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II. Background

The Office of Pesticide Programs is entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring the safety of the American food supply, the protection and education of those who apply or are exposed to pesticides occupationally or through use of products from unreasonable risk, and general protection of the environment and special ecosystems from potential risks posed by pesticides.

The Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC) was established under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463 in September 1995, for a 2-year term and renewed every 2 years since that time. EPA has renewed the PPDC Charter for another 2-year term, from November 7, 2003 to November 7, 2005. PPDC provides advice and recommendations to the Office of Pesticide Programs on a broad range of pesticide regulatory, policy and program implementation issues that are associated with evaluating and reducing risks from use of pesticides. The following sectors are represented on the PPDC: Pesticide industry and trade associations; environmental/public interest and consumer groups; farm worker organizations; pesticide user, grower, and commodity groups; Federal and State/local/Tribal governments; the general public; academia; and public health organizations. It is determined that PPDC is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Agency by law.

Copies of the PPDC charter are filed with appropriate committees of Congress and the Library of Congress and are available upon request.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Agriculture, Agricultural workers, Chemicals, Pesticides, Pests, Public health, Risk assessment, Tolerance reassessment.

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Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6646-5]

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) 564-7146. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 04, 2003 (68 FR 16511).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-K65260-AZ Rating EC2, Rodeo-Chediski Fire Salvage Project, Timber Harvest of Merchantable Dead Trees as Sawtimber and Products other than Lumber (POL), Implementation, Apache-Sitgreaves and Tonto National Forest, Apache, Coconino and Navajo Counties, AZ.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with potential adverse impacts to water quality and wildlife. The preferred alternative requires harvesting on steep slopes with highly erosive soils which may further impact 303(d) listed streams, aquatic resources and habitat for the Western Spotted Owl.

ERP No. D-AFS-L65428-ID Rating NS, Twin Creek Timber Sale Project, Proposal to Cut and Remove Lodgepole Pine Sawtimber and Road Construction/Reconstruction, Montpelier Ranger District, Caribou National Forest, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Permit, Bear Lake County, ID.

Summary: Region 10 has used a screening tool to conduct a limited review of this action. Based upon this screen, EPA does not foresee having any environmental objections to the proposed project.

ERP No. D-AFS-L65435-ID Rating EC2, Mission Brush Project, Proposes Vegetation, Wildlife Habitat, Recreation and Aquatic Improvement Treatments, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, Bonners Ferry Ranger District, Bounty County, ID.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding potential adverse impacts to water quality, invasive species, biodiversity, and cumulative impacts.

ERP No. D-HHS-D81034-MD Rating EC2, Integrated Research Facility (IRF) at Fort Detrick Construction and Operation, Adjacent to Existing U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases Facilities, City of Frederick, Frederick County, MD.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns regarding the Laboratory Sewer System's (LSS) possible contamination from biological warfare liquid wastes and radioactive materials to the proposed integrated Research Facility (IRF). EPA requested the FEIS specify the degree of contamination and remedial efforts to mitigate contamination from the LSS and indicate the U.S. Army's commitment to provide follow-up studies on post IRF activities.

ERP No. DA-FTA-K40237-CA Rating LO, Orange County Centerline Project, Transportation Improvements, Updated Information concerning Four New Alternatives and Re-examining an Updated New No Build Alternative, City of Santa Ana through the City of Costa Mesa to the City of Irvine, Funding, Orange County, CA.

Summary: EPA has no objections regarding the environmental impacts of the proposed project.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-E65087-AL Forest Health and Restoration Project, Proposal to Determine the Desired Future Conditions of all Existing Loblolly Pine Stands, National Forests in Alabama, Bankhead National Forest, Winston, Lawrence and Franklin Counties, AL.

Summary: EPA has no objections to this project, provided mitigation measures and monitoring programs described in the final EIS are implemented.

ERP No. F-AFS-L65409-AK, Licking Creek Timber Sale, Timber Harvest, Implementation, Tongass National Forest, Ketchikan Misty Fiords Ranger District, Revillagigedo Island, Ketchikan, AK.

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

ERP No. F-AFS-L65419-ID, Upper and Lower East Fork Cattle and Horse Allotment Management Plans, Updating

the Allotment Plans to Allow Permitted Livestock Grazing, National Forest System Lands, Sawtooth and Challis National Forests, Custer County, ID.

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

ERP No. F-AFS-L65424-ID, North End Sheep Allotment Management Plan (AMP) Revision, Proposal to Authorize Continued Livestock Use, Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Soda Springs Ranger District, Caribou and Bonneville Counties, ID.

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

ERP No. F-FHW-L40202-WA, I-5 Toutle Park Road to Maytown Transportation Improvements, Funding, U.S. Army COE section 404 Permit, U.S. Coast Guard Permit and NPDES Permit Issuance, Cowlitz, Lewis and Thurston Counties, WA.

Summary: EPA has environmental concerns with the proposed project regarding the cumulative effects analyses in that many of the conclusions were either not presented clearly or did not appear to be supported by technical information. EPA recommends the use of the information in the cumulative effects analyses be augmented, as appropriate, in the further development and evaluation of projects that would tier from this EIS.

ERP No. F-FTA-G40170-TX, Northwest Corridor Light Rail Transit (LRT) Line to Farmers Branch and Carrollton, Construction and Operation, NPDES and U.S. Army COE section 404 Permits Issuance, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Dallas and Denton Counties, TX.

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

ERP No. F-FTA-G54006-TX, Southeast Corridor Light Rail Transit Project, Construction and Operation, Funding, NPDES Permit and U.S. Army COE section 404 Permit Issuance and, Mobility 2025 Plan Update, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART), City of Dallas, Dallas County, TX.

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

ERP No. F-SFW-K99032-CA, Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP), Implementation, Incidental Take Permits Issuance, Riverside and Orange County, CA.

Summary: EPA has continuing environmental concerns and recommended that the following issues be addressed in the Record of Decision: (1) Once the Section 7 evaluation is concluded, the findings should be incorporated to verify which species will be covered within the MSHCP; (2) The ROD should include a timeline for

executing legal agreements with public/quasi-public land owners; and (3) U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service should provide criteria to prioritize land acquisitions to ensure key areas are incorporated into the Reserve.

ERP No. FS-FHW-L50009-WA, Elliott Bridge No. 3166 Replacement, Updated and Reevaluated Information concerning Replacement of the 149th Avenue SE Crossing over the Cedar River, Funding, U.S. CGD Bridge Permit and U.S. Army COE section 404 Permit Issuance, City of Renton, King County, WA.

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

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/> Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

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Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 030546, Draft EIS, AFS, PA, Sugar Run Project Area (SRPA), To Achieve and Maintain the Desired Conditions as stated in Forest Plan, Allegheny National Forest, Bradford Ranger District, McKean County, PA, Due: January 26, 2004, Contact: Heather Whittier (814) 362-4713.

EIS No. 030547, Final EIS, COE, AK, King Cove Access Project, Provision of a Transportation System between the City of King Cove and the Cold Bay Airport, U.S. Army COE Section 10 and 404 Permits Issuance, Aleutians East Borough (AEB), Alaska Peninsula, AK, Due: January 12, 2004, Contact: G. Leroy Phillips (907) 753-2712. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.kingcoveaccessseis.com>.

EIS No. 030548, Final EIS, BLM, AZ, Dos Pobres/San Juan Mining Plan and Land Exchange, Implementation of two Open Pit Copper Mines and one Central Ore Facility, NPDES and COE Section 404 Permits, Graham County, AZ, Due: January 12, 2004, Contact: Scott Evans (928) 348-4400.

EIS No. 030549, Draft EIS, NRC, IL, Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Unit 2 and 3, Supplement 17, NUREG 1437, Renewal of a Nuclear Power Plant Operating License, Grundy County, IL, Due: February 24, 2004, Contact: Louis L. Wheeler (301) 415-1444. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm.htm/>

EIS No. 030550, Draft EIS, COE, MS, Enhanced Evaluation of Cumulative Effects Associated with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Permitting Activity for Large-Scale Development in Coastal Mississippi, Mississippi, Hancock, Harrison and Jackson Counties, MS, Due: February 14, 2004, Contact: Dr. Susan I. Rees (251) 694-4141.

EIS No. 030551, Draft EIS, FHW, NC, U.S. 74 Improvements Corridor, between U.S. 601, North of Monroe Union County and I-485 (Charlotte Outer Loop), U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, Mecklenburg and Union Counties, NC, Due: January 26, 2004, Contact: Clarence Coleman (919) 856-4350.

EIS No. 030552, Final EIS, AFS, NM, Magdalena Ridge Observatory Project, Construct and Operate an Observatory in the Magdalena Mountains, Cibola National Forest, Magdalena Ranger District, Socorro County, NM, Due: January 12, 2004, Contact: Laura Hudnell (505) 854-2281.

EIS No. 030553, Final EIS, AFS, MT, Programmatic EIS—Winter Motorized Recreation Amendment 24, Proposal to Change the Flathead National Land and Resource Management Plan, Flathead National Forest, Flathead, Lake and Lincoln Counties, MT, Due: January 12, 2004, Contact: Kimberly Smolt (406) 758-5332. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/flathead/>

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Intent to Suspend Certain Pesticide Registrations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of issuance of notice of intent to suspend.