

ID, Due: October 10, 2000, Contact: Dee Sessions (208) 624-3151.

EIS No. 000289, FINAL EIS, AFS, ID, Box Canyon Timber Sale, Vegetative Management, Implementation, Palisades Ranger District, Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Bonneville County, ID, Due: September 25, 2000, Contact: Dee Sessions (208) 624-3151.

EIS No. 000290, DRAFT EIS, FHW, WI, WI-26 State Trunk Highway, Improvements IH-90 at Janesville to STH-60 Watertown Road (1390-04-00), Rock, Dodge and Jefferson Counties, WI, Due: October 30, 2000, Contact: Richard C. Madrzak (608) 829-7510.

EIS No. 000291, FINAL EIS, NPS, MT, Interagency Bison Management Plan for State of Montana and Yellowstone National Park, Implementation, Maintain a wild, Free Ranging Population, Address the risk of Brucellosis Transmission, Park and Gallatin Counties, MT, Due: October 02, 2000, Contact: Sarah Bransom (307) 344-2010.

EIS No. 000292, FINAL EIS, GSA, MA, U.S. Courthouse Springfield, Construction, Hampden County, MA, Due: September 25, 2000, Contact: Frank Saviano (617) 565-5494.

Dated: August 22, 2000.

Joseph C. Montgomery,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

[FR Doc. 00-21785 Filed 8-24-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6560-50-P

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6610-5]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared 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 14, 2000 (65 FR 20157).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-D65020-WV Rating LO, Fernow Experimental Forest, Implementation of New Research Studies, Monongahela National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, Tucker County, WV.

Summary: EPA has no objections to the preferred alternative.

ERP No. D-NPS-G65075-LA Rating LO, Cane River Creole National Historical Park, General Management Plan, Natchitoches Parish, LA.

Summary: EPA has no objection to the selection of the National Park Service preferred alternative as described in the DEIS.

ERP No. D-NPS-K61150-CA Rating LO, Anacapa Island Restoration Project, Implementation Implementation, Channel Islands National Park, Ventura County, CA.

Summary: While EPA has no objection to the proposed action, it requested that the Final EIS include an emergency response plan for accidental spill of rodenticide during bait application and a commitment to project monitoring and mitigation.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-BLM-L65338-OR John Day River Proposed Management Plan, Implementation, Two Rivers and John Day Resource Management Plan Amendments, John Day River Basin, Gilliam, Grant, Wheeler, Crook, Harney, Jefferson, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union and Wasco Counties, OR.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-IBR-K28020-CA Contra Costa Water District Multi-Purpose Pipeline (MPP) Project, Construction and Operation of Raw Water Delivery System, Contra Costa Canal, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Contra Costa County, CA.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

Dated: August 22, 2000.

Joseph C. Montgomery,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

[FR Doc. 00-21786 Filed 8-24-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6560-50-P

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6858-3]

Regulatory Reinvention (XL) Pilot Projects

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Project XL Draft Final Project Agreement: Chicago Regional Air Quality and Economic Development Project.

SUMMARY: EPA is requesting comments on a draft Project XL Final Project

Agreement (FPA) for the Chicago Regional Air Quality and Economic Development Project. The FPA is a voluntary agreement developed collaboratively by Chicago Department of Environment (Hereafter CDOE), Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). Project XL, announced in the **Federal Register** on May 23, 1995 (60 FR 27282), gives regulated entities the opportunity to develop alternative strategies that will replace or modify specific regulatory requirements on the condition that they produce greater environmental benefits.

In this proposal, Section 173(a)(1)(B) of the Clean Air Act will be used to promote cleaner air and economic development in the Chicago Metropolitan area. Section 173(a)(1)(B) allows the Administrator of the USEPA, in consultation with the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), to identify a zone in which economic development should be targeted. For the purposes of this proposal, such zones will be called "Development Zones." A new or modified major stationary source which locates in a Development Zone within the Chicago non-attainment area would draw emission reductions from a growth allowance generated from the State's emission inventory in lieu of obtaining emission offsets. The growth allowance would be created using emissions reduction activities of Chicago and other municipalities. Under this proposed project, 40% of the emission reductions which go into the growth allowance will be retired. The remaining 60% will be made available to sources which locate in development zones.

DATES: The period for submission of comments ends on TBD September 8, 2000.

ADDRESSES: All comments on the draft Final Project Agreement should be sent to: Steve Marquardt USEPA Region V (AR-18J) 77 West Jackson Street, Chicago, IL 60604. Comments may also be faxed to Mr. Marquardt at 312-886-5824.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain a copy of the draft Final Project Agreement or Fact Sheet, contact Steve Marquardt USEPA, Region V, 77 West Jackson Street (3HS23), Chicago, IL 60604. The FPA and related documents are also available via the Internet at the following location: <http://www.epa.gov/ProjectXL>. In addition, the draft FPA is available at the City of Chicago Department of the Environment, 30 N. LaSalle, Suite 2500, Chicago, IL 60602. Questions to EPA regarding the

documents can be directed to Tim Torma at (202) 260-5180 or Steve Marquardt at (312) 353-3214. To be included on the Chicago Project XL mailing list about future public meetings, XL progress reports and other mailings from CDOE on the XL project, contact Alexandra Holt at (312) 744-3172, CDOE, 30 N. LaSalle Suite 2500, Chicago, IL 60602. For information on all other aspects of the XL Program contact Christopher Knopes at the following address: Office of Policy Economics and Innovation, United States Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460, Room M3802 (1802), Washington, DC 20460. Additional information on Project XL, including documents referenced in this notice, other EPA policy documents related to Project XL, regional XL contacts, application information, and descriptions of existing XL projects and proposals, are available via the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/ProjectXL>.

Dated: August 21, 2000.

Elizabeth A. Shaw,

Director, Office of Environmental Policy Innovation.

[FR Doc. 00-21781 Filed 8-24-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6560-50-P

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00673; FRL-6736-5]

Pesticides; Protocols for Testing the Efficacy of Disinfectants Against Hepatitis B Virus (HBV); Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Agency is announcing the availability of guidance titled "Protocol for Testing the Efficacy of Disinfectants Used to Inactivate Hepatitis B Virus and Corresponding Label Claims." Through this guidance, EPA expresses its view that the appropriate and preferred test relies on *in vitro* duck assays which use duck hepatitis B virus as a surrogate for human hepatitis B virus (HHBV) to evaluate the efficacy of disinfectants used to inactivate HHBV. Use of such assays will greatly minimize the use of animals for testing. The Agency is also making available its responses to comments on the draft protocols that were made available for public comment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ibrahim Barsoum, Antimicrobials

Division (7510C), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-6417; fax number: (703) 308-8481; e-mail address: barsoum.ibrahim@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may be of particular interest to those persons who manufacture or formulate pesticides. Potentially affected categories and entities may include, but are not limited to:

Categories	NAICS	Examples of potentially affected entities
Pesticide Producers	32532	Pesticide manufacturers Pesticide formulators

Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the information in this notice, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document from the Office of Pesticide Programs' Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/>. You can also go directly to the listings from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations," "Regulations and Proposed Rules," and then look up the entry for this document under the "**Federal Register**—Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

2. *Fax-on-demand.* You may request a faxed copy of the guidance, as well as supporting information, by using a faxphone to call (202) 401-0527. Select item 6067 for the document titled "Protocol for Testing the Efficacy of Disinfectants Used to Inactivate Hepatitis B Virus and Corresponding Label Claims." Select item 6068 for the document titled "Responses to Public Comments on Protocols for Testing the Efficacy of Disinfectants Used to

Inactivate Hepatitis B Virus." You may also follow the automated menu.

3. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPP-00673. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to this action, including any information claimed as confidential business information (CBI). This official record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the official record does not include any information claimed as CBI. The public version of the official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

II. Background

A. What Guidance Does this Notice Provide?

EPA has authority through the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) to register pesticide products, including antimicrobial pesticide products, for sale and distribution in the United States. FIFRA section 3(c)(5) requires that the composition of a pesticide product is such as to warrant the claims made for it, i.e., that a product work as claimed. Although registrants must maintain data demonstrating efficacy in their files and must submit these data to the Agency upon request, EPA does not routinely review efficacy data prior to registration of most insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, and non-public health antimicrobial pesticides. However, for public health pesticide products (i.e., those that work against pests in situations where they pose public health threats) the Agency reviews efficacy data prior to registration. The Agency believes that the potential consequences of performance failure for public health products warrant this extra precautionary step in the review process. Moreover, for public health products intended to control bacteria, fungi and viruses, the user is typically unable to determine whether the product is working, due simply to the microscopic size of these organisms.