

Street, Akron, Ohio 44301, (330) 535-7115. A copy of the application may also be viewed or printed by accessing the Commission's website on the Internet at [www.ferc.fed.us](http://www.ferc.fed.us). For assistance, users may call (202) 208-2222.

**Preliminary Permit**—Anyone desiring to file a competing application for preliminary permit for a proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (see 18 CFR 4.36). Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

**Preliminary Permit**—Any qualified development application desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

**Notice of intent**—A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

**Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit**—A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36-months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

**Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene**—Anyone may submit

comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protest, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date of the particular application.

**Filing and Service of Responsive Documents**—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

**Agency Comments**—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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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) 564-7167 OR (202) 564-7153.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

Filed August 02, 1999 Through August 06, 1999

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

**EIS No. 990276**, Draft EIS, USN/BLM, NV, Fallon Naval Air Station (NAS), Proposal for the Fallon Range Complex Requirements, Federal and Private Lands, Churchill, Eureka, Lander, Mineral, Nye and Washoe Counties, NV, Due: October 12, 1999, Contact: Larry Jones (USN) (775) 885-6156 and Terri Knutson (BLM) (775) 426-2405. The US Navy's and US Department of Interior's Bureau of Land Management are Joint Lead Agencies for this Project.

**EIS No. 990277**, Draft EIS, AFS, CO, White River National Forest, Revised Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Eagle, Garfield, Gunnison, Mesa, Moffat and Pitkin Counties, CO, Due: November 05, 1999, Contact: Martha Kettle (970) 945-2521.

**EIS No. 990278**, Draft Supplement, FHW, NY, NY-120/22 Reconstruction Corridor, from Exits 2 Funding, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Town of North Castle, Westchester County, NY, Due: September 27, 1999, Contact: H.J. Brown (518) 472-3616.

**EIS No. 990279**, Draft EIS, FHW, NC, US-1 Transportation Improvements, From Sandhill Road (SR-197) to North to Fox Road (SR-1606), Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, City of Rockingham, Richmond County, NC, Due: September 27, 1999, Contact: Nicholas L. Graf, P.E. (919) 856-4346.

**EIS No. 990280**, Final EIS, FHW, WA, Interstate 90 (I-90) South Sammamish Plateau Access Road and Sunset Interchange Modifications, Construction, COE Section 404 Permit, Coastal Zone Management and NPDES Permits, King County, WA, Due: September 13, 1999, Contact: Gene Fong (360) 753-9413.

**EIS No. 990281**, Final EIS, AFS, ID, Eagle Bird Project Area, Timber Harvesting and Road Construction, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, St. Joe Ranger District, Shoshone County, ID, Due: September 13, 1999, Contact: Jon Johnson (307) 775-6116.

**EIS No. 990282**, Draft EIS, DOE, NV, Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste, Construction, Operation, Monitoring and Eventually Closing a geologic repository at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, NV, Due: February 08, 2000, Contact: Wendy R. Dixon (702) 794-5564.

Dated: August 10, 1999.

**William D. Dickerson,**

*Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6245-4]

### Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared July 19, 1999 Through July 23, 1999 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 09, 1999 (64 FR 17362).

#### Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-J65301-MT Rating EC2, North Belts Travel Plan/Maypie Confederate Vegetation Restoration Project, Improvements, Helena National Forest, Townsend and Helena Ranger District, Broadwater, Lewis and Clark and Meagher County, MT.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding the lack of information and commitment to carrying out a monitoring program to identify actual impacts from all the implementation activities. EPA also expressed concern about aerial application of herbicides, and suggests the final EIS include recommendations to reduce adverse impacts from aerial spraying.

ERP No. D-COE-F36163-00 Rating EO2, Upper Des Plaines River Flood Damage Reduction Project, Recommended Plan to Construction a Lateral Storage Area, National Economic Development (NED), Lake County, IL and Kenosha and Racine Counties, WI.

*Summary:* EPA expressed objections based on the limited scope of analysis and range of alternative, and the potential significant adverse impacts to wetland and water quality.

ERP No. D-DOE-G06011-NM Rating LO, Sandia National Laboratories/New Mexico (SNL), Continue Operation, Site-Wide (DOE/EIS-0281), Albuquerque, NM.

*Summary:* EPA expressed a lack of objection to the continuation of the

operation of the facility. Overall, the analyses indicates little difference in the environmental impacts among alternative.

ERP No. D-FHW-L40211-AK Rating EC2, C Street Corridor Project, Improvements from O'Malley Road to International Airport Road, NPDES and COE Section 404 Permits, Municipality of Anchorage, AK.

*Summary:* EPA expressed concerns related to alternatives evaluated in the EIS, air quality impacts, secondary/cumulative effects analysis, and wetland impacts and mitigation debits analysis. More information has been requested for the final EIS.

ERP No. D-FRC-F03006-00 Rating EO2, Independence Pipeline and Market Link Expansion Projects, Construction and Operation, Interstate National Gas Pipeline, (Docket Nos. CP97-315-001, CP97-319-000, CP98-200-000 and CP98-540-000), NPDES and COE Section 404 Permits, IL, IN, MI, OH, PA and NJ.

*Summary:* EPA expressed objections based on inadequate information in the following areas: (1) Purposed and Need, (2) Cumulative Impact Analysis, (3) Wetlands and mitigation, (4) Upland forests and mitigation, and (5) Water Quality.

ERP No. D-UAF-G11038-00 Rating EC2, Realistic Bomber Training Initiative, Improve the B-52 and B-1 Aircrews Mission Training and Maximize Combat Training Time, Barksdale Air Force Base, LA, NM and TX.

*Summary:* EPA has identified some environmental concerns that need to be resolved in the Final EIS to insure and fully insure compliance with the requirements of NEPA and the CEQ regulations. EPA specific comments focus on the need to provide more complete analysis of noise impacts and airspace management issues, and to provide references and citations to support the DEIS analysis.

ERP No. D1-IBR-K39050-CA Rating \* \* \*, Programmatic-CALFED Bay-Delta Program, Develop and Implement Long-Term Comprehensive Plan to Restore Ecological Health and Improve Water Management, San Francisco Bay-Sacramento/San Joaquin River Bay-Delta, CA.

*Summary:* Review of the EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

#### Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-J65299-MT Pinkham Timber Sales and Associated Activities, Implementation, Kootenai National Forest, Rexford Ranger District, Lincoln County, MT.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding potential non compliance with forest standards for open road density, and concern regarding regeneration after timber harvest that may leave many large forest openings. EPA recommended that the final EIS describe water quality/aquatics monitoring that would be required assure efficacy of the mitigation actions.

ERP No. F-BLM-K65206-NV Caliente Management Framework Plan Amendment, Implementation, Management of Desert Tortoise Habitat (Gopherus agassizii), Northeastern Mojave Recovery Unit, Lincoln County, NV.

*Summary:* Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-COE-G36148-TX Dallas Floodway Extension, Implementation, Trinity River Basin, Flood Damage Reduction and Environmental Restoration, Dallas County, TX.

*Summary:* The Final EIS adequately responds to EPA comments offered on the Draft EIS.

ERP No. F-COE-L28007-OR Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board Water Supply Expansion Project, (Formerly Known as Joe Ney and Upper Pony Creek Reservoirs Expansion Project), COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Coos County, OR.

*Summary:* The Final EIS satisfactorily addresses all of EPA's concerns and comments expressed in the draft EIS.

ERP No. F-FHW-K40231-AZ Red Mountain Freeway (Loop 202) Construction and Operation, between AR 87 (County Club Drive) and US-60 (Superstition Freeway), Funding, NPDES Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, City of Mesa, Maricopa County, AZ.

*Summary:* Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-NOA-F61018-MN Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program, Approval and Implementation, St. Louis and Cook Counties, MN.

*Summary:* EPA expressed a lack of objection to the proposed actions assessed in the FEIS.

ERP No. F-NRC-J09802-UT Uranium Mill Tailings Reclamation at Atlas Site, License Amendment Request for existing License No. SUA-917 along the Colorado River near Moab, UT.

*Summary:* EPA agrees in principle to issue a license amendment to conduct preliminary cleanup action. However, EPA continues to have objections to the proposed action due to the uncertainty