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Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review; Bioremediation Field Initiative Database System

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 27, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Office of Research and Development, Center for Environmental Research Information, 26 West Martin Luther King Drive (Mailstop G75), Cincinnati, Ohio 45268.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fran Kremer, phone (513) 569-7346, fax (513) 569-7585, email kremer.fran@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those which are involved in the use of innovative technologies at Superfund sites, such as state and local governments, businesses, and non-profit institutions.

Title: Request for Information for the Bioremediation Field Initiative Database Systems, EPA ICR No. 1672.02, OMB No. 2080-0048, expires 04/30/97.

Abstract: This is an ICR renewal for gathering information on the design, operation, and performance of biological treatment technologies from remediation experts and managers working at sites where biological treatment technologies are being tested or implemented. The authority for collecting information on innovative treatment technologies is described at Section 311 of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act, Section 8003 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, Section 7001 of the Oil Pollution Act, and Section 10 of the Toxic Substance Control Act. The information will help the EPA to deploy innovative technologies more quickly at Superfund and other sites.

Selected respondents are asked to complete a two-part questionnaire. The first part requests general site information. The second part requests

site-specific biotechnology information. Following the initial questionnaire, respondents receive follow-up questionnaires on a semi-annual basis to update the information already provided. EPA has also developed an easy-to-use PC-based version of the questionnaire which is currently in use. Respondents may utilize either the paper- or the PC-based questionnaire, whichever they prefer.

EPA compiles information from completed questionnaires into the Bioremediation Field Initiative computer database. EPA developed a software program called the Bioremediation in the Field Search System (BFSS) to search, view, and report information in the database. BFSS is available to the public via computerized bulletin boards and from Web sites. The Bioremediation Field Initiative database has also appeared in the Bioremediation in the Field bulletin, distributed to approximately 3,500 addressees who have registered for Bioremediation Field Initiative mailings.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR Part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15. The **Federal Register** Notice required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on 12/31/96 (Vol 61, No. 252, p. 69092); no comments were received.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .25 to 5 hours per

response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Site remediation personnel.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 781.

Frequency of Response: semi-annual.
Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 1620 hours.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1672.02 and OMB Control No. 2080-0048 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, and

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: March 24, 1997.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.
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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 March 17, 1997 through March 21, 1997, pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 970092, Draft EIS, AFS, UT, Sheepherder Hill Sanitation Salvage Sale, Management of Selected

- Vegetation Stands, Implementation, Uinta National Forest, Spanish Fork District, Nebo Management Area, Utah County, UT, *Due*: May 12, 1997, *Contact*: Mark Sensibaugh (801) 623-2735.
- EIS No. 970093*, Final EIS, NPS, WV, Gauley River National Recreation Area, Implementation, General Management Plan and Land Protection Plan, Nicholas and Fayette Counties, WV, *Due*: April 18, 1997, *Contact*: Linda Romola (303) 969-2413.
- EIS No. 970094*, Final EIS, GSA, CA, New San Francisco Federal Building Office Building Construction, Implementation, City and County of San Francisco, CA, *Due*: April 28, 1997, *Contact*: Ms. Jane Woo (415) 522-3477.
- EIS No. 970095*, Draft EIS, CGD, CA, CA-92/San Mateo Hayward Bridge, Improvements to the East Approach and the Trestle Portion of the bridge, Coast Guard Bridge Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Alameda and San Mateo Counties, CA, *Due*: May 12, 1997, *Contact*: Wayne Till (510) 437-3514.
- EIS No. 970096*, Draft EIS, DOA, HI, Waimea-Paauilo Watershed Project, To Alleviate the Agricultural Water Shortage, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention, COE Section 404 Permit, Hawaii County, HI, *Due*: May 15, 1997, *Contact*: Kenneth M. Kaneshiro (808) 541-2601.
- EIS No. 970097*, Draft EIS, AFS, WY, CO, Tie Camp Timber Sale, Harvesting Timber and Road Construction, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest, Brush Creek/Hayden Ranger District, Carbon County, WY and Jackson County, CO, *Due*: May 12, 1997, *Contact*: Andy Cadenhead (307) 326-5258.
- EIS No. 970098*, Draft EIS, FHW, MO, MO-60 Transportation Improvements, Connecting Van Buren to Poplar Bluff (Job No. J9P0455Z), Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Butter and Carter Counties, MO, *Due*: May 19, 1997, *Contact*: Donald Newmann (573) 636-7104.
- EIS No. 970099*, Draft EIS, AFS, MT, Tansy Ragwort Control Project, Implementation, Little Wolf Fire Area, Flathead National Forest, Tally Lake Ranger District, Flathead County, MT, *Due*: May 14, 1997, *Contact*: Ken Meckel (406) 862-2508.
- EIS No. 970100*, Draft EIS, BLM, WY, Gillette South Coal Bed Methane Project, Approval of an Application for a Permit to Drill (APD), Powder River Basin, Buffalo Resource Area, Campbell County, WY, *Due*: May 12, 1997, *Contact*: Richard Zander (307) 684-1100.
- EIS No. 970101*, Draft EIS, UAF, CA, Programmatic EIS—McClellan Air Force Base (AFB) Disposal and Reuse Including Rezoning of the Main Base, Implementation, Federal Permits, Licenses or Entitlements, Sacramento County, CA, *Due*: May 12, 1997, *Contact*: Rick Solander (916) 943-0830 (Ext. 126).
- EIS No. 970102*, Final EIS, GSA, FL, 9300-9499 NW 41st Street Immigration and Naturalization Service Facility Consolidation, Development, Construction and Operation, Leasing, Dade County, FL, *Due*: April 28, 1997, *Contact*: Philip Youngberg (404) 331-1831.
- EIS No. 970103*, Final EIS, SFW, CA, Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) Planning Area, Issuance of Take Authorizations for Threatened and Endangered Species Due to Urban Growth, San Diego County, CA, *Due*: April 28, 1997, *Contact*: Mr. Gail Kobetich (619) 431-9440.
- EIS No. 970104*, Draft EIS, BLM, CA, Castle Mountain Mine Open Pit Heap Leach Gold Mine Expansion Project, Plan of Operations Modification and Mine and Reclamation Plans Amendment, Approvals, San Bernardino County, CA, *Due*: May 28, 1997, *Contact*: George R. Meckfessel (619) 326-7000.
- EIS No. 970105*, Final EIS, FRC, WI, Peshtigo River Multiple Hydroelectric Project, Six Existing Hydroelectric Projects Relicensing, Caldron Falls (FERC No. 2525), Sandstone Rapids (FERC No. 2546), High Falls (FERC No. 2595), Potato Rapids (FERC No. 2560), Johnson Falls (FERC No. 2522) and Peshtigo (FERC No. 2581), Oconto and Marinette Counties, WI, *Due*: April 28, 1997, *Contact*: Jim Haimes (202) 219-2780.
- EIS No. 970106*, Final EIS, NRC, NM, Crownpoint Uranium Solution Mining Project, Construction and Operation, Leasing and Licensing, McKinley County, NM, *Due*: April 28, 1997, *Contact*: Joe Holonich (301) 415-6643.
- EIS No. 970107*, Final EIS, NOAA, NJ, Mullica River—Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Establishment, Site Designation and Plan Implementation, Ocean, Atlantic and Burlington Counties, NJ, *Due*: April 28, 1997, *Contact*: Dolores Washington (301) 713-3132.
- Dated: March 25, 1997.
William D. Dickerson,
Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.
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- [ER-FRL-5478-7]
- Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments**
- Availability of EPA comments prepared March 10, 1997, through March 14, 1997, 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-COE-L28007-OR* Rating EO2, Joe Ney and Upper Pony Creek Reservoirs Expansion Project, Municipal Water Supply, COE Section 10 and 404 Permit Issuance, Coos County, OR.
- Summary*: EPA expressed environmental concerns over the elimination of water conservation as an alternative to be considered in the EIS, as well as the minimal information provided regarding the water reuse and reclamation alternative. EPA also expressed concerns over potential impacts to high-quality wetland habitats.
- ERP No. D-TVA-E39038-TN* Rating EC2, Columbia Dam Component of the Duck River Project, Implementation, Use of Lands Acquired, Possible COE Section 404 Permit, Maury County, TN.
- Summary*: EPA had environmental concerns with the potential environmental impacts associated with the development alternatives.
- Final EISs**
- ERP No. F-NOA-K90028-HI*, Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whales and Their Habitat National Marine Sanctuary Management Plan, Implementation, Honolulu, Kauai and Maui Counties, HI.
- Summary*: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.