

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has determined to approve an application by the State of New York to revise its Public Water Supply Supervision Primacy Program to incorporate regulations no less stringent than the USEPA's National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR) for Synthetic Organic Chemicals and Inorganic Chemicals (Phase 5 Chemical Regulations) promulgated by EPA on July 17, 1992 (57 FR 31776).

Effective May 27, 1998, the New York State Department of Health adopted revisions to 10 NYCRR Part 5, Subpart 5.1—Public Water Systems. These revised regulations have been submitted by the State in an application to revise its approved Public Water Supply Supervision Primacy Program (approved primacy program). The application demonstrates that New York has adopted drinking water regulations which satisfy the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR) for Synthetic Organic Chemicals and Inorganic Chemicals promulgated by EPA on July 17, 1992 (57 FR 31776). The USEPA has determined that New York State's chemical regulations are no less stringent than the corresponding Federal regulations and that New York continues to meet all requirements for primary enforcement responsibility as specified in 40 CFR 142.10.

In addition, the revised regulations contained in the revision application make several minor changes, consisting of corrections and clarifications, to New York State's drinking water regulations which parallel a number of other NPDWRs, including the Lead and Copper Rule (56 FR 26548) and Surface Water Treatment Rule (54 FR 27527) and certain variance and exemption procedures. Here, too, the USEPA has determined that New York State's drinking water regulations remain no less stringent than the corresponding Federal regulations. (The USEPA's June 3, 1997 determination to retain primacy, until May 15, 2007, for the enforcement of the Surface Water Treatment Rule within the City of New York's Catskill and Delaware water supply systems remains unaffected by today's action.) This determination to approve the State's primacy program revision application is made pursuant to 40 CFR 142.12(d)(3). It shall become final and effective April 26, 1999, unless (1) a timely and appropriate request for a public hearing is received or (2) the Regional Administrator elects to hold a public hearing on her own motion. Any interested person, other than Federal Agencies, may request a public hearing.

A request for a public hearing must be submitted to the USEPA Regional Administrator at the address shown by April 26, 1999. If a substantial request for a public hearing is made within the requested thirty day time frame, a public hearing will be held and a notice will be given in the **Federal Register** and a newspaper of general circulation. Frivolous or insubstantial requests for a hearing may be denied by the Regional Administrator. If no timely and appropriate request for a hearing is received and the Regional Administrator does not elect to hold a hearing on her own motion, this determination shall become final and effective April 26, 1999.

Any request for a public hearing shall include the following information:

(1) the name, address and telephone number of the individual organization or other entity requesting a hearing;

(2) a brief statement of the requesting person's interest in the Regional Administrator's determination and a brief statement on information that the requesting person intends to submit at such hearing;

(3) the signature of the individual making the requests or, if the request is made on behalf of an organization or other entity, the signature of a responsible official of the organization or other entity.

ADDRESSES: Requests for Public Hearing shall be addressed to: Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency—Region II, 290 Broadway New York, New York 10007–1866.

All documents relating to this determination are available for inspection between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, at the following offices:

New York State Department of Health,
Bureau of Public Water Supply
Protection—Room 406, 2 University
Plaza/Western Avenue, Albany, New
York 12203–3399

U.S. Environmental Protection
Agency—Region II, Drinking Water
Section, 290 Broadway, New York,
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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Authority: (Section 1413 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 300g–2, and 40 CFR 142.10, 142.12(d) and 142.13)

Dated: February 25, 1999.

William J. Muszynski,

Acting Regional Administrator, EPA Region II.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared March 01, 1999 Through March 05, 1999 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 10, 1998 (63 FR 17856).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D–AFS–J65297–MT

Rating EC2, Bull Lake Estates Road Access Project, Implementation, Easement Grant Permit, Kootenai National Forest, Three Rivers Rangers District, Lincoln County, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential adverse social, water quality, fisheries, and wildlife impacts of the development of the Bull Lake Estates subdivision. The Final EIS should discuss the environmental impacts of the management actions and mitigation measures.

ERP No. D–AFS–L65312–WA

Rating EO2, Olympic Cross Cascade Pipeline Project, Construct and Operate a Common Carrier Petroleum Pipeline, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie and Wenatchee National Forests, City of Pasco, Snohomish, King, Kittitas, Adams, Grant and Franklin Counties, WA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objections because the draft EIS does not adequately discuss the need for the project in terms of a public interest, a range of alternatives needed to meet the purpose and need for the project, and environmental risks posed by the proposed alternative.

ERP No. D–AFS–L65316–ID

Rating EC2, Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District Noxious Weed Control

Project, Treating 76 Specific Sites across District, Kootenai and Shoshone Counties, ID.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with the proposed methodologies for the controlling noxious weeds. The Final EIS should address operational objectives or performance standards, additional strategies to prevent the spread of noxious weeds, funding for the control of weed expansion and adaptive management that addresses treatment other than chemical ones.

ERP No. D-BLM-K65217-AZ

Rating EO2, Ray Land Exchange/Plan Amendment, Implementation, Exchange of Federal Lands for Public Lands, Pinal, Gila and Mohave Counties, AZ.

Summary: EPA expressed strong objections to the proposed project because of its potential for significant environmental degradation. EPA recommended that BLM consider preparing a revised DEIS with substantially more information regarding other alternatives, the affected environment, and environmental consequences, including indirect and cumulative impacts, with respect to site geology and geochemistry, hydrology and hydrogeology, existing and potential future water and air quality, riparian and aquatic resources, facilities design, minerals and land management, environmental justice, and mitigation measures.

ERP No. D-DOA-G36150-AR

Rating EC2, Departee Creek Watershed Plan Flood Prevention, Implementation, COE Section 404 Permit, Independence and Jackson Counties, AR.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding wetland impacts, alternative, mitigation, and environmental justice. Additional information concerning these issues was requested.

ERP No. DS-AFS-L67036-OR

Rating EC2, Nicore Mining Project, Implementation, New Information on Six New Alternatives, Plan-of-Operations, Mining of Four Sites, Road Construction, Reconstruction, Hauling and Stockpiling of Ore, Rough and Ready Creek Watershed, Illinois Valley Ranger District, Siskiyou National Forest, Medford District.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with mining in the Rough and Ready watershed because of potential impacts to water quality and the unique ecological values of the area. The Final EIS should disclose complete monitoring plan and mitigation plans.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-BLM-L65272-ID

Challis Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Upper Columbus—Salmon Clearwater Districts, Salmon River, Lemhi and Custer Counties, ID.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS has been completed and the project found to be satisfactory.

ERP No. F-GSA-C60004-NY

Governors Island Disposition of Surplus Federal Real Property, Implementation, Upper New York Bay, NY.

Summary: EPA's review of the Final EIS have been adequately addressed. In light of the covenants that will be set forth in the transfer deed, EPA have concluded that the proposed project would not result in significant adverse environmental impacts; therefore, EPA has no objections to the implementation of the proposed project.

ERP No. F-IBR-K28018-CA

Central Valley Project, Municipal and Industrial Water Supply Contracts under Public Law 101-514 (Section 206), Sacramento County Water Agency and San Juan Water District, City of Folsom, Sacramento County, CA.

Summary: EPA continues to be concerned with the probability of additional diversions from the American river. EPA urge selection of diversion point on the American River below the courthouse of the American River.

ERP No. F-STA-G50007-00

Programmatic EIS—International Bridge Crossing Project, Construction and Operation, Along the United States—Mexico Border from EL Paso to Brownsville, TX, Presidential Permit, NM and TX.

Summary: EPA finds that the Final Programmatic EIS to be adequate and has no objections to preferred alternative.

ERP No. FS-UMC-K24018-CA

Sewage Effluent Compliance Project, Updated and Additional Information, Implementation, Lower Santa Margarita Basin, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, San Diego County, CA.

Summary: EPA indicated that the FSEIS adequately addressed EPA environmental objections. EPA request that a Record of Decision (ROD) not be made until the Navy fully evaluates a final percolation pond study. EPA also asked the Navy to provide a detailed monitoring and reporting program and contingency measures, for their selected

alternative, to ensure that no adverse impacts would occur to the nearby salt marsh. EPA also commented on concerns regarding long term health of riparian habitat and asked the Navy to acknowledge its intent, in the ROD, to seek funding for tertiary treatment facilities.

Other

ERP No. LD-UAF-K11096-NV

Rating EO2, Nellis Air Force Range (NAFR), Renewal of the Land Withdrawal to Provide a Safe and Secure Location to Test Equipment and Train Military Personnel, Clark, Lincoln and Nye Counties, NV.

Summary: EPA expressed objections due to the excessively long proposed periods between public reviews of the land withdrawal (i.e., indefinitely or 25 years) of the roughly 3 million acre area. EPA requested additional information regarding impacts to ground and surface water, hazardous materials and waste, safety, and biological resources.

Dated: March 23, 1999.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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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 15, 1999 Through March 19, 1999 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 990083, Final Supplemental, EIS, NOA, Atlantic, Gulf and Caribbean Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) Billfish Fishery Management Plan, White and Blue Marlin, Sailfish, and the Longbill Spearfish, Implementation, Due: April 19, 1999, Contact: Rebecca J. Lent (301) 713-2347. This Notice of Availability (NOA) should have appeared in the 3/19/1999 FR. The Wait Period is Calculated from 3/19/1999. Publication of the NOA was Delayed Pending Resolution of an Administrative Problem with the Draft Supplemental EIS.

EIS No. 990084, Final EIS, BOP, WV, Ohio and Tyler Counties Federal Correctional Facility, Construction and Operations, Three Possible Sites: