

Fergus, Petroleum, Phillips and Valley Counties, MT, Due: August 06, 1998, Contact: Jerry Majerus (406) 538-7461.

EIS No. 980150, Final EIS, COE, AZ, Rio Salado Environmental Restoration of two Sites along the Salt River; (1) Phoenix Reach and (2) Tempe Reach, Feasibility Report, in the Cities of Phoenix and Tempe, Maricopa County, AZ, Due: June 08, 1998, Contact: Alex Watt (213) 452-3860.

EIS No. 980151, Final EIS, AFS, KY, Daniel Boone National Forest Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Management Policy, Modification, Several Counties, KY, Due: June 08, 1998, Contact: Benjamin T. Worthington (606) 745-3100.

EIS No. 980152, Draft EIS, USA, Stratford Army Engine Plant (SAEP) Disposal and Reuse, Implementation, City of Stratford, Fairfield and New Haven Counties, CT, Due: June 22, 1998, Contact: Leslie Sullivan (703) 697-0153.

EIS No. 980153, Draft EIS, NPS, MS, Natchez Trace Parkway, Construction of Section 3X Southern Terminus, Adam Counties, MS, Due: July 07, 1998, Contact: Wendell Simpson (601) 680-4003.

EIS No. 980154, Final EIS, FHW, CA, CA-101/Cuesta Grade Highway Improvements, 1.1 Miles north of Reservoir Canyon Road to the Cuesta Grade Overhead, Funding and Permit Issuance, San Luis Obispo County, CA, Due: June 08, 1998, Contact: John R. Schultz (916) 498-5041.

EIS No. 980155, Draft EIS, DOE, SC, Tritium Extraction Facility (TEF), Construction and Operation near the Center of Savannah River Site at H Area, (DOE/EIS-0271D), Aiken and Barnwell Counties, SC, Due: June 22, 1998, Contact: Andrew R. Grainger (800) 881-7292.

EIS No. 980156, Draft EIS, COE, GA, SC, Savannah Harbor Section 203 Expansion Project, Channel Deepening and Harbor Improvements, Georgia Ports Authority, Federal Navigation Project, Chatham County, Ga and Jasper County, SC, Due: June 22, 1998, Contact: William Bailey (912) 652-5781.

EIS No. 980157, Draft EIS, AFS, OR, Moose Subwatershed Timber Harvest and Other Vegetation Management Actions, Central Cascade Adaptive Management (CCAMA), Willamette National Forest, Sweet Home Ranger District, Linn County, OR, Due: June 22, 1998, Contact: Donna Short (541) 367-5168.

EIS No. 980159, Final EIS, UAF, FL, CA, Evolved Expandable Launch Vehicle (EELV) Program, Development,

Operation and Deployment, Proposed Launch Locations are Cape Canaveral Air Station (AS), Florida and Vandenberg Air Force Base (AFB), California, Federal Permits and Licenses, FL and CA, Due: June 08, 1998, Contact: Patty Vaught (703) 604-0561.

EIS No. 980160, Final EIS, NSF, Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station, Proposal to Modernize through Reconstruction and Replacement of Key Facilities, Antarctica, Due: June 08, 1998, Contact: Joyce A. Jatko (703) 306-1032.

EIS No. 980161, Draft EIS, BLM, AZ, Hualapai Mountain Land Exchange/ Plan Amendment, Implementation, Kingman and Dutch Flat, Mohave County, AZ, Due: July 27, 1998, Contact: Don McClure (520) 692-4400.

This EIS was inadvertently omitted from the 04-24-98 **Federal Register**. The official 45 days NEPA review period is calculated from 04-24-98.

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William D. Dickerson,
Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-5491-6]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared April 20, 1998 Through April 24, 1998 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 the FR dated April 10, 1998 (63 FR 17856).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-K65203-CA Rating EC2, Sirretta Peak Motorcycle Trail Construction, Approval and Implementation, Sirretta Peak/Machine Creek Area, Kern Plateau, Sequoia National Forest, Cannell Meadow Ranger District, Tulare County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential adverse impacts to the watershed and

wildlife habitat from the construction and use of a motorized trail in a roadless area.

ERP No. D-BLM-K67047-NV Rating EC2, Trenton Canyon Mining Project, Construction, Operation and Expansion, Plan of Operation, Valma and North Peak Deposits, Humboldt and Lander Counties, NV.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns to the proposed project, based on a lack of analysis of a reasonable range to project alternatives, and potential environmental degradation to waters of the United States. EPA asked for additional information, including information on a sequential backfilling alternative, waste rock and pit wall rock characterization, cumulative impact, project description, comprehensive mitigation and monitoring plan.

ERP No. D-COE-E39042-GA Rating EC2, Latham River/Jekyll Creek Environmental Restoration Project (Section 1135), To Establish the Without Project Condition, Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIWW), Glynn County, GA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns over the long-term impacts to wetlands resources in the project and the potential for increased development on Jekyll Island.

ERP No. D-COE-K32049-CA Rating EO2, San Francisco Bay to Stockton Phase III (John F. Baldwin) Navigation Channel Project, Construction and Operation, For Deliver of Petroleum to Refineries, Storage Terminals and Other Facilities, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, US Coast Guard Permit, Contra Costa County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objectives with two action alternatives because, according to the DEIS, deepening 16 miles of navigation channel would result in adverse water quality impacts, specifically intrusion of salt water into the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta that would exceed salinity standards. This increased salinity intrusion would have adverse effects on municipal drinking water supplies, fish and wildlife resources. EPA also expressed concerns on Clean Water Act Section 404 issues associated with a pipeline system alternative and noted that all three action alternatives may require a conformity determination for oxides of nitrogen (an ozone precursor) due to the San Francisco Bay Area's ozone maintenance status.

ERP No. D-FRC-B03009-ME Rating EC2, Maritimes Phase II Project, Construct and Operate an Interstate Natural Gas Pipeline, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Endangered Species Act (ESA) and NPDE's permits, US

Canada border at Woodland (Burleyville) Maine and Westbrook Maine.

Summary: EPA requested additional information about the impacts of the proposed pipeline with regard to wetlands, eelgrass, drinking water, groundwater supply, and secondary impacts in order to fully evaluate the environmental acceptability of the proposed project.

ERP No. D-FRC-J02035-00 Rating EC2, Alliance Natural Gas Pipeline Project, Construction and Operation, Funding, NPDES Permit, COE Section 10 and 404 Permit, ND, MN, IA and IL.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns and requested additional information on the following areas; Purpose and Need, Alternatives Evaluation, Resource Surveys (Threatened and Endangered Species, Cultural and Historical), Agricultural Land/Non-Agricultural Land, Waterbody/Wetland Crossing Procedures, Wetland/Woodland Loss Compensation and description of Extra Work Areas.

ERP No. DS-COE-L36011-00 Rating EC2, Columbia and Lower Willamette River Federal Navigation Channel, Integrated Dredge Material Management Study, OR and WA.

Summary: EPA's expressed environmental concerns that the Corps should take more effort at advanced identification and management of in-stream dredged material disposal sites. EPA also requested more information regarding the environmental impacts of upland disposal of dredged material.

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William D. Dickerson,

Director, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-5491]

Designation of an Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site (ODMDS) Off Wilmington, NC, 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 off Wilmington, North 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, Wilmington District, will prepare a Draft EIS on the designation of an ODMDS off Wilmington, North 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. Douglas K. Johnson, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Coastal Programs Section, 61 Forsyth Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, phone 404-562-9386 or Mr. Philip M. Payonk, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District, Environmental Resources Section, P.O. Box 1890, Wilmington, North Carolina 28402-1890, phone 910-251-4589.

SUMMARY: Ongoing needs for ocean disposal of dredged sediments and proposed improvements to the Wilmington Harbor navigation channel have resulted in the need for designation of a new ODMDS off Wilmington, North Carolina. Based on site surveys and anticipated levels of site use, the capacity of the existing Wilmington ODMDS will be reached in seven to 10 years. The annual volume of maintenance dredged material taken to the ocean for disposal from the Wilmington Harbor area is about two million cubic yards per year. The recently authorized Wilmington Harbor Federal navigation channel improvements (deepening and other channel modifications) will produce approximately 19 million cubic yards of dredged material for ocean disposal. The channel improvements will realign the ocean bar channel directly across the Wilmington ODMDS rendering the site obsolete. The channel would be realigned to avoid rock dredging and blasting and the environmental concerns associated with those activities.

The relocation of the ODMDS would provide an opportunity to add separation between the Wilmington ODMDS and nearby shrimp trawling bottoms. The shrimpers have complained that wood debris attributed to dredged materials placed within the ODMDS interfere with shrimping.

Need for Action: The Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District, has requested that EPA designate a new ODMDS off Wilmington, North Carolina for the disposal of dredged material from the Wilmington Harbor 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, mid-shelf, and shelf break regions.

Scoping: Scoping will be accomplished by correspondence and meetings, in late Spring or early Summer, 1998, with affected Federal, State and local agencies, and interested parties.

Estimated Date of Release: The Draft EIS will be made available in October 1999.

Responsible Official: John H. Hankinson, Jr., Regional Administrator, Region 4.

Richard E. Sanderson,

Director, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community; Tentative Approval of an Alternative Liner System Design and Use of Alternative Daily Cover Material for the Salt River Municipal Solid Waste Landfill

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Tentative determination on application of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community for approval of an alternative liner system design and use of alternative daily cover material for the Salt River Municipal Solid Waste Landfill, public hearing and public comment period.

SUMMARY: Subtitle D of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), 42 U.S.C. 6941-6949a requires EPA to establish minimum federal criteria to ensure that municipal solid waste landfills are designed and operated in a manner that protects human health and the environment. These standards are codified at 40 CFR part 258. Generally, these criteria are technical standards and are self-implementing. For many of these criteria, part 258 also establishes a flexible performance-based standard as an alternative to the self-implementing regulations.

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community submitted applications for approval to use two of the flexible