slimak.michael@epa.gov](mailto:slimak.michael@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## I. Key Conclusions

*The Effects of Mountaintop Mines and Valley Fills on Aquatic Ecosystems of the Central Appalachian Coalfields*

- Springs, and ephemeral, intermittent, and small perennial headwater streams are permanently lost with the removal of the mountain and from burial under mining waste;
- Concentrations of major chemical ions (a measure of salinity) are persistently elevated downstream of mining operations;
- Degraded water quality reaches levels that are acutely lethal to standard laboratory test organisms;
- Selenium concentrations are elevated, reaching concentrations that have caused toxic effects in fish and birds; and
- Aquatic communities downstream of mining operations are consistently degraded.

*A Field-Based Aquatic Life Benchmark for Conductivity in Central Appalachian Streams*

- Consistent with longstanding EPA methods and using site specific stream data in West Virginia and Kentucky, EPA determined that conductivity (dissolved salts) levels below 300  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  are generally associated with healthy aquatic communities; and
- The Report demonstrates that elevated conductivity (a measure of salinity) is the factor most directly responsible for the loss of stream life in Appalachian streams.

Comments were solicited on the drafts of both reports beginning in April 2010. Those comments received were provided to an expert peer review panel of the Science Advisory Board (SAB). The SAB panel held a public meeting to review the draft reports from July 20-22, 2010. The SAB's peer review reports were transmitted to the EPA Administrator on March 25, 2011, and are available at: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/WebReportsLastMonthBOARD/ACD3A1AF5C7138E785257625006C891E?OpenDocument&TableRow=2.3#2>, for the *MTM-VF Effects Assessment*; and <http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/WebReportsLastMonthBOARD/984D6747508D92AD852576B700630F32?OpenDocument&TableRow=2.3>, for the *Conductivity Report*.

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**Darrell A. Winner,**  
*Acting Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.*

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