

Ridge, Ferron/Price Ranger District, Manti-La Sal National Forest, Carbon and Emery Counties, UT.

**Summary:** EPA expressed environmental concerns with potential direct and indirect adverse environmental impacts from gas development and road construction in an Inventoried Roadless Area. The final EIS should include additional information regarding the management of produced water and impacts to aquatic resources, soils and water quality as well as from OHV use.

ERP No. D-DOE-E09809-SC Rating EC1, Savannah River Site Construction and Operation of a Mixed Oxide (MOX) Fuel Fabrication Facility, NUREG-1767, Aiken, Barnwell and Allendale Counties, SC.

**Summary:** EPA is pleased with the quality of this draft EIS, especially the mitigation plans. However, EPA is concerned possible impacts from the hazardous and radioactive wastes generated during operation of the proposed facility.

ERP No. D-NPS-K65251-AZ Rating LO, Petrified Forest National Park General Management Plan Revision, Implementation, Navajo and Apache Counties, AZ.

**Summary:** EPA expressed a lack of objections to the proposed plan, but recommended more detailed information in the Final EIS regarding mitigation measures that will be used to protect water quality from facility improvement activities.

ERP No. DR-DOE-A09824-00 Rating EC2, Hanford Site Solid (Radioactive and Hazardous) Waste Program, New Information on Waste Management Alternatives, Waste Management Practices Enhancement for Low-Level Radioactive Waste, Mixed Low-Level Radioactive Waste and Transuranic Waste, Richland, Benton County, WA.

**Summary:** EPA is pleased that the revised draft EIS responds to issues we raised in our review of the earlier draft, particularly the analysis of new alternatives. EPA is still concerned, however, that the EIS provides insufficient information to differentiate the environmental effects among alternatives and to ensure compliance with environmental standards. EPA recommends that the final EIS provide additional groundwater analysis and impact information. Also, the final EIS should further describe mitigation measures and their effectiveness in the environmental consequences chapter.

#### Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-J65363-MT Post Fire Vegetation and Fuels Management

Project, Fuel Reduction, Bark Beetle Sanitation and Maintenance, and/or Restoration of Vegetative Communities, Beaverhead Deerlodge National Forest, Wisdom and Pintler Ranger Districts, Beaverhead and Deerlodge Counties, MT.

**Summary:** EPA supports the elimination of proposed riparian harvests, and noted that activities need to be consistent with Montana's development of TMDLs and water quality restoration plans for 303(d) listed waters. EPA also recommended consideration of additional seeding and revegetation on barren hillsides.

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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) 202-564-7167 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed June 16, 2003 Through June 20, 2003 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.:

EIS No. 030285, Draft EIS, BLM, OR, Travis Tyrrell Seed Orchard Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program, Implementation, Eugene District, Lorne, Lane County, OR, Comment Period Ends: August 25, 2003, Contact: Glenn Miller (541) 683-6445.

EIS No. 030286, Draft EIS, BLM, OR, Provolt Seed Orchard Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program, Implementation, Grants Pass, Medford District, Jackson and Josephine Counties, OR and Charles A. Sprague Seed Orchard Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program, Implementation, Merlin, Medford District, Josephine County, OR, Comment Period Ends: August 25, 2003, Contact: Harvey Koester (541) 618-2401.

EIS No. 030287, Draft EIS, BLM, OR, Walter H. Horning Seed Orchard Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program, Implementation, Colton, Salem District, Clackamas County, OR, Comment Period Ends: August 25, 2003, Contact: Greg Tylor (503) 630-8406.

EIS No. 030288, Draft EIS, NPS, TX, Big Bend National Park General Management Plan, Implementation,

Brewster County, TX, Comment Period Ends: August 25, 2003, Contact: John King (915) 477-1101.

EIS No. 030289, Final Supplement, COE, TX, OK, Red River Chloride Control Project, Authorization to Reduce the National Occurring Levels of Chloride in the Wichita River Only Portion, North, Middle and South Forks, Wichita River and Red River, Implementation, Tulsa District, Wichita County, TX, Wait Period Ends: July 28, 2003, Contact: David L. Combs (918) 669-7660. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.swt.usace.army.mil/LIBRARY/library.CFM>.

EIS No. 030290, Draft EIS, FRC, NY, St. Lawrence-FDR Hydroelectric Project, Application for New License (Relicense), (FERC No. 200-036), Located on the St. Lawrence River, Messina, NY, Comment Period Ends: August 11, 2003, Contact: Ed Lee (202) 502-6082. This document is available on the Internet at: (<http://www.ferc.gov>)

EIS No. 030291, Draft EIS, USN, CA, Military Family Housing (MFH) in the San Diego Region, Construction of a 1,600 MFH Units, Three MFH Sites are located in the Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS), Miramar in the City of San Diego, San Diego County, CA, Comment Period Ends: August 11, 2003, Contact: Sheila Donovan (619) 532-2518.

EIS No. 030292, Final EIS, USN, CA, Naval Station Treasure Island Disposal and Reuse Property, Implementation, Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA), City of San Francisco, San Francisco County, CA, Wait Period Ends: July 28, 2003, Contact: Timarie Seneca (619) 532-0955.

EIS No. 030293, Final EIS, TVA, TN, Rarity Pointe Commercial Recreation and Residential Development on Tellico Reservoir Project, Request for TVA's Land and Approval of Water Use Facilities, Tellico Reservoir, Loudon County, TN, Wait Period Ends: July 28, 2003, Contact: Richard L. Toennisson (865) 632-8517. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.tva.gov/environment/reports/index.htm>.

EIS No. 030294, Draft EIS, COE, NJ, Union Beach Community Project, To Provide Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction to Residential, Commercial and Recreational Resources, Located along the Raritan Bay and Sandy Hook Bay Shoreline, Monmouth County, NJ, Comment Period Ends: August 11, 2003, Contact: Mark H. Burlas (212) 264-4663.

#### Amended Notices

EIS No. 030263, Draft Supplement, AFS, CA, NV, Sierra Nevada Forest Plan Amendment, New Information on a

Range of Alternatives for Amending Land and Resources Management Plans, Modoc, Lasser, Plumas, Tahoe, Eldorado, Stanislaus, Sequoia, Sierra, Inyo and Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forests, and the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Several Counties, CA and NV, Comment Period Ends: September 12, 2003, Contact: Kathleen Morse (707) 562-8822. Revision of FR Notice Published on 6/13/2003: Correction to Contact Telephone Number.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2003-0141; FRL-7304-5]

### Region III Strategic Agricultural Initiative Grants; Notice of Availability

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is soliciting proposals to help implement the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) and to support "transition" to using less and lower risk pesticides in food production. The program supports innovative efforts that enable growers to decrease reliance on agricultural pesticides while maintaining economical outcomes, by developing, demonstrating and/or applying reduced risk alternatives and ecologically based integrated approaches to pest management. This grant program encourages "systems" approaches that integrate pest, soil, and crop management practices. Although the focus is on reducing dependency on pesticides and developing alternatives to pesticides targeted under FQPA, a broader approach to problem solving is encouraged in the development of project proposals under FQPA and section 20 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) as amended.

**DATES:** Proposals must be postmarked/received by 5 p.m. eastern standard time, July 31, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Proposals may be submitted electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier to John Butler at the address/e-mail listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Butler, Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, Mail code 3WC32,

Waste & Chemicals Management Division, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029; telephone number: (215) 814-2127; fax number: (215) 814-3113; e-mail address: [butler.john@epa.gov](mailto:butler.john@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, however, be of interest to eligible applicants who primarily operate out of and will conduct the project in one of the following Region III States: Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia or the District of Columbia. 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 applicability of this action to a particular entity, 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. *Docket.* EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPP-2003-0141. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. This docket facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

2. *Electronic access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>. Additional information is available on EPA's PESP website at [http://www.epa.gov/oppbppd1/PESP/regional\\_grants.htm](http://www.epa.gov/oppbppd1/PESP/regional_grants.htm).

An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA

Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

3. *By mail or in person.* Contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

### II. Purpose of this Request

EPA's, Waste & Chemicals Management Division, Pesticides/Asbestos Programs & Enforcement Branch, Region III, is requesting proposals which will help implement requirements of FQPA, and to support the transition to using less and lower risk pesticides in food production. The program supports innovative efforts that enable growers to decrease reliance on agricultural pesticides while maintaining economical outcomes, by developing, demonstration and/or applying reduced risk alternatives and ecologically based integrated approaches to pest management. This program is included in the catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under number 66.716.

### III. High Priority Areas for Consideration

EPA will award Food Quality Protection Act Strategic Agricultural Initiative grants under the authority of section 20 of FIFRA as amended by FQPA, for projects involving research, development, monitoring, public education, training, demonstrations and studies that enable growers to decrease reliance on agricultural pesticides while maintaining economical outcomes, by developing, demonstration and/or applying reduced risk alternatives and ecologically based integrated approaches to pest management. These proposals should incorporate the following techniques:

1. Utilize demonstration projects, outreach and/or education to increase the adoption of integrated or sustainable agricultural production practices which provide alternatives to pesticides impacted negatively by FQPA decisions.

2. Work collaboratively with producers, commodity groups, and other stakeholders by making the best use of expert field consultants, USDA research, EPA's safer substitutes, and university technical support on alternatives and integrated pest management practices.

3. Actively engage scientists, farmers, industry, and local, State and Federal