

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared March 22, 1999 Through March 26, 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-J65288-CO Rating EC2, Uncompahgre National Forest Travel Plans Revision, Implementation, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, Garrison, Hinsdale Mesa, Montrose, Ouray and San Juan Counties, CO.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential adverse impacts to wetlands and water quality. EPA requested that the final EIS include additional measures and information regarding Forest Plan implementation.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65295-MT Rating EC2, Clancy-Unionville Vegetation Manipulation and Travel Management Project, Implementation, Helene National Forest, Helena Ranger District, Lewis and Clark and Jefferson Counties, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about adverse impacts to water and air quality and fisheries and wildlife habitat.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65296-MT Rating EC2, Swamp Timber Sales Project, Implementation, Kootenai National Forest, Fortine Ranger District, Lincoln County, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential short-term risks to Swamp and Edna Creeks, listed as threatened or impaired by the State of Montana and from proposed timber harvest and road construction.

ERP No. D-BLM-K65213-NV Rating EC2, Sonoma-Gerlach and Paradise-Denio Management Framework Plans Amendment, Implementation of Management of the Black Rock Desert, Humboldt, Pershing and Washoe Counties, NV.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with the proposed "common pool" system for permitting large-scale events. Cumulative impacts to the playa surface, and other sensitive resources should be addressed in the final EIS.

ERP No. D-DOA-K36126-HI Rating EC2, Lower Hamakua Ditch Watershed Plan, To Provide a Stable and Affordable Supply of Agricultural Water to Farmer and Other, COE Section 404 Permit, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention, Hawaii County, HI.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with minimal in-stream base flows and the dewatering of sources. EPA suggests that evaluations of water rights; equitable water allocations as well as environmental consequences of the other, non-selected alternatives.

ERP No. D-NPS-G61039-TX Rating LO, Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park, Package 227, General Management Plan, Implementation, Blanco and Gillespie Counties, TX.

Summary: EPA expressed lack of objections.

ERP No. D-NPS-G65068-LA Rating LO, New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park, General Management Plan, Implementation, City of New Orleans, Parish of Orleans, LA.

Summary: EPA expressed lack of objections.

ERP No. D-NPS-K65212-CA Rating LO, Mojave National Preserve General Management Plan, Implementation, San Bernardino County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed lack of objections.

ERP No. DR-NPS-L61160-AK Rating LO, Legislative—Lower Sheejeck River, Revised/Updated Information, Designation and Non-Designation for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic River System, Tributary of the Porcupine River, Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge, AK.

Summary: EPA expressed lack of objections.

ERP No. DS-NPS-K61123-CA Rating LO, Backcountry and Wilderness Management Plan, Additional Information, General Management Plan Amendment, Joshua Tree National Park, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed lack of objections.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-K65195-CA Desolation Wilderness Management Guidelines Revisions for the Eldorado National Forest and the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU),

Limits of Acceptable Change (LAC), Eldorado County, CA.

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

ERP No. F-AFS-L65202-AK Crystal Creek Timber Harvest, Implementation the 1997 Tongass Land Management Plan, Stikine Area, Tongass National Forest, AK.

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

ERP No. F-BLM-K65204-AZ Hualapai Mountain Land Exchange/Plan Amendment, Implementation, Kingman and Dutch Flat, Mohave County, AZ.

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

ERP No. F-COE-K39051-CA Los Angeles County Drainage Area (LACDA) Water Conservation and Supply and Santa Fe—Whittier Narrows Dams Feasibility Study, Implementation, Los Angeles County, CA.

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

ERP No. F-DOE-G06010-NM Los Alamos National Laboratory Continued Operation Site-Wide, Implementation, Los Alamos County, NM.

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

ERP No. F-NPS-J61099-UT Capitol Reef National Park, Implementation, General Management Plan, Development Concept Plan, Emery, Garfield, Sevier and Wayne Counties, UT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns due to potential adverse impacts of non-point source pollution from herbicides used to control noxious weeds.

ERP No. FS-AFS-K65193-NV Griffon Mining Project, Implementation, Updated Information, Revision for Expanding Gold Mining, Plan of Operations, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forests, Ely Ranger District, White Pine County, NV.

Summary: EPA expressed continuing objections about potential adverse impacts to water quality and requested that modifications to the ROD or stipulations in Supplement Plan of Operations be implemented to ensure the proposed water quality mitigation measures, especially stream fencing contingency mitigation, occur prior to project initiation.

ERP No. FS-COE-L36011-00 Columbia and Lower Willamette River

Federal Navigation Channel, Integrated Dredge Material Management Study, OR and WA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns that the EIS lacks information regarding dredged disposal sites, EPA expressed environmental concerns that the EIS lacks information regarding dredged disposal sites, impacts of the new channel and sediment regimes, cumulative impacts, commitments to implement Ecosystem Restoration measures, and evaluation of relationship between proposed dredging activities and future decision on draw down on the Columbia and Snake Rivers.

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Clean Air Act Advisory Committee: Accident Prevention Subcommittee Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Clean Air Act section 112(r) required EPA to publish regulations to prevent accidental releases of chemicals and to reduce the severity of those releases that do occur. These accidental release prevention requirements build on the chemical safety work begun by the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) which sets forth requirements for industry, State and local governments. On June 20, 1996, EPA published the final rule for risk management programs to address prevention of accidental releases.

An estimated 66,000 facilities are subject to this regulation based on the quantity of regulated substances they have on-site. Facilities that are subject will be required to implement a risk management program at their facility, and submit a summary of this information to a central location specified by EPA. This information will be helpful to State and local government entities responsible for chemical emergency preparedness and prevention. It will also be useful to environmental and community organizations, and the public in understanding the chemical risks in

their communities. In addition, we hope the availability of this information will stimulate a dialogue between industry and the public to improve accident prevention and emergency response practices.

The Accident Prevention Subcommittee was created in September 1996 to advise EPA's Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Office (CEPPO) on these chemical accident prevention issues, specifically, section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act.

DATES: The Accident Prevention Subcommittee of the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee will hold a public meeting on May 5, 1999 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hall of States (Room 335), 444 North Capitol St., NW, Washington D.C., near Union Station. Members of the public are welcome to attend in person.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Members of the public desiring additional information about this meeting, should contact Karen Shanahan, Designated Federal Official, U.S. EPA (5104), 401 M. St., SW, Washington DC 20460, via the Internet at: shanahan.karen@epamail.epa.gov, by telephone at (202) 260-2711 or FAX at (202) 401-3448.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

Opening Remarks—Jim Makris (8:30–9:00)

RMP Implementation Workgroup

Update (9:00–10:30)

Availability of RMP Data (10:45–12:00)
Epidemiology Study by the Wharton School (1:30–2:30)

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Comments from the Public (4:00–4:30)

Members of the public who wish to make a brief oral presentation in person in Washington DC to the Subcommittee at the meeting, must contact Karen Shanahan in writing (by letter, fax, or email—see previously stated information) no later than April 28, 1999, in order to be included on the agenda. Written comments may be submitted to the Accident Prevention Subcommittee up through the date of the meeting. Please address such material to Karen Shanahan at the above address.

The Accident Prevention Subcommittee expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive or previously submitted oral or written statements. In general, opportunities for oral comment will be limited to no more than three

minutes per speaker and no more than thirty minutes total. Written comments (twelve copies) received sufficiently prior to a meeting date (usually one week prior to a meeting or teleconference), may be mailed to the Subcommittee prior to its meeting.

Additional information on the Accident Prevention Subcommittee is available on the Internet at: <http://www.epa.gov/swercepp/acc-pre.html>

If you would like to automatically receive future information on the Accident Prevention Subcommittee and its Workgroups by email, you can subscribe to the EPA-RMP Listserve by sending the following message to listserv@unixmail.rtpnc.epa.gov:
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Safe Drinking Water Act 25th Anniversary—Futures Forum "Research 2025" Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is holding a public meeting on May 4, 1999, beginning at 9:00 am. at Resolve, 23rd Street, NW, Suite 275, Washington, DC, for the purpose of information exchange with stakeholders and the general public to discuss the research needs of the national drinking water program. 1999 marks the 25th anniversary of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). Originally enacted as Title XIV of the Public Health Act, the SDWA remains a significant landmark in public health protection in the 20th century. EPA and many prominent stakeholder groups are marking this anniversary with a variety of events. The overall theme for the anniversary is "Protect Our Health from Source to Tap". The year long event will, celebrate achievements in reducing waterborne disease illnesses and deaths, educate the public about the quality of their drinking water and ways that they can assist in ensuring its' future safety; evaluate the status of program goals, progress, and needs; plan near and long