

National Science Foundation and other interested Federal agencies regarding the monitoring regime.

In cases of emergency related to the safety of human life or of ships, aircraft, equipment and facilities of high value, or the protection of the environment which would require an activity to be undertaken without completion of the documentation procedures set out in the Rule, the operator would need to notify the Department of State within 15 days of any activities which would have otherwise required preparation of a CEE, and provide a full explanation of the activities carried out within 45 days of those activities. (During the time the Interim Final and Final Rules have been in effect, there were no emergencies requiring notification by U.S. operators. An Interim Final Rule was in effect from April 30, 1997, until replaced on December 6, 2001, by the Final Rule).

Environmental documents (e.g., PERM, IEE, CEE) are submitted to OFA. Environmental documents are reviewed by OFA, in consultation with the National Science Foundation and other interested Federal agencies, and also made available to other Parties and the public as required under the Protocol or otherwise requested. OFA notifies the public of document availability via the World Wide Web at: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/international/antarctica/index.html>. The types of nongovernmental activities currently being carried out (e.g., ship-based tours, land-based tours, flights, and privately funded research expeditions) are typically unlikely to have impacts that are more than minor or transitory, thus an IEE is the typical level of environmental documentation submitted. For the 1997–1998 through 2012–2013 austral summer seasons during the time the Rule has been in effect, all respondents submitted IEEs with the exception of two PERMs. Paperwork reduction provisions in the Rule that are used by the operators include: a) Incorporation of material in the environmental document by referring to it in the IEE, b) inclusion of all proposed expeditions by one operator within one IEE; c) use of one IEE to address expeditions being carried out by more than one operator; and d) use of multi-year environmental documentation to address proposed expeditions for a period of up to five consecutive austral summer seasons.

*Coordination of Review of Information Received from Other Parties to the Treaty.* The Rule also provides for the coordination of review of information received from other Parties and the public availability of that information including: (1) A description

of national procedures for considering the environmental impacts of proposed activities; (2) an annual list of any IEEs and any decisions taken in consequence thereof; (3) significant information obtained and any action taken in consequence thereof with regard to monitoring from IEEs to CEEs; and (4) information in a final CEE. This provision fulfills the United States' obligation to meet the requirements of Article 6 of Annex I to the Protocol. The Department of State is responsible for coordination of these reviews of drafts with interested Federal agencies, and for public availability of documents and information. This portion of the Rule does not impose paperwork requirements on any nongovernmental person subject to U.S. regulation.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Respondents/affected entities:* Entities potentially affected by this action are all nongovernmental operators with activities in Antarctica, including tour operators, for which the United States is required to give advance notice under paragraph 5 of Article VII of the Antarctic Treaty of 1959; this includes all nongovernmental expeditions to and within Antarctica organized in or proceeding from the territory of the United States.

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* Mandatory (40 CFR Part 8).

*Estimated number of respondents:* 18.

*Frequency of response:* Annual.

*Total estimated burden:* 1,254 hours.

*Total estimated cost:* \$100,575 includes \$3,390 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

*Changes in Estimates:* There is a decrease of 454 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. This decrease is the result of a change to the level of environmental documentation EPA anticipates the operators will submit as well as an anticipated decrease of operators submitting documentation.

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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)

564–7146 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

Filed 09/09/2013 Through 09/13/2013

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

### Notice

Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA's comment letters on EISs are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html>.

*EIS No. 20130273, Final EIS, USFS, WY,* Mackey Road Relocation, Review Period Ends: 11/04/2013, Contact: Misty Hays 307–358–4690.

*EIS No. 20130274, Final EIS, USFS, OR,* Galena Project, Review Period Ends: 11/04/2013, Contact: Dave Halemeier 541–575–3401.

*EIS No. 20130275, Final EIS, AFS, BLM, CO,* San Juan National Forest and Proposed Tres Rios, Field Office Land and Resource Management Plan, Review Period Ends: 10/21/2013, Contact: Mark Lambert 970–385–1240.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service and the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management are joint lead agencies for the above project.

*EIS No. 20130276, Draft Supplement, USN, WA,* Introduction of the P–8A Multi-Mission Aircraft into the U.S. Navy Fleet, Comment Period Ends: 11/04/2013, Contact: Cory Zahm 757–322–4347.

*EIS No. 20130277, Final Supplement, BLM, NV,* Silver State Solar South Project Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment, Review Period Ends: 10/21/2013, Contact: Nancy Christ 702–515–5136.

### Amended Notices

*EIS No. 20130227, Draft EIS, NASA, CA,* Proposed Demolition and Environmental Cleanup Activities at Santa Susana Field Laboratory, Comment Period Ends: 10/01/2013, Contact: Allen Elliott 256–544–0662.

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