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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared October 7, 1996 through October 11, 1996 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 5, 1996 (61 FR 15251).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-DOE-K05218-00, Rating EC2, Sierra Nevada Region 2004 Power Marketing Program, Implementation, 1,480 megawatts (MW) Power from the Central Valley and Washoe Project, NV and CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns and requested additional information to establish the limited effect of hydropower operations downstream of facilities, the basis for estimated future peak power demand, the role of demand-side management, and the relationship of the proposed action with other referenced regional activities.

ERP No. D-GSA-E60015-GA, Rating LO, Clifton Road Campus of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Acquisition of Additional Property, DeKalb County, GA.

Summary: EPA had no objection to the action as proposed.

ERP No. D-TVA-E39037-00, Rating EC2, Shoreline Management Initiative: An Assessment of Residential Shoreline Development Impacts in the Tennessee Valley, Mainstream Tennessee River and Tributary Reservoirs in AL, KY, NC, TN, GA, MS and VA.

Summary: EPA believed that alternative D and C2 offer greater environmental benefits than the preferred alternative C1 which would open much of the shoreline to residential development. The PFEIS should consider existing water quality problems of some TVA reservoirs relative to prospective additional developments.

ERP No. DS-FHW-E40739-NC, Rating EC2, US 17, New Bern Bypass Construction, Jones-Craven County Line to NC-1438 near Vanceboro, Additional Information Concerning Three Additional Alternatives, Funding, COE Section 404 and US Coast Guard Bridge Permits Issuance, Craven County, NC.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concern regarding floodplains and wetland impacts. EPA requested that these issues be addressed in more detail in the final EIS.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-G65065-AR, Renewal of the Shortleaf Pine/Bluestem Grass Ecosystem and Recovery of the Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Amendment No. 22 to the Ouachita National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, Scott and Polk Counties, AR.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS has been completed and the project found to be satisfactory. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-DOE-L91010-OR, Hood River Fisheries Project, Construction, Operation and Maintenance; Habitat Improvement and Research Program Development, Funding, Hood River Basin, Hood River County, OR.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS has been completed and the project found to be satisfactory. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-FRC-K09806-CA, New Don Pedro Reservoir Project (NDPP) (FERC. No. 2299-024), Reservoir Release Requirements for Fish, Continuation and Maintenance, Issuance of Licenses, Tuolumne River and San Joaquin River Turlock and Malesto Irrigation Districts, Stanislaus County, CA.

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

ERP No. F-FTA-C51014-NJ, Hudson River Waterfront Transportation Corridor Improvements, Funding, Transportation Systems Management, Light Rail Transit, Hudson and Bergen Counties, NJ.

Summary: EPA continued to express concern regarding wetland impacts. EPA requested additional wetland acreage and description information be submitted prior to the issuance of the Record of Decision.

ERP No. F-USA-A21035-OR, Umatilla Depot Activity, On-Site Facility for Disposal of Stockpiled Chemical Agents and Munitions, Construction and Operation, Morrow and Umatilla Counties, OR.

Summary: EPA continued to have environmental concerns regarding

emergency preparedness, risk assessment, and meteorological data. In addition, EPA is concerned about the apparent lack of effective government-to-government consultation between the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla and the US Army.

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National Advisory Committee for Acute Exposure Guideline Levels for Hazardous Substances (NAC/AEGL)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting and chemicals to be addressed.

SUMMARY: A meeting of the National Advisory Committee for Acute Exposure Guideline Levels for Hazardous Substances (NAC/AEGL) will be held on December 16-18, 1996, in Washington, D.C. At this meeting, the committee will continue deliberations on various aspects of the acute toxicology and development of Acute Exposure Guideline Levels (AEGLs) for the following chemicals: ammonia, cyanogen chloride, and nitric acid. In addition, as time permits, the committee intends to address the development of AEGLs for the following chemicals: dimethyl hydrazine, methyl hydrazine, ethylene oxide, phosgene, chlorine, and phosphine.

DATES: A meeting of the NAC/AEGL will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, December 16; from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on December 17; and from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on December 18, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Green Room on the third floor of the Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington D.C.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul S. Tobin, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (7406), 401 M St., SW., Washington, D.C. 20460, (202) 260-1736, e-mail: tobin.paul@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting of the NAC/AEGL will be open to the public. Oral presentations and statements by interested parties will be limited to ten minutes. Since space is

limited, those wishing to attend as observers should contact the NAC/AEGL DFO at the earliest possible date to insure adequate seating arrangements. Inquiries regarding oral presentations and the submission of written statements or chemical specific information should also be directed to the DFO.

Another meeting of the NAC/AEGL is expected to be held in Washington, D.C. in March 1997. It is anticipated that chemicals to be addressed at this meeting will include, but not necessarily be limited to the following: carbon tetrachloride, aniline, toluene 2,6-diisocyanate and 2,4-isomer, isopropyl chloroformate, ethyleneimine, methyl isocyanate, and hydrogen chloride. Inquiries regarding the submission of data, written statements or chemical-specific information on these chemicals should be directed to the DFO at the earliest date possible to allow for consideration of this information in the preparation of committee materials.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

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Toxics.*

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Science Advisory Board, Notification of Public Advisory Committee Open Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that several committees of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on the dates and times described below. All times noted are Eastern Time. All meetings are open to the public. Due to limited space, seating at meetings will be on a first-come basis. For further information concerning specific meetings, please contact the individuals listed below. Documents that are the subject of SAB reviews are normally available from the originating EPA office and are *not* available from the SAB Office.

1. Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee

The Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on Monday and Tuesday, November 18 and 19, 1996 at the Omni Europa Hotel, One

Europa Drive, Chapel Hill, NC, 27514. The hotel phone number is (919) 968-4900. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m., and end no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 18th and begin at 8:30 a.m. on November 19th and end no later than 4:00 p.m. (times noted are Eastern Time). The meeting is open to the public. Due to limited space, seating at the meeting will be on a first-come first-serve basis. Important Notice: Documents that are the subject of SAB reviews are normally available from the originating EPA office and are not available from the SAB Office—information concerning document availability from the relevant Program area is included below.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: At this meeting, the Committee will review and provide advice to EPA on two draft documents: a) Particulate Matter Research Needs for Human Health Risk Assessment and b) Particulate Matter Research Program Strategy. The first draft document characterizes major data gaps and issues, as well as research needed to address them, to reduce uncertainties and improve the scientific basis for assessment of airborne particulate matter (PM) health risks, especially as related to future periodic review and revision, as appropriate, by EPA of the criteria and National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for Particulate Matter. The second draft document presents information on EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) PM Research Strategy, which discusses identification of key research issues to be addressed by ORD, associated planned research efforts, and relative prioritization of research to be undertaken by ORD. The Committee will consider presentations from Agency staff and the interested public prior to making recommendations to the Administrator.

AVAILABILITY OF REVIEW MATERIALS: Interested parties may obtain a copy of the Particulate Matter Research Needs for Human Health Risk Assessment (NCEA-R-0973) by contacting Ms. Diane Ray (Phone: 919-541-3637; FAX: 919-541-1818), being sure to specify document title and number as stated here. Technical questions on this document should be addressed to Dr. William Wilson (Phone: 919-541-2551; FAX: 919-541-0245). A copy of the Particulate Matter Research Program Strategy (NHEERL MS-97-019) can also be obtained by contacting Ms. Ray at the above phone and fax numbers. Technical questions regarding this second document should be directed to Dr. John Vandenberg (Phone: 919-541-4527; FAX: 919-541-0642) of EPA's

National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory (NHEERL). The documents will be available upon request on or about November 1, 1996, and the Agency will accept written comments on each of them through November 30, 1996. Written comments on each should be submitted to Ms. Ray (postmarked by November 30, 1996) at the following address: Ms. Diane Ray, NCEA-RTP (MC-52), U.S. EPA, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Members of the public desiring additional information about the meeting should contact Mr. Robert Flaak, Designated Federal Official, Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee, Science Advisory Board (1400), Room 2812M, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone/voice mail at (202) 260-5133; fax at (202) 260-7118; or via the INTERNET at FLAAK.ROBERT@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV. Those individuals requiring a copy of the draft Agenda should contact Ms. Dorothy Clark at (202) 260-6552 or by FAX at (202) 260-7118 or via the INTERNET at CLARK.DOROTHY@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV. Additional information concerning the Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found in The Annual Report of the Staff Director which is available from the SAB Publications Staff at (202) 260-8414.

Members of the public who wish to make a brief oral presentation to the Committee must contact Mr. Flaak in writing (by letter or by fax—see previously stated information) no later than 12 noon Eastern Time, Tuesday, November 12, 1996 in order to be included on the Agenda. Public comments will be limited to five minutes per speaker or organization. The request should identify the name of the individual who will make the presentation, the organization (if any) they will represent, any requirements for audio visual equipment (e.g., overhead projector, 35mm projector, chalkboard, etc), and at least 35 copies of an outline of the issues to be addressed or the presentation itself.

2. Integrated Risk Project Steering Committee

The Integrated Risk Project (IRP) Steering Committee, an ad hoc committee established by the Executive Committee of the Science Advisory Board, will meet on November 22, 1996, in the Administrator's Conference Room, Room 1103, West Tower, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters Building, 401 M St. SW, Washington, DC 20460. The meeting