

EIS No. 980434, Draft EIS, BLM, AZ, Ray Land Exchange/Plan Amendment, Implementation, Exchange of Federal Lands for Public Lands, Pinal, Gila and Mohave Counties, AZ, Due: January 28, 1999, Contact: Shelia McFarlin (602) 417-9568.

EIS No. 980435, Preliminary Draft EIS, USA, GA, U.S. Army/Fort Benning and The Consolidated Government of Columbus Proposed Land Exchange, Muscogee and Chattahoochee Counties, GA, Due: December 14, 1998, Contact: John Brent (706) 545-4766.

EIS No. 980436, Final EIS, DOA, OK, Double Creek Watershed Plan, Implementation, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention, National Economic Development (NED), Town of Ramona, Washington and Osage Counties, OK, Due: November 30, 1998, Contact: Ronnie L. Clark (405) 742-1223.

*EIS No. 980437, Draft Supplement, EPA, CA, International Wastewater Treatment Plant and South Bay Ocean Outfall, Updated Information, Interim Operation, Tijuana River, San Diego, CA, Contact: Elizabeth Borowiec (415) 744-1165. U.S. EPA has applied to the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) under Section 1502(c)(4) of the CEQ Regulations for the Approval of Alternative Procedures. EPA has proposed that the above EIS have a 30-day Review Period; after the closing of this Time Period a Record of Decision may be issued. A Notice of the CEQ's decision will be published in the next **Federal Register**, with the process to be followed and the date comments are Due to EPA.*

Amended Notices

EIS No. 980206, Draft EIS, BIA, CA, Programmatic—Cabazon Resource Recovery Park Section 6 General Plan, Implementation, Approval of Master Lease and NPDES Permit, Mecca, CA, Due: July 06, 1998, Contact: Donald R. Sutherland (202) 208-4791. Published FR 06-05-98.

Officially Withdrawn by the Preparing Agency.

Dated: October 27, 1998.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) or Superfund, Section 104—Announcement of Proposal Deadline for the Competition for the 1999 National Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilots

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposal deadlines, revised guidelines.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will begin to accept proposals for the National Brownfields Assessment Pilots on October 30, 1998. The brownfields assessment pilots (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years) test cleanup and redevelopment planning models, direct special efforts toward removing regulatory barriers without sacrificing protectiveness, and facilitate coordinated environmental cleanup and redevelopment efforts at the federal, state, and local levels. EPA expects to select up to 100 additional National brownfields assessment pilots by May 1999. Applications will be accepted on a "rolling submissions" schedule. The deadlines for new applications for the 1999 assessment pilots are December 11, 1998, and March 22, 1999. Applications postmarked after December 11, 1998, will be considered in the second round of competition. Previously unsuccessful applicants are advised that they must revise and resubmit their applications.

The National brownfields assessment pilots are administered on a competitive basis. To ensure a fair selection process, evaluation panels consisting of EPA Regional and Headquarters staff and other federal agency representatives will assess how well the proposals meet the selection criteria outlined in the newly revised application booklet *The Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative: Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilots* (October 1998).

DATES: This action is effective as of October 30, 1998, and expires on March 22, 1999. All proposals must be postmarked or sent to EPA via registered or tracked mail by the expiration dates cited above. Applications postmarked after December 11, 1998, will be considered in the second round of competition.

ADDRESSES: Application booklets can be obtained by calling the Superfund Hotline at the following numbers:

Washington, DC Metro Area at 703-412-9810; Outside Washington, DC Metro at 1-800-424-9346; TDD for the Hearing Impaired at 1-800-553-7672.

Copies of the Booklet are available via the Internet: <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Superfund Hotline, 800-424-9346.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As a part of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative, the Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilots are designed to empower States, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely cleanup and promote the sustainable reuse of brownfields. EPA has awarded cooperative agreements to States, cities, towns, counties and Tribes for demonstration pilots that test brownfields assessment models, direct special efforts toward removing regulatory barriers without sacrificing protectiveness, and facilitate coordinated public and private efforts at the Federal, State and local levels. To date, the Agency has funded 226 Brownfields Assessment Pilots. Of those pilots, 169 are National Pilots selected under criteria developed by EPA Headquarters and 57 are Regional Pilots selected by EPA Regions under criteria developed by their offices.

EPA's goal is to select a broad array of assessment pilots that will serve as models for other communities across the nation. EPA seeks to identify applications that demonstrate the integration or linking of brownfields assessment pilots with other federal, state, tribal, and local sustainable development, community revitalization, and pollution prevention programs. Special consideration will be given to Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities (EZ/ECs), communities with populations of under 100,000, and federally recognized Indian tribes. These pilots focus on EPA's primary mission—protecting human health and the environment. However, it is an essential piece of the nation's overall community revitalization efforts. EPA works closely with other federal agencies through the Interagency Working Group on Brownfields, and builds relationships with other stakeholders on the national and local levels to develop coordinated approaches for community revitalization.

Funding for the brownfields assessment pilots is authorized under section 104(d)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response,

Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, (CERCLA or Superfund), 42 U.S.C. 9604(d)(1). States (including U.S. Territories), political subdivisions (including cities, towns, counties), and federally recognized Indian Tribes are eligible to apply. EPA welcomes and encourages applications from coalitions of such entities, but a single eligible entity must be identified as the legal recipient. Cooperative agreement funds will be awarded only to a state, to an officially recognized political subdivision of a state, or to a federally recognized Indian tribe. For non-state applicants, please include a statement verifying that your entity has been authorized by the state to exercise governmental powers.

Through a brownfields cooperative agreement, EPA authorizes an eligible state, political subdivision, Territory, or Indian Tribe to undertake activities under CERCLA section 104. All restrictions on EPA's use of funding cited in CERCLA also apply to brownfields assessment pilot cooperative agreement recipients.

The proposal evaluation panels will review the proposals carefully and assess each response based on how well it addresses the selection criteria, briefly outlined below:

1. Problem Statement and Needs Assessment (4 points out of 20)
 - Effect of Brownfields on your Community or Communities
 - Value Added by Federal Support
2. Community-Based Planning and Involvement (6 points out of 20)
 - Existing Local Commitment
 - Community Involvement Plan
 - Environmental Justice Plan
3. Implementation Planning (6 points out of 20)
 - Government Support
 - Site Selection and Environmental Site Assessment Plan
 - Reuse Planning and Proposed Cleanup Funding Mechanisms
 - Flow of Ownership Plan
4. Long-Term Benefits and Sustainability (4 points out of 20)
 - Long-Term Benefits
 - Sustainable Reuse
 - Measures of Success

Dated : October 22, 1998.

Linda Garczynski,

Director, Outreach and Special Projects Staff, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6182-6]

National Environmental Justice Advisory Council Notification of Meeting and Public Comment Period(s); Open Meetings

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463, we now give notice that the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC) along with the subcommittees will meet on the dates and times described below. All times noted are Central Standard Time. All meetings are open to the public. Due to limited space, seating at the NEJAC meeting will be on a first-come basis. Documents that are the subject of NEJAC reviews are normally available from the originating EPA office and are not available from the NEJAC. The NEJAC and subcommittee meetings will take place at the Baton Rouge Hilton, 5500 Hilton Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808, phone: 504/924-5000. The meeting dates are as follows: December 7, 1998 through December 10, 1998.

Registration for the NEJAC meeting will begin on Monday, December 7, 1998 at 5 p.m. Two public comment periods have been scheduled for Monday, December 7, 1998 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., and on Wednesday, December 9, 1998 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The full NEJAC will convene Tuesday, December 8, 1998 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and on Thursday, December 10, 1998 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Business will include follow-up on pending items from the previous NEJAC meeting, discussion of activities related to the NEJAC Assessment Workgroup, and introduction and discussion of new business items. All subcommittees of the NEJAC, including the new Air and Water Subcommittee, will meet on Wednesday, December 9, 1998 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Any member of the public wishing additional information on the subcommittee meetings should contact the specific Designated Federal Official at the telephone number listed below.

Subcommittee and Federal Official and Telephone Number

Enforcement

Ms. Sherry Milan—202/564-2619

Health & Research

Mr. Lawrence Martin—202/564-6497

Mr. Chen Wen—202/260-4109

International

Ms. Wendy Graham—202/564-6602

Indigenous Peoples

Mr. Danny Gogal—202/564-2576

Public Participation

Ms. Renee Goins—202/564-2598

Waste/Facility Siting

Mr. Kent Benjamin—202/260-2822

Air & Water

Mr. Will Wilson—202/260-5574

Ms. Alice Walker—202/260-1919

Members of the public who wish to participate in one of the public comment periods should register to do so by December 2, 1998. Individuals or groups making oral presentations during the public comment period will be limited to a total time of five minutes. If you wish to submit written comments of any length (at least 50 copies), they should also be received by December 2, 1998. Comments received after that date will be provided to the Council as logistics allow. Correspondence concerning registration should be sent to Tama Clare of Tetra Tech Environmental Management, Inc. at: 1593 Spring Hill Road, Suite 300, Vienna, VA 22182, phone (703) 287-8808 or fax (703) 287-8843. Hearing-impaired individuals or non-English speaking attendees wishing to arrange for a sign language or foreign language interpreter, may make appropriate arrangements using these numbers also. In addition, NEJAC offers a toll-free Registration Hotline at 888/335-4299. For on-line registration, you may visit the Internet site: <http://www.ttemi.com/nejac/register.html>.

Dated: October 23, 1998.

Robert J. Knox,

Designated Federal Official, National Environmental Justice Advisory Council.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Availability: The Office of Solid Waste (OSW) is Announcing the Availability of a New Draft Guidance Document Entitled Human Health Risk Assessment Protocol for Hazardous Waste Combustion Facilities

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of document availability and public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA" or "the Agency") is providing notice that the following draft guidance document: Human Health Risk