

ERP No. F-AFS-L65234-ID Hobo Cornwall Project Area Timber Sale and Ecosystem Management Plan, Implementation, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, St. Joe Ranger District, Shoshone County, ID.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS has been completed and the project found to be satisfactory. EPA had no objection to the preferred alternative as described in the EIS.

ERP No. F-BLM-J01075-WY North Rochelle Mine, Application for Federal Coal Lease (WYW127221), Special-Use Permits and NPDES Permit, Campbell County, WY.

Summary: The Final EIS responds to concerns and recommendations expressed by EPA's comments on the draft EIS. EPA agreed that the preferred alternative, Alternative A, can be implemented without significant impact to the environment.

ERP No. F-BLM-J67023-UT Lisbon Valley Copper Project, Plan of Operations Approval for an Open Pit Copper Mine and Heach Operation in Lower Lisbon Valley, San Juan and Grand Counties, UT.

Summary: The Final EIS addresses comments raised by EPA in the draft EIS on water management and monitoring. EPA is still concerned about potential groundwater ponding in the mine pits and adverse effects on migrating water fowl, and the adequacy of the bond post mining.

ERP No. F-USN-L11030-ID Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC), Acoustic Research Detachment (ARD), Carderock Division (CD), Capital Improvements Plan, Implementation, in the Town of Bayview, Kootenai County, ID.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS has been completed and the project found to be satisfactory. EPA had no objection to the preferred alternative as described in the EIS.

Dated: June 24, 1997.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-5481-1]

Designation of an Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site (ODMDS) Offshore Port Everglades Harbor, FL and an ODMDS Offshore Palm Beach Harbor, FL; Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the final designation of an ODMDS offshore Port Everglades Harbor, Florida and an ODMDS offshore Palm Beach Harbor, Florida.

PURPOSE: The U.S. EPA, Region 4, in accordance with Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, will prepare a Draft EIS on the designation of an ODMDS offshore Port Everglades Harbor, Florida and an ODMDS offshore Palm Beach Harbor, Florida. An EIS is needed to provide the information necessary to designate an ODMDS. This Notice of Intent is issued Pursuant to Section 102 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, and 40 CFR Part 228 (Criteria for the Management of Disposal Sites for Ocean Dumping).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO BE PLACED ON THE PROJECT MAILING LIST

CONTACT: Mr. Christopher McArthur, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, phone 404-562-9391 or Mr. Rea Boothby, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, Planning Division, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, Florida 32232-0019, phone 904-232-3453.

SUMMARY: The entrance channel and turning basin of Port Everglades Harbor must receive periodic maintenance dredging to ensure safe navigation. The dredged material has been disposed of at an interim ODMDS for Port Everglades Harbor in the past. Designation of a Port Everglades Harbor ODMDS is being evaluated to determine the most feasible and environmentally acceptable ocean disposal site for anticipated future dredging. The Palm Beach Harbor Federal Project navigation channel must receive periodic maintenance dredging to ensure safe navigation. The dredged material has been disposed of at an interim ODMDS for Palm Beach Harbor in the past. Designation of a Palm Beach Harbor

ODMDS is being evaluated to determine the most feasible and environmentally acceptable ocean disposal site for anticipated future dredging.

NEED FOR ACTION: The Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, has requested that EPA designate an ODMDS offshore Port Everglades Harbor, Florida and an ODMDS offshore Palm Beach Harbor, Florida for the disposal of dredged material from the Port Everglades Harbor and Palm Beach Harbor areas, respectively, when ocean disposal is the preferred disposal alternative. An EIS is required to provide the necessary information to evaluate alternatives and designate the preferred ODMDSs.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. No action. The no action alternative is defined as not designating an ocean disposal site.

2. Alternative disposal sites in the nearshore, and shelf break regions.

SCOPING: A scoping meeting is not contemplated. Scoping will be accomplished by correspondence with affected Federal, State and local agencies, and with anticipated interested parties.

ESTIMATED DATE OF RELEASE: The Draft EIS will be made available in January 1998.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: John H. Hankinson, Jr., Regional Administrator, Region 4.

Dated: June 24, 1997.

Richard E. Sanderson,

Director, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-5481-2]

Designation of an Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site (ODMDS) Offshore Port Royal, SC; Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the final designation of an ODMDS offshore Port Royal, South Carolina.

PURPOSE: The U.S. EPA, Region 4, in accordance with Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District, will prepare a Draft EIS on the designation of an ODMDS

offshore Port Royal, South Carolina. An EIS is needed to provide the information necessary to designate an ODMDS. This Notice of Intent is issued Pursuant to Section 102 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, and 40 CFR Part 228 (Criteria for the Management of Disposal Sites for Ocean Dumping).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO BE PLACED ON THE PROJECT MAILING LIST

CONTACT: Mr. Gary Collins, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, phone 706-355-8725 or Ms. Robin Collier-Socha, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District, Planning Division, P.O. Box 919, Charleston, South Carolina, phone 803-727-4696.

SUMMARY: The entrance channel, inner harbor area and public/private berths of Port Royal Harbor must receive periodic maintenance dredging to ensure safe navigation. The dredged material has been disposed of at an interim ODMDS for Port Royal in the past. Designation of a Port Royal ODMDS is being evaluated to determine the most feasible and environmentally acceptable ocean disposal site for anticipated future dredging.

NEED FOR ACTION: The Corps of Engineers, Charleston District, has requested that EPA designate an ODMDS offshore Port Royal, South Carolina for the disposal of dredged material from the Port Royal area, when ocean disposal is the preferred disposal alternative. An EIS is required to provide the necessary information to evaluate alternatives and designate the preferred ODMDS.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. No action. The no action alternative is defined as not designating an ocean disposal site.

2. Alternative disposal sites in the nearshore, and shelf break regions.

SCOPING: A scoping meeting will be held during the summer of 1997. Further scoping will be accomplished by correspondence with affected Federal, State and local agencies, and with anticipated interested parties.

ESTIMATED DATE OF RELEASE: The Draft EIS will be made available in 1998-1999 time frame.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: John H. Hankinson, Jr., Regional Administrator, Region 4.

Dated: June 24, 1997.

Richard E. Sanderson,

Director, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5849-5]

Regulatory Reinvention (XL) Pilot Projects

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of OSI Project XL Draft Final Project Agreement and Related Documents.

SUMMARY: EPA is today requesting comment on a proposed Project XL Final Project Agreement (FPA) for OSI Specialties, Inc. (a subsidiary of Witco Corporation) in Sistersville, West Virginia. The FPA is a voluntary agreement developed collaboratively by OSI, stakeholders, and state and federal regulators. Project XL, announced in the **Federal Register** on May 23, 1995 (60 FR 27282) (FRL-5197-9), gives regulated sources the flexibility to develop alternative strategies that will replace or modify specific regulatory requirements on the condition that they produce greater environmental benefits. EPA has set a goal of implementing a total of fifty projects undertaken in full partnership with the states.

Under the draft FPA, OSI will install an incinerator and route the process vents from its polyether methyl capper production unit to that incinerator for control of organic air emissions. OSI estimates this will reduce the facility's organic air emissions by about 309,000 pounds per year for substantially lower cost than compliance with regulations to be deferred under the Project. In addition, OSI will recover and reuse an estimated 500,000 pounds per year of methanol that would otherwise be disposed of through the facility's on-site wastewater treatment system and would divert about 50,000 pounds per year of organic air emissions from the wastewater treatment unit to the incinerator. This will result in a reduction in sludge generation from OSI's wastewater of 815,000 pounds per year. Lastly, OSI will conduct a waste minimization/pollution prevention study which is expected to result in additional reductions in waste generation at the facility. As an incentive for OSI to take these environmentally beneficial actions, EPA would agree to propose for public comment regulations deferring the application, to the facility's two hazardous waste surface impoundments, of Subpart CC of 40 CFR Parts 264 and 265 which was promulgated under the authority of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA Subpart CC). Also, the West

Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) would enter into a consent order with OSI to defer application of similar state regulations in the interim before the State of West Virginia adopts the EPA deferral. In addition, EPA and the State of West Virginia intend to propose, on a case-by-case basis, a limited scope deferral of proposed Clean Air Act Subpart YYY volatile organic compound emission standards for OSI's wastewater collection and treatment system (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart YYY) (CAA Subpart YYY), if applicable. The CAA Subpart YYY relief involves a deferral of Subpart YYY if OSI begins recovery of CAA Subpart YYY substances as a result of its waste minimization efforts and if the final CAA Subpart YYY regulations apply to such activities. This deferral would be granted only if there is no resulting emissions increase from the facility's wastewater system or if organic air emissions increases from all YYY deferrals do not exceed 15,000 pounds per year (about 5 percent of the Project's expected air emission reductions). These deferrals will last until the required compliance date of the national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants from miscellaneous organic processes (the "MON"). It is expected that the MON will require installation of process vent controls similar to the proposed control for the polyether methyl capper unit process vent emissions to be implemented under the Project. As a result, the Project will be reevaluated at that time to determine whether additional environmental benefits provided by the Project warrant the continuation of the regulatory flexibility granted by the Project. If continuation is warranted, then the FPA and other appropriate documents (e.g., permits, regulations, orders, etc.) will be amended as necessary. If EPA or WVDEP does not determine that continuation of the Project is warranted, the Project will end on the required compliance date of the MON.

DATES: The period for submission of comments ends on July 28, 1997.

ADDRESSES: All comments on the draft Final Project Agreement should be sent to: Cheryl Atkinson, U.S. EPA, Region III, 841 Chestnut Street (3HW70), Philadelphia, PA 19107, or L. Nancy Birnbaum, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Room 3134CY Mall (2129), Washington, DC 20460. Comments may also be faxed to Ms. Atkinson at (215) 566-3114 or Ms. Birnbaum at (202) 401-6637. Comments will also be received via electronic mail sent to: atkinson.cheryl@epamail.epa.gov or birnbaum.nancy@epamail.epa.gov.