

Contact: David D. Rittenhouse (208) 373-4100.

EIS No. 990344, Final EIS, BLM, WY, Wyodak Coal Bed Methane Project, Implementation of Road Construction, Drilling Operation, Electrical Distribution Line, Powder River Basin, Campbell and Converse Counties, WY, Due: November 01, 1999, Contact: Richard Zander (307) 684-1161.

EIS No. 990345, Draft EIS, DOD, AK, ND, AS, National Missile Defense (NMD) Deployment System, Selection of Possible Deployment Sites: AK, AS and ND, Due: November 15, 1999, Contact: Julia Hudson (256) 955-4822.

EIS No. 990346, Final EIS, DOE, WA, Hanford Remedial Action, Revised and New Alternatives, Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Hanford Site lies in the Pasco Basin of the Columbia Plateau, WA, Due: November 01, 1999, Contact: Thomas W. Ferns (509) 376-4360.

EIS No. 990347, Draft EIS, SFW, CA, San Joaquin County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation and Open Space Plan, Issuance of Incidental Take Permit, San Joaquin County, CA, Due: November 15, 1999, Contact: Ben Harrison (503) 231-2068.

EIS No. 990348, Draft EIS, COE, NY, NJ, New York and New Jersey Harbor Navigation Study, Identify, Screen and Select Navigation Channel Improvements, NY and NJ, Due: November 15, 1999, Contact: Jenine Gallo (212) 264-0912.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 990163, Draft EIS, BLM, CA, Soledad Canyon Sand and Gravel Mining Project, Proposal to Mine, Produce and Sell, "Split Estate" Private Owned and Federally Owned Lands, Transit Mixed Concrete, Los Angeles County, CA, Due: January 03, 2000, Contact: Ms Elena Misquez (760) 251-4804.

Published FR 05-21-99—Review Period Reestablished.

EIS No. 990266, Draft EIS, AFS, WY, Squirrel Meadows—Grand Targhee Land Exchange Proposal, Implementation, Targhee National Forest, Teton County, WY, Due: October 20, 1999, Contact: Patty Bates (208) 354-2312.

Published FR 08-06-99—Review Period extended. from 09-20-99 to 10-20-99.

Dated: September 28, 1999.

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6246-7]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared August 23, 1999 Through September 17, 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, 1999 (63 FR 17856).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-L65302-AK Rating EC2, Kuakan Timber Sale, Timber Harvesting in the Kuakan Project Area, Implementation, Deer Island within the Wrangell Ranger District, Stikine Area of the Tongass National Forest, AK.

Summary

EPA expressed environmental concerns related to potential impacts to fish habitat, water quality, wildlife security, and visual quality for four of the alternatives under consideration. EPA recommended that additional information be included in the EIS regarding the methods to be used and the goals to be achieved with the use of a proposed "overstory removal" management prescription.

ERP No. D-USN-K11104-CA Rating EC2, Marine Corp Air Station (MCAS) Tustin Disposal and Reuse Plan, Cities of Tustin and Irvine, Orange County, CA.

Summary

EPA expressed concern regarding the mitigation of impacts to waters of the United States, including approximately 3.6 acres of wetlands, and on mitigating potential impacts from fertilizer and pesticide use associated with future golf course operations.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-K65273-AZ—Grand Canyon/Tusayan Growth Area Improvements, General Management Plan (GMP), Special-Use-Permit, Approvals and Licenses Issuance, Coconino County, AZ.

Summary

No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-AFS-L65321-00—Douglas-fir Beetle Project, Harvest Tree, Regenerated Forest, Aquatic Restoration and Fuels Reduction, Idaho Panhandle National Forest, Coeur d'Alene River and Priest Lake Ranger District and Colville National Forest, Newport Ranger District, Kootenai, Shoshone and Bonner Counties, ID and Pend Orielle County, WA.

Summary

No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-FAA-B51016-CT—Sikorsky Memorial Airport, Proposed Runway 6-24 Improvements, Construction, Stratford, CT.

Summary

EPA expressed concerns that the EIS continues to lack a clear discussion of the safety benefits associated with each alternative and how environmental losses of each alternative are justified. EPA requested that additional information be presented in the Record of Decision pertaining to the above and stormwater management.

ERP No. F-FAA-J11016-00—Adoption—Colorado Airspace Initiative, Modifications to the National Airspace System, such as the F-16 Aircraft and Aircrews of the 140th Wing of the Colorado Air National Guard, also existing Military Operations Area (MOAs) and Military Training Routes (MTRs), CO, NM, KS, NB and WY.

Summary

No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-FHW-F40369-WI—US 141 Highway Transportation Project, Improvement between WI-22 and WI-64 (LeMere Road-6th Road), Funding and COE Section 4 Permit, Marinette and Oconto Counties, WI.

Summary

EPA reiterated concurrence with the preferred alternative while retaining the concern expressed in a April 9, 1997 letter regarding the large amount of wetland impacts associated with the preferred alternative. Additional mitigation methods such as reduced median widths and the steepening of slopes should be considered during the design.

ERP No. F-NRS-F36162-MN—Snake River Watershed Plan, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention, NPDES Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Marshall Pennington and Polk Counties, MN.

Summary

The FEIS provides adequate information and analysis to address the

environmental concerns we expressed in our DEIS comment letter in the following areas: (1) Alternatives, (2) Characterization of the affected environment, (3) Impacts to wetlands and waters of the United States, and (4) Mitigation.

ERP No. FR-AFS-J65287-UT—South Spruce Ecosystem Rehabilitation Project, Implementation, Dixie National Forest, Cedar City Ranger District, Iron and Kane Counties, UT.

Summary

No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. FS-FAA-F51040-IN—Indianapolis International Airport Master Plan Development, Updated/New Information, Establishing New Air Traffic Procedures to Restore, Construct and Operate, Runway 5L/23R Parallel to existing Runway 14/32 and connecting to Runways 5R/23L and 5L/23R, Airport Layout Plan Approval, Funding and US COE Section 404 Permit, Marion County, IN.

Summary

Based on EPA's review, the environmental concerns previously expressed in the review of the Draft Supplemental EIS have been resolved.

Dated: September 28, 1999.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6450-1]

Invitation for Proposals; National Environmental Education Training Program (Referred to as "Training Program")

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

Section I. Summary of Important Application Information

Application Deadline: Applications must be postmarked no later than December 15, 1999.

Where to Mail Applications: U.S. EPA, Office of Environmental Education, Training Program, 401 M Street SW (MC: 1704, RM: 366WT), Washington, DC 20460.

Eligible Applicants: U.S. institutions of higher education or not-for-profit institutions or a consortia of such institutions.

Purpose: To build on existing efforts that deliver environmental education training and related support services to education professionals across the U.S.

Funding: One cooperative agreement of approximately \$1.4 million per year for a three year project period (for a total of approximately \$4.2 million), subject to annual performance reviews and Congressional appropriations. The program may be extended to a maximum of five years subject to these conditions. Matching funds of at least 25% (approximately \$350,000 per year) are required. This requirement may be met with in-kind contributions.

Project Period: October 1, 2000–September 30, 2003 (with a possible extension to 2005).

Award Date: By September 30, 2000.

Section II. Purpose of Notice and Relationship to Other Programs

A. What is the Purpose of This Notice?

The purpose of this notice is to invite eligible institutions to submit proposals to operate the Training Program as authorized under section 5 of the National Environmental Education Act of 1990 (the Act) (Pub. L. 101-619).

B. What Is the Relationship Between the Training Program and the Environmental Education Grants Program?

This notice applies only to the Training Program authorized under section 5 of the Act. This notice does not apply to the Environmental Education Grants Program authorized under section 6 of the Act. The grants program funds approximately 200 individual projects annually. Please visit our web site at <www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants.html> to obtain information on the grants program or contact Diane Berger, U.S. EPA, Office of Environmental Education (1704), Environmental Education Grants Program, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, berger.diane@epa.gov, 202-260-8619.

C. What Is the Relationship Between the Training Program and the Environmental Education and Training Partnership (EETAP) and Its Predecessor the National Consortium for Environmental Education and Training (NCEET)?

In 1995, EPA awarded a cooperative agreement to a consortium led by the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) to operate the training program authorized under section 5 of the Act. This program, titled the Environmental Education and Training Partnership

(EETAP), will operate from October 1, 1995 through September 30, 2000. Additional information on EETAP can be obtained by accessing EPA's web site at <www.epa.gov/enviroed/educate.html> or EETAP's web site at <www.eetap.org>. NCEET as a separate entity no longer exists. However, some key elements of NCEET's program have been incorporated into EETAP (e.g., promotion of the "EE Toolbox" and expansion of the World Wide Web Site "EE-Link" (<www.eelink.net>)).

This solicitation notice requests proposals that build on the current EETAP program. This new program can be viewed as an evolution of EETAP which reflects the progress the environmental education field has made over the past few years. This means that EETAP's core themes of building state capacity, linking environmental education to education reform, reaching out to diverse audiences, ensuring quality, utilizing technology, and promoting synergy in the environmental education field will remain key components of the new program (see section III.E.1-6. below).

Section III. Definitions

D. What Is "Environmental Education Training"?

Environmental education (EE) increases public awareness and knowledge about environmental issues and provides the skills needed to make informed and responsible decisions. It enhances critical-thinking, problem-solving, and effective decision-making skills and teaches individuals how to weigh various sides of an environmental issue before making decisions. Environmental education does not advocate a particular viewpoint or course of action. Training refers to activities such as classes, workshops, seminars, conferences, programs, and other forums which are designed to prepare education professionals to teach about the environment.

E. How Are the Training Program's "Core Themes" Defined?

(1) **Building state capacity** refers to the development of effective leaders and organizations that ensure the quality and long-term sustainability of coordinated and comprehensive EE programs across a state or states. Effective efforts address both leadership and organizational needs as well as coordination issues that decrease fragmentation and duplication across programs. "Coordination" refers to the involvement of all major education and environmental education providers in a state or across states (e.g., especially