

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: Magnetic Tape Manufacturing Operations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 13.

Frequency of Response: 2.

Estimated Number of Responses: 26.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 7042 person hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$89,400.

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. 1678.03 and OMB Control No. 2060-0326 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: October 6, 1997.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-5485-2]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared September 08, 1997 Through September 12, 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) 564-71653.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact

statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 11, 1997 (62 FR 16154).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-BLM-K67044-CA Rating EC2, Soledad Mountain Open Pit Leap Leach Gold Mine Project, Construction and Operation, Plan-of-Operations Approval, Mojave, Kern County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with the lack of full disclosure of environmental impacts from proposed or possible future sale of aggregate, underground mining, and impacts to local water and air quality from mining and processing operations.

ERP No. D-FAA-G12002-NM Rating EC2, Southwest Regional Spaceport (SRS) Development and Operation Project, Commercial Space Vehicles Launching Facility, Licensing, Sierra and Dona Ana Counties, NM.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns and requested additional information on land use change, policy, and management conflict.

ERP No. D-NPS-K61144-HI Rating LO, Ala Kahakai "Trail By the Sea" National Trail Study, Implementation, Hawaii Island, Hawaii County, HI.

Summary: EPA expressed lack of objection on the proposed project.

ERP No. D-SFW-L64045-00 Rating LO, Grizzly Bear (*Ursus arctos horribilis*) Recovery Plan in the Bitterroot Ecosystem, Implementation, Endangered Species Act, Proposed Special Rule 10(j) Establishment of a Nonessential Experimental Population of Grizzly Bears in the Bitterroot Area, Rocky Mountain, Blaine, Camas, Boise, Clearwater, Custer, Elmore, Idaho, Lemhi, Shoshone.

Summary: Based on an abbreviated review EPA does not foresee having any environmental objections to the proposed project.

ERP No. DA-DOE-K03007-CA Rating EC2, Petroleum Production at Maximum Efficient Rate, Updated Information for the Sale of Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 1 (NPR-1 also called "Elk Hills") Amendment of Kern County General Plan, Elk Hills, Kern County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding projected air quality impacts with the disposition of EPA-regulated polychlorinated biphenyls in storage or in use at the facility, and projected impacts to biological resources. EPA asked to be notified of the final disposition of regulated PCB materials at the facility and encouraged the Department of Energy to work with the US Fish and Wildlife Service on mitigation recommendations in the EIS to reduce projected impacts to biological

resources, particularly Federally-listed species.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-L65287-OR, Little River (DEMO) Demonstration of Ecosystem Management Options Timber Sale, Implementation Umpqua National Forest, North Umpqua Ranger District, Douglas County, OR.

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

ERP No. F-NAS-E12005-00, Engine Technology Support, Implementation, With Emphases on Liquid Oxygen and Kerosene, Advanced Space Transportation Program, Test Sites: Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) in Huntsville, AL; Stennis Space Center (SSC) near Bay St. Louis, MS and Phillips Laboratory, Edward Air Force Base, CA.

Summary: EPA continues to prefer the SSC for rocket motor testing based on the lesser noise impacts affecting private property.

ERP No. FS-AFS-L65202-ID, Katka Peak Timber Sale and Road Construction, Implementation, New Information from Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project, to implement Ecosystem Restoration Treatment, Bonners Ferry Ranger District, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, Boundary County, ID.

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

Dated: October 7, 1997.

B. Katherine Biggs,

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-5485-1]

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 September 29, 1997 Through October 03, 1997 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 970378, FINAL EIS, AFS, MT, Beaverhead Forest Plan Riparian Amendment, Implementation, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Beaverhead, Madison, Silver

Bow, Deer Lodge and Gallatin Counties, MT, Due: November 10, 1997, Contact: Peri Surenram (406) 683-3900.

EIS No. 970379, FINAL EIS, AFS, OR, Summit Fire Recovery Forest Restoration Project, Implementation, Malheur National Forest, Long Creek Ranger District, Grant County, OR, Due: November 10, 1997, Contact: Robert Hammond (541) 575-3000.

EIS No. 970380, DRAFT EIS, AFS, UT, Spruce Ecosystem Recovery Project, Implementation, Dixie National Forest, Cedar City Ranger District, Iron County, UT, Due: November 24, 1997, Contact: Phil Eisenhauer (801) 865-3200.

EIS No. 970381, DRAFT EIS, IBR, CA, Hamilton City Pumping Plant, Fish Screen Improvement Project, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Central Valley, Butte, Colusa, Glenn and Tehama Counties, CA, Due: November 24, 1997, Contact: Lauren Carly (916) 934-7066.

EIS No. 970382, DRAFT EIS, FHW, VA, Outer Connector Study Transportation Improvement, from I-95, US 17 and VA-3, Funding, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Stafford and Spotsylvania Counties, VA, Due: November 28, 1997, Contact: Roberto Fonseca-Martinez (804) 281-5100.

EIS No. 970383, DRAFT EIS, MMS, TX, LA, Western Planning Area, Proposed Western Gulf of Mexico 1997-2002 (5-Year Program) Outer Continental Shelf (OSC) Oil and Gas Sales 171, 174, 177 and 180, Lease Offering, Offshore Marine Environmental and Coastal Counties/Parishes of Texas and Louisiana, Due: November 24, 1997, Contact: Archie P. Melancon (703) 787-5471.

EIS No. 970384, DRAFT EIS, FHW, NY, Judd Road Connector Transportation Improvements, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Village of New York Mills, Towns of New Hartford and Whitestown, Oneida County, NY, Due: November 24, 1997, Contact: Harold J. Brown (518) 431-4127.

EIS No. 970385, DRAFT SUPPLEMENT, NOA, AK, Juneau Consolidated Facility, Additional Information, Space for the University of Alaska Fairbanks School of Fisheries and Ocean Science (UAF), Possible Site Lena Point, Fisheries Management Operation, 'Vision for 2005', Juneau, AK, Due: November 25, 1997, Contact: John Gorman (907) 586-7641.

EIS No. 970386, FINAL EIS, USN, DC, Naval Sea Systems Command Headquarters (NAVSEA), Base Realignment and Closure Action, Relocation from Arlington, VA to Washington Navy Yard (WNY) in

southeast Washington, DC, Due: November 10, 1997, Contact: Hank Riek (202) 685-3064.

EIS No. 970387, FINAL EIS, FRC, ME, Lower Penobscot River Basin Hydroelectric Project, Application for Licensing for three hydroelectric projects: Basin Mills (FERC. No. 10981), Stillwater (FERC. No. 2712) and Milford (FERC. No. 2534), Penobscot County, ME, Due: November 10, 1997, Contact: Ronald McKittrick (202) 219-2783.

EIS No. 970388, SECOND FINAL SUPPLE, DOE, NM, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Disposal Phase, Updated Information, Disposal of Transuranic Waste, Carlsbad, NM, Due: November 10, 1997, Contact: Harold Johnson (505) 234-7349.

EIS No. 970389, FINAL EIS, BLM, NV, Florida Canyon Mine Expansion Project and Comprehensive Reclamation Plan, Construction and Operation of New Facilities and Expansion of Existing Gold Mining Operations in Imlay Mining District, Plan-of-Operation Approval and Right-of-Way Permit Issuance, Pershing County, NV, Due: November 10, 1997, Contact: Ken Loda (702) 623-1500.

Dated: October 7, 1997.

B. Katherine Biggs,

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[PF-768; FRL-5748-5]

Notice of Filing of Pesticide Petitions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the filing of a pesticide petition proposing a regulation establishing an exemption from the requirement for a tolerance for residues of *Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry1, Cry2 and Cry3 classes of proteins and the genetic material necessary for the production of these proteins in or on all raw agricultural commodities. This notice includes a summary of the petition that was prepared by the petitioner, Monsanto Company.

DATES: Comments, identified by the docket control number PF-768, must be received on or before November 10, 1997.

ADDRESSES: By mail submit written comments to: Public Information and

Records Integrity Branch (7506C), Information Resources and Services Division, Office of Pesticides Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person bring comments to: Rm. 1132, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Follow the instructions under "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION." No confidential business information should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as "Confidential Business Information" (CBI). CBI should not be submitted through e-mail. Information marked as CBI will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. All written comments will be available for public inspection in Rm. 1132 at the address given above, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mike Mendelsohn, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7501W), Office of Pesticide Programs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: 5th floor CS #1, 2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202, Telephone No. 703-308-8715, e-mail: mendelsohn.mike@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has received pesticide petitions as follows proposing the establishment and/or amendment of regulations for residues of certain pesticide chemicals in or on various food commodities under section 408 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Comestic Act (FFDCA), 21 U.S.C. 346a. EPA has determined that these petitions contain data or information regarding the elements set forth in section 408(d)(2); however, EPA has not fully evaluated the sufficiency of the submitted data at this time or whether the data supports granting of the petition. Additional data may be needed before EPA rules on the petition.

The official record for this notice of filing, as well as the public version, has been established for this notice of filing under docket control number [PF-768] (including comments and data