

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. PL98-7-000]

Technical Conference on Year 2000 Issues for the Oil and Natural Gas Sector; Notice of Technical Conference

August 10, 1998.

Take notice that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is sponsoring a technical conference to be held on Friday, September 18, 1998, at 9:00 a.m., 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 in the Commission meeting room. This conference is being held as an outreach for the President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion's (Council). The Council has designated FERC as the lead agency for the oil and gas sector of its Energy Working Group. The conference will be hosted by the Natural Gas Council (NGC) and American Petroleum Institute (API). All interested persons are invited to attend.

This technical conference will focus on promoting awareness of Year 2000 (Y2K) issues and coordinating information sharing on testing and solutions among companies in the oil and natural gas industries rather than internal solutions of individual companies.

The industry associations that are part of the Council's oil and gas sector will present preliminary results of a Y2K readiness survey of the oil and natural gas industries. This survey was developed by the oil and gas sector of the Council's Energy Working Group, and will be repeated quarterly. The industry associations are distributing the survey to individual companies. The industry associations and umbrella organizations (such as NGC, API, and Gas Industry Standards Board) are compiling and aggregating survey results so that individual company responses remain anonymous. It is these aggregated results that will be presented at the conference. The Council's oil and gas sector group is also developing a Website that will be linked to the Council's Website (www.y2k.gov), where aggregated survey results and other related information will be posted and made available to the public.

A more detailed agenda will be published before the conference. The public may participate during question and answer periods, but no witness panels will be established. Written comments are welcome at any time and should reference Docket No. PL98-7-000. For additional information, please contact Kathleen Sherman at 202-219-

2834 or by electronic mail at "kathleen.sherman@ferc.fed.us."

If there is sufficient interest from those outside the Washington, DC, metropolitan area, the Capitol Connection may broadcast the conference LIVE via satellite for a fee. If there is interest in the Washington, DC, area for this program or you need more information about the national broadcast, please call Shirley Al-Jarani or Julia Morelli at the Capitol Connection (703-993-3100) no later than September 15, 1998. In addition, National Narrowcast Network's Hearing-On-The-Line service covers all FERC meetings live by telephone so that interested persons can listen at their desks, from their homes, or from any phone, without special equipment. Billing is based on time on-line. Call 202-966-2211 for further details.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-5494-4]

Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or (202) 564-7153.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

Filed August 3, 1998 Through August 7, 1998

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9

EIS No. 980301, Final Supplement, AFS, SD, Anchor Hill Mine Expansion Project in Gilt Edge Mine, Additional Information and Clarification, Plan-of-Operations, Approval Black Hills National Forest, SD, Due: September 14, 1998, Contact: Don Murray (605) 578-2744.

EIS No. 980302, Draft EIS, AFS, MI, Perkins-Manistique 138 kV Transmission Line Project, Wisconsin Electric/Edison Sault Electric, Construction and Operation, Application for a Special-Use-Permit, Hiawatha National Forest, Upper Peninsula, MI, Due: September 28, 1998, Contact: Patty Beyer (906) 228-9681.

EIS No. 980303, Revised Draft EIS, USN, GU, AK, AS, HI, Marianas Islands Military Training, Implementation, Continue Use of DOD-Controlled Lands, Proposed sites Tinian Military Lease Area, Guam Active Military Bases and Farallon de Medina (FDM)

a Navy-Leased Island, HI, Due: September 28, 1998, Contact: Fred Minato (808) 471-9338.

EIS No. 980304, Final EIS, BLM, NV, Trenton Canyon Mining Project, Construction, Operation and Expansion, Plan of Operation, Valma and North Peak Deposits, Humboldt and Lander Counties, NV, Due: September 14, 1998, Contact: Rodney Herrick (702) 623-1500.

EIS No. 980305, Final EIS, FHW, NH, NH-111 in the Towns Windham and Salem Improvements, Funding, NPDES and COE Section 404 Permits, NH, Due: September 14, 1998, Contact: William F. O'Donnell, PE (603) 225-1608.

EIS No. 980306, Draft EIS, COE, CA, Hamilton Wetland Restoration Project, Tidal Salt Marsh Habitat, Alameda County, CA, Due: September 28, 1998, Contact: Eric Jolliffe (415) 977-8543.

EIS No. 980307, Final EIS, EPA, MS, FL, AL, Eastern Gulf of Mexico Offshore Oil and Gas Extraction, Issuance of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permitting for Wastewater Discharge General Permit for Exploration and Development/Production, MS, AL and FL, Due: September 14, 1998, Contact: Lena Scott (404) 562-9607.

EIS No. 980308, Draft EIS, AFS, CO, Arapahoe Basin Ski Area Master Development Plan, Construction and Operation, COE Section 404 Permit, White River National Forest, Dillon Ranger District, Summit County, CO, Due: September 28, 1998, Contact: Michael Liu (970) 468-5000.

EIS No. 980310, Final EIS, AFS, OR, Moose Subwatershed Timber Harvest and Other Vegetation Management Actions, Central Cascade Adaptive Management (CCAMA), Willamette National Forest, Sweet Home Ranger District, Linn County, OR, Due: September 14, 1998, Contact: Donna Short (541) 367-5168.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 920375, Draft EIS, AFS, OR, West Indigo Timber Sales and Other Projects Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Siskiyou National Forest, Galice Ranger District, Curry County, OR, Due: November 9, 1992, Contact: William J. Gasow (503) 479-5301. Published FR 09-25-92—Officially Canceled by the Preparing Agency.

EIS No. 980182, Draft EIS, BLM, CA, Telephone Flat Geothermal Power Plant within the Glass Mountain Known Geothermal Resource Area, Construction, Operation and Decommissioning of a 48 megawatt

(MW) Geothermal Plant, Modoc National Forest, Siskiyou County, CA, Due: August 24, 1998, Contact: Randall Sharp (520) 233-8848. Published FR 05-22-98—Review Period extended.

EIS No. 980218, Draft EIS, COE, AK, Beaufort Sea Oil and Gas Development Northstar Project, Implementation, NPDES Permit, Sea Island, Alaskan Beaufort Sea, Offshore Marine Environment and Onshore Northslope of Alaskan Coastal Plain, AK, Due: August 31, 1998, Contact: Ms. Terry Carpenter (907) 753-2712. Published FR 06-12-98—Review Period Extended.

Dated: August 11, 1998.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-5494-5]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared July 13, 1998 Through July 17, 1998 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) 564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 10, 1998 (63 FR 17856).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-DOE-E00007-SC Rating EC2, Tritium Extraction Facility (TEF), Construction and Operation near the Center of Savannah River Site at H Area, (DOE/EIS-0271D), Aiken and Barnwell Counties, SC.

Summary: EPA had environmental concerns about the project. The Final EIS should provide more information about emergency response plans for potential spills and accidents.

ERP No. D-NPS-E61073-MS Rating EC1, Natchez Trace Parkway, Construction of Section 3X Southern Terminus, Adam Counties, MS.

Summary: EPA had environmental concerns about adverse impacts to wetlands which should be avoided to fully protect the environment.

ERP No. D-UAF-J11012-00 Rating LO, Colorado Airspace Initiative, Modifications to the National Airspace System, such as the F-16 Aircraft and Aircrews of the 140th Wing of the Colorado Air National Guard, also existing Military Operations Areas (MOAs) and Military Training Routes (MTRs), CO, NM, KS, NB and WY.

Summary: EPA had no comments to the proposed action.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-L65299-AK, Cascade Point Access Road, Construction, Maintenance and Operation, Road Easement within National Forest System land in the vicinity of Echo Cove, EPA Permit, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Juneau, AK.

Summary: EPA continued to have objections to a Purpose and Need statement that results in the evaluation of a restricted range of alternatives, the potentially significant direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts to Berners Bay, and the level of information/analyses presented in the EIS.

ERP No. F-USN-E11038-00, USS SEAWOLF Submarine Shock Testing, Implementation, located in the Offshore Mayport, FL or Norfolk, VA.

Summary: EPA continued to have some environmental concerns about the Seawolf testing and awaits with interest the outcome of additional, future tests.

Other

ERP No. LD-BLM-L61219-AK Rating LO, Squirrel River Wild and Scenic River Suitability Study, Designation and Non-Designation, National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, AK.

Summary: EPA used a screening tool to conduct a limited review of the action. Based upon the screen, EPA does not foresee having any environmental objections to the proposed project. EPA will not be conducting a detailed review.

Dated: August 11, 1998.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-00247; FRL-6021-1]

Cooperative Agreements to Develop and Carry Out Authorized State Training, Accreditation, and Certification Programs for Lead-Based Paint Professionals

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of funds availability; solicitation of applications for financial assistance.

SUMMARY: This notice announces EPA's intent to enter into cooperative agreements with states, territories, Indian tribes, and the District of Columbia which provide financial assistance for purposes of developing and carrying out EPA-authorized training, accreditation and certification programs for professionals engaged in lead-based paint activities. In the past, recipients of the cooperative agreements have used the funds to assist in program development and prepare for program authorization. A number of states and tribes are making significant progress in developing authorizable programs and EPA would like to continue to support the development and authorization of these programs. These programs and this financial assistance are authorized by section 404 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). This notice describes eligibility criteria, eligible activities, application procedures and requirements, and funding criteria. EPA anticipates that up to \$12.5 million will be available during Federal fiscal year 1998 (FY 98) for awards to states, Indian tribes, territories, and the District of Columbia for the development, implementation and administration of EPA-authorized training, accreditation, and certification programs. This is the fifth year that funding is being made available for this cooperative agreement program. Subject to future budget limitations, EPA plans to provide this support on a continuing basis to eligible states, territories, Indian tribes and the District of Columbia. All cooperative agreements will be administered by the appropriate EPA Regional office.

DATES: In order to be considered for funding during the FY 98 award cycle, all applications must be received by the appropriate EPA Regional office on or before September 14, 1998. EPA will make its award decisions and execute its FY 99 cooperative agreements by September 30, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information, contact: Susan B.