

National Volcanic Monument,
Deschutes County, OR.

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

ERP No. F-NPS-K65209-00 Death Valley National Park General Management Plan, Implementation, Mojave Desert, Inyo and San Bernardino Counties, CA and Nye and Esmeralda Counties, NV.

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

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

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

Dated: July 17, 2001.

Joseph C. Montgomery,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency

Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202)564-7167 OR www.epa.gov/oeca/ofa.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements filed July 9, 2001 Through July 13, 2001 pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 010252, Final EIS, USA, AZ, Yuma Proving Ground Multipurpose Installation, Diversification of Mission and Changes to Land Use, NPDES General Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Yuma and La Pas Counties, AZ, Wait Period Ends: August 20, 2001, Contact: Junior D. Kerns (520) 328-2148.

EIS No. 010254, Draft EIS, AFS, MT, Gold/Boulder/Sullivan (GBS), Implementation of Timber Harvest and Associated Activities Prescribed Burning, Kootenai National Forest, Rexford Ranger District, Lincoln County, MT, Comment Period Ends: September 4, 2001, Contact: Ron Komac (406) 296-2536.

EIS No. 010255, Final EIS, FRC, FL, MS, AL, Florida Gas Transmission (FGT) Phase V Expansion Project, FGT Natural Gas Pipeline and Associated Above Ground Facilities, Construction and Operation, Approvals and Permit Issuance, Several Counties of FL, AL and MS, Wait Period Ends: August 20, 2001,

Contact: David Boergers (202) 208-2088.

EIS No. 010256, Draft EIS, COE, NJ, New Jersey Shore Protection Study, To Determine a Feasible Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction Plan, between Manasquan Inlet to Barnegat Inlet, Boroughs of Point Pleasant Beach, Bay Head, Mantoloking Lavallette, Seaside Heights and Seaside Park, and Townships of Buck, Dover and Berkeley, NJ, Comment Period Ends: September 4, 2001, Contact: Beth Brandreth (215) 656-6558.

EIS No. 010258, Final EIS, GSA, DC, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms National Headquarters Building, Site Acquisition, Design and Construction, Washington, D.C., Wait Period Ends: August 27, 2001, Contact: Dawud Abdur-Rahman (202) 260-3368.

EIS No. 010259, Draft EIS, GSA, MD, Suitland Federal Center, Construction and Operation of a 226-acre Federal Employment Center, Programmatic Development Plan and Phase I Implementation, Prince George's County, MD, Comment Period Ends: September 4, 2001, Contact: Jag Bhargava (202) 708-6944.

EIS No. 010260, SECOND FINAL SUPPLE, DOE, SC, Savannah River Site Salt Processing Alternatives, Evaluation for Separating High-Activity and Low-Activity Fractions of Liquid High-Level Radio-active Waste and Potential Environmental Impacts of Alternatives to the In-Tank-Precipitation Process (ITP), Aiken and Barnwell Counties, SC, Wait Period Ends: August 20, 2001, Contact: Andrew R. Grainger (800) 881-7292. This document is available on the Internet at tis.eh.doe.gov/nepa/docs/docs.htm.

EIS No. 010261, FINAL EIS, IBR, CA, Colusa Basin Drainage District, Developing an Integrated Resource Management Program for the Control of Flooding, Glenn, Colusa and Yolo Counties, CA, Wait Period Ends: August 20, 2001, Contact: Russ Smith (530) 275-1554.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 010153, Draft Supplement, BLM, MT, Zortman and Landusky Mines Reclamation Plan, Modifications and Mine Life Extensions, Updated Information To Analyze Additional Reclamation Alternatives, Approval of Mine Operation, Mine Reclamation and COE Section 404 Permit, Little Rocky Mountains, Philip County, MT, Comment Period Ends: August 9, 2001, Contact: Scott Haight (406) 538-

1930. Revision of FR Notice Published on 5/11/2001: CEQ Review Period Ending on 7/9/2001 has been Extended to 8/9/2001.

EIS No. 010188, DRAFT EIS, AFS, MT, Burned Area Recovery, Proposal to Reduce Fuels, Improve Watershed Conditions and Reforest Burned Lands, Sula, Darby, West Fork and Stevensville Ranger Districts, Bitterroot National Forest, Ravalli County, MT, Comment Period Ends: July 31, 2001, Contact: Craig Bobzien (406) 363-7100. Revision of FR Notice Published on 6/1/2001: CEQ Review Period Ending 7/16/2001 has been Extended to 7/31/2001.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7015-5]

Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS); Notice; Request for Information

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; administrative changes in the Integrated Risk Information System.

SUMMARY: IRIS is an EPA data base that contains EPA scientific consensus positions on human health effects that may result from chronic exposure to chemical substances in the environment. In this action, EPA is announcing an upcoming change to the location and phone number of EPA's contractor-operated IRIS hotline and publically-accessible records center, and a redesign of the IRIS web site, available for public view and comment.

DATES: Comments should be submitted by September 18, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the redesigned web site should be made to the IRIS webmaster via the questionnaire on line at www.epa.gov/iris/whatsnew.htm. Comments on the web site may also be mailed to the IRIS Submission Desk, c/o Courtney R. Johnson, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, (8601D), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information on the IRIS program, contact Amy Mills (Mail Code 8601D), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, or call

(202) 564-3204, or send electronic mail inquiries to mills.amy@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

IRIS is an EPA data base containing Agency consensus scientific positions on potential adverse human health effects that may result from chronic (or lifetime) exposure to chemical substances found in the environment. IRIS currently provides health effects information on over 500 specific chemical substances. A companion **Federal Register** notice today provides additional background on the IRIS program and data base, and requests public comment on which substances to add or update.

EPA has provided outreach to facilitate the use and understanding of the data base. These efforts include a telephone hotline (513-569-7254) which provides answers to public inquiries about access to IRIS, the content of specific IRIS health assessments, and risk assessment methodologies. EPA also operates a reading room (located in EPA's Andrew W. Breidenbach Environmental Research Center, 26 West Martin Luther King Dr., Cincinnati, OH) where the public may, by appointment, view background files supporting IRIS assessments. Further, EPA provides IRIS on the Internet for public access at www.epa.gov/iris.

Today's Actions

(1) EPA is moving the hotline function and reading room to the Washington, DC area. The hotline will be accessed via a new phone number, fax number, and email address. This information will be shown on the IRIS web site (www.epa.gov/iris) no later than September 30, 2001. The address of the new reading room will be provided concurrently on the IRIS web site.

(2) In response to user requests, EPA has undertaken a redesign of the IRIS web site. This change does not involve a change to the scientific content of IRIS; rather, it presents the data base in a more easily navigable and searchable format. The new redesign will be available by August 1, 2001, for public view and comment for 60 days. It will be accessible from the IRIS web site at www.epa.gov/iris. EPA invites IRIS users to visit the new site and provide feedback to several questions posted. After the test period ends and all comments are considered, EPA plans to replace the current web site with the redesigned site.

Dated: July 10, 2001.

George W. Alapas,

Acting Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7015-6]

Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS); Notice; Request for Information

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; request for information on needs for health assessments on EPA's Integrated Risk Information System.

SUMMARY: IRIS is an EPA data base that contains EPA scientific consensus positions on human health effects that may result from chronic exposure to chemical substances in the environment. On February 22, 2001, EPA announced the 2001 IRIS agenda and solicited scientific information from the public for consideration in assessing health effects from specific chemical substances. Today, EPA is requesting information from the public to define needs for new and revised health assessments on IRIS in 2002-2005.

DATES: Information should be submitted by September 18, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Please send information in response to this notice to the IRIS Submission Desk, c/o Courtney R. Johnson, National Center for Environmental Assessment (8601D), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC 20460. Alternatively, you may submit your response electronically to IRIS.desk@epa.gov. Electronic information must be submitted in WordPerfect or as an ASCII file. Information will also be accepted on 3.5" floppy disks. All information in electronic form must be identified as an IRIS Submission.

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IRIS contains substance-specific summaries of qualitative and quantitative health information in support of the first two steps of the risk assessment process, *i.e.*, hazard identification and dose-response evaluation. Combined with specific situational exposure assessment information, the summary health hazard information in IRIS may be used as a source in evaluating potential public health risks from environmental contaminants.

History of the IRIS Program

EPA began the IRIS program in 1985 to build consensus opinions across the Agency on the potential health effects of chemical substances of concern to Program Offices and Regional Offices. The IRIS program has continually provided toxicity values and carcinogenicity assessments for the hazard and dose-response components of risk assessment. IRIS information has been used by Agency regulatory offices and in site-specific risk assessments. States and other organizations have also chosen to adopt IRIS information in their risk-based decision-making.

In response to public interest in access to IRIS, EPA released IRIS to the public in 1988 (53 FR 20162). In 1993, EPA requested public comment on peer review procedures for IRIS health assessments and on public involvement in IRIS assessment development and review (58 FR 11490). In 1995, EPA initiated the IRIS Pilot, whereby various improvements were tested including procedures for peer review, public involvement, and consensus review. Many of these procedures were then adopted for the permanent IRIS program (61 FR 14570). In 1996, EPA provided access to IRIS on EPA's Internet site, enabling easier access for the Agency and the public. In 1997, EPA made the Internet site the official repository for IRIS.

Between 1998 and 2001, EPA has implemented numerous improvements identified in the IRIS Pilot, including publishing an annual **Federal Register** document announcing the IRIS agenda for the year, and requesting scientific information from the public to consider in new assessments. During this period, EPA also initiated evaluations or re-evaluations of over 100 chemicals for the IRIS program. As the use and demand for the IRIS data base continues