

activities, the SAB Staff Office will consider two additional criteria for each new activity: absence of financial conflicts of interest and absence of an appearance of a loss of impartiality.

**How to Submit Nominations:** Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified persons to be considered for appointment to these advisory

committees. Individuals may self-nominate. Nominations should be submitted in electronic format (preferred) using the online nomination form under the heading “Committees, Panels, and Membership” at the bottom of the SAB home page at <https://sab.epa.gov>. To be considered, all nominations should include the information requested below. EPA values and welcomes diversity. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply regardless of gender, race, disability, or ethnicity.

The following information should be provided on the nomination form: contact information for the person making the nomination; contact information for the nominee; the disciplinary and specific areas of expertise of the nominee; the nominee’s *curriculum vitae*; and a biographical sketch of the nominee indicating current position, educational background; research activities; sources of research funding for the last two years; and recent service on other national advisory committees or national professional organizations. To help the agency evaluate the effectiveness of its outreach efforts, please indicate how you learned of this nomination opportunity. Persons having questions about the nomination process or the public comment process described below, or those who are unable to submit nominations through the SAB website, should contact the DFO, as identified above. The DFO will acknowledge receipt of nominations and in that acknowledgment, will invite the nominee to provide any additional information that the nominee feels would be useful in considering the nomination, such as availability to participate as a member of the committee; how the nominee’s background, skills, and experience would contribute to the diversity of the committee; and any questions the nominee has regarding membership. The names and biosketches of qualified nominees identified by respondents to this **Federal Register** notice, and any additional experts identified by the SAB Staff Office, will be posted in a List of Candidates on the SAB website at <https://sab.epa.gov>. Public comments on each List of Candidates will be

accepted for 21 days from the date the list is posted. The public will be requested to provide relevant information or other documentation on nominees that the SAB Staff Office should consider in evaluating candidates.

Candidates invited to serve will be asked to submit the “Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Special Government Employees Serving on Federal Advisory Committees at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency” (EPA Form 3110–48). This confidential form allows EPA to determine whether there is a statutory conflict between that person’s public responsibilities as a Special Government Employee and private interests and activities, or the appearance of a loss of impartiality, as defined by Federal regulation. The form may be viewed and downloaded through the “Ethics Requirements for Advisors” link on the SAB home page at <https://sab.epa.gov>. This form should not be submitted as part of a nomination.

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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 202–564–5632 or <https://www.epa.gov/nepa>. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) Filed February 26, 2024 10 a.m. EST Through March 4, 2024 10 a.m. EST 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: <https://cdxapps.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-II/public/action/eis/search>.

**EIS No. 20240037, Draft, DOE, NAT,** Department of Energy Activities in Support of Commercial Production of High-Assay Low-Enriched Uranium (HALEU), Comment Period Ends: 04/22/2024, Contact: James Lovejoy 208–526–6805.

**EIS No. 20240038, Draft, BLM, USFS,** UT, Bears Ears National Monument Draft Resource Management Plan,

Comment Period Ends: 06/11/2024, Contact: Jill Stephenson 435–259–2141.

**EIS No. 20240039, Final Supplement, BR, CO,** Near-term Colorado River Operations Final Supplemental EIS, Review Period Ends: 04/08/2024, Contact: Genevieve Johnson 702–293–8054.

Dated: March 5, 2024.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Deepwater Horizon Natural Resource Damage Assessment Florida Trustee Implementation Group Draft Restoration Plan 3 and Environmental Assessment: Water Quality

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Deepwater Horizon natural resource Trustees for the Florida Trustee Implementation Group have prepared the Draft Restoration Plan 3 and Environmental Assessment: Water Quality. The Draft RP3/EA proposes alternatives to help restore water quality impacted by the DWH oil spill. The Draft RP3/EA evaluates a reasonable range of thirteen project alternatives under the Oil Pollution Act, including criteria set forth in the OPA natural resource damage assessment regulations, and the National Environmental Policy Act and its implementing regulations. A no action alternative is also evaluated pursuant to the NEPA. The total estimated cost to implement the Florida TIG’s eleven preferred alternatives is approximately \$111.5 million. The Florida TIG invites the public to comment on the Draft RP3/EA.

**DATES:** The Florida TIG will consider public comments on the Draft RP3/EA received on or before April 8, 2024.

**Public Webinar:** The Florida TIG will host a public webinar on March 27, 2024, at 3 p.m. Eastern Time/2 p.m. Central Time to facilitate public review and comment on the Draft RP3/EA. The public may register for the webinar at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8172353705750284118>. After registering, participants will receive a confirmation email with instructions for

joining the webinar and how to make comments during the webinar. Shortly after the webinar concludes, the presentation material will be posted on the web at <https://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/restoration-areas/florida>.

**ADDRESSES: Obtaining Documents:** You may view and download the Draft RP3/EA at <https://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/restoration-areas/florida>. You may also request a flash drive containing the Draft RP3/EA (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

**Submitting Comments:** You may submit comments on the Draft RP3/EA by any of the following methods:

- **Website:** <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/FLTIGRP3>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- **Mail:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Gulf Restoration Office, 1875 Century Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30345. To be considered, mailed comments must be postmarked on or before the comment deadline given in **DATES**.
- **Public Webinar:** The public may submit comments during the webinar. Webinar information is provided in **DATES**.

**Instructions:** Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or withdrawn. The Florida TIG may publish any comment received regarding the document. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Please be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, will become part of the public record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Introduction**

On April 20, 2010, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon, which was drilling a well for BP Exploration and Production, Inc., experienced a significant explosion, fire and subsequent sinking in the Gulf of Mexico, resulting in the release of millions of barrels of oil and other discharges into the Gulf. Under the authority of the OPA, designated Federal and State Trustees, acting on behalf of the public, assessed the injuries to natural resources and

prepared the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Final Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, and the Record of Decision for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Final Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, which sets forth the governance structure and process for DWH restoration planning under the OPA NRDA regulations. On April 4, 2016, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana entered a Consent Decree resolving civil claims by the Trustees against BP.

The Florida TIG, which is composed of the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of the Interior, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, selects and implements restoration projects under the TIG's management authority in accordance with the Consent Decree. The Final PDARP/PEIS, ROD, Consent Decree, and information on the DWH Trustees can be found at <https://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/restoration-planning/gulf-plan>.

**Background**

On November 7, 2022, the Florida TIG issued a notice of solicitation on the Gulf Spill Restoration website requesting project ideas for the Water Quality Restoration Type as described in the Final PDARP/PEIS. On August 7, 2023, the TIG announced on the Gulf Spill Restoration website that they reviewed project idea submissions and initiated drafting the RP3/EA which tiers from the Final PDARP/PEIS and would include a reasonable range of restoration project alternatives for the Water Quality Restoration Type.

**Overview of the Florida TIG Draft RP3/EA**

In the Draft RP3/EA, the Florida TIG analyzes a reasonable range of thirteen project alternatives and, pursuant to the NEPA, a no action alternative. Two of the alternatives analyzed are not preferred by the TIG at this time. Funding to implement any of the alternatives ultimately selected by the Florida TIG would come from the Water Quality Restoration Type Allocation. The reasonable range of project alternatives evaluated by the TIG are listed below:

1. Pensacola and Perdido Watersheds Microbial Source Tracking (Planning);

2. Pensacola Bay Unpaved Roads Initiative Phase 2 (Planning);

3. Carpenter Creek Hydrologic Restoration and Stormwater Improvements;

4. Hollice T. Williams Stormwater Park;

5. Gulf Breeze Septic to Sewer Conversion;

6. Santa Rosa County Septic to Sewer Conversion;

7. Choctawhatchee Bay Unpaved Roads Initiative;

8. Telogia Creek Watershed Water Quality Improvements;

9. Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge Hydrologic Restoration Phase 2 (Planning);

10. Bond Farm Hydrologic Enhancement Impoundment;

11. Bond Farm Hydrologic Enhancement Southwest Discharge Structure (Planning);

12. Swift Creek Hydrologic Restoration (Non-preferred); and

13. Springfield Stream and Wetland Enhancement (Non-preferred).

The total estimated cost to implement the eleven preferred alternatives is approximately \$111.5 million.

**Next Steps**

After the public comment period ends, the Florida TIG will consider and address all substantive comments received before making a final decision on which, if any, alternatives to fund and implement. A Final RP3/EA and finding of no significant impact, as appropriate, identifying the selected alternatives will be made publicly available.

**Administrative Record**

The Administrative Record for the Draft RP3/EA can be viewed electronically at <https://www.doi.gov/deepwaterhorizon/adminrecord> under the folder 6.5.4.2.

**Authority**

The authority for this action is the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*), its implementing NRDA regulations found at 15 CFR part 990, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), its implementing regulations found at 40 CFR parts 1500–1508.

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