

San Diego County, CA, Due: October 21, 1996, Contact: David Walls (703) 696/2138.

EIS No. 960414, Final EIS, USN, United States Navy Shipboard Solid Waste Disposal, Implementation, MARPOL Special Areas: Designated Baltic Sea, North Sea, Wilder Caribbean, Antarctic Ocean, Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea and Red Sea, Gulfs Region: Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman, Due: October 7, 1996, Contact: Robert K. Ostermueller (610) 595-0759.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 960318, Draft EIS, FHW, CA, CA-125 South Route Location, Adoption and Construction, between CA-905 on Otay Mesa to CA-54 in Spring Valley, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, San Diego County, CA, Due: September 16, 1996, Contact: Jeffery S. Lewis (916) 498-5035. Published FR 7-12-96—Review Period extended.

Dated: September 3, 1996.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared August 19, 1996 through August 23, 1996 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 05, 1996 (61 FR 15251).

Drafts EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-G61036-NM Rating LO, EL Cajete Pumice Mine Project, Implementation, Plan of Operation and COE Section 404 Permit, Jemez National Recreation Area, Santa Fe National Forest, Jemez Ranger District, Sandoval County, NM.

Summary: EPA expressed lack of objections to the selection of the Forest Service's preferred Alternative 1(a) as described in the draft EIS.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65250-CO Rating EC1, Routt National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan,

Implementation, Grand, Routt, Rio Blanco, Jackson, Moffat and Garfield Counties, CO.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about water quality, fisheries and wildlife habitat and noxious weed control. EPA suggests that the FEIS add details or general plans to improve or maintain environmental conditions and include revised requirements for grazing allotment analysis.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65253-MT Rating EC2, Boulder and Wyman Gulch Vegetation Management Timber Sale and Prescribed Burning, Implementation, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests, Philipsburg Ranger District, Granite County, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding exiting degraded water quality and fisheries in the project area and choice of treatment method/units in alternatives. EPA recommends additional information be included in the final EIS to fully assess and mitigate for potential adverse impacts to fisheries cumulative watershed impact, timber supply and wildlife habitat.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65254-MT Rating EC2, Sheep Range and China Basin Salvage Project, Implementation, Kootenai National Forest, Libby Ranger District, Lincoln County, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about inadequate disclosure of environmental impacts and cumulative impacts to the threatened grizzly bear. EPA suggests that the final EIS include information to fully assess and mitigate all potential environmental impacts of the management actions.

ERP No. DS-AFS-J65153-MT Rating LO, Trail Creek Timber Sale, Implementation, New and Updated Information, Beaverhead National Forest, Wisdom Ranger District, Beaverhead County, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed lack of objections to the proposed action.

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ERP No. F-AFS-E65047-MS, G. F. Erambert and Black Creek Seed Orchards Pest Management Plan, Implementation, Southern Region, National Forests in Mississippi, Forrest and Perry Counties, MS.

Summary: EPA expressed no objections; our comments in the draft EIS were adequately addressed in the final EIS.

ERP No. F-BLM-J02009-00, Express Crude Oil Pipeline Project, Construction, Operation and Maintenance, Issuance of Right-of-Way Grant, Hill, Chouteau, Fergus, Judith

Basin, Wheatland, Golden Valley, Stillwater and Carbon Counties, MT and Bighorn, Washakies, Hot Springs, Freemont and Watrona Counties, WY.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding the proposed pipeline crossings of rivers, streams and wetlands, and requests that directional drilling be used for the pipeline crossing of the Yellowstone River, as well as be considered for other major river crossings with significant fisheries, wide channels, and late season flows. EPA recommended that a wetland mitigation plan be prepared and will continue to work closely with the Corps of Engineers on 404 permitting issues related to this project.

ERP No. F-BLM-J65229-MT, Sweet Grass Hills Resource Management Plan Amendment, Implementation, West HiLine Resource Management Plan, Toole and Liberty Counties, MT.

Summary: EPA continues to express environmental concerns regarding potential adverse impacts to cultural and water resource associated with reasonably foreseeable mining actions.

ERP No. F-BLM-J67019-MT, Zortman and Landusky Mines Reclamation Plan Modifications and Mine Life Extensions, Approval of Mine Operation, Mine Reclamation and COE Section 404 Permits, Little Rocky Mountains, Phillip County, MT.

Summary: EPA continues to express environmental objections regarding water quality and environmental justice. The FEIS responded to a number of the DEIS water quality objections in the expanded Water Quality Improvement Plan. Many of the remaining water quality objections would be addressed if the proposed operating permit incorporates requirements necessary to comply with the Clean Water Act. The proposed action potentially poses a significantly high adverse impact to cultural resources and religious practices of the tribal community. EPA recommends considering alternative dispute resolution to investigate additional opportunities for mitigating impacts to the Tribes.

ERP No. FS-BLM-J65203-MT, Big Dry Land and Resource Management Plan, Updated Information on Leaving the Calypso Trail Open or Closing the Trail to Motorized Vehicles, Implementation, Miles City District, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential adverse impacts, i.e. erosion, to the trail from unlimited motorized access. EPA suggests analyzing additional options and alternatives that may better balance the multiple uses expected by the public. EPA suggests that the standards and criteria used by BLM to evaluate

and quantify trail erosion and impacts to Wilderness Study Areas be clearly outlined and be made publically available.

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

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FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel, Open Meeting; Extension of Comment Period on Proposed Test Guidelines

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting and extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: There will be a 2-day meeting of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) to review a set of scientific issues being considered by the Agency in connection with the Agency Test Guidelines, Series 870, Health Effects for OPPTS. These Test Guidelines have been updated and harmonized, to the extent possible, with the OECD Guidelines for Testing of Chemicals, and other relevant international standards. Two specific risk assessment methodology issues will be addressed. The first concerns applying an extra 10-fold safety factor when using developmental effects and the second, in-utero exposure for carcinogenicity studies. The SAP also will review carcinogenicity assessments for the chemicals alachlor and vinclozolin as well as the developmental effects assessment for vinclozolin. EPA is also extending the comment period for a notice published in the Federal Register of June 20, 1996, announcing the availability of proposed testing guidelines for Series 870--Health Effects Test Guidelines.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 29 and 30, 1996, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Comments on the proposed guidelines for Series 870 will be accepted until September 19, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at: Holiday Inn at Ballston, 4610 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (I-66 and Glebe Road), Telephone: (703) 243-9900. Submit written comments (one original and 20 copies) to: By mail: Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington,

DC 20460. In person, bring comments to: Rm. 1132, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number "OPP-00449." No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on this document may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found under SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Larry C. Dorsey, Designated Federal Official, FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel (7501C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Office location: Rm. 815B, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22203, Telephone: (703) 305-5369/7351, e-mail: dorsey.larry@epamail.epa.gov.

Copies of EPA documents may be obtained by contacting: By mail: Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Office location: Rm. 1132 Bay, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22203, Telephone: (703) 305-5805.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 20, 1996 (61 FR 31522) (FRL-5367-7), the Agency issued a Notice of Availability and request for comments for the proposed Health Effects Testing Guidelines that are the subject of this meeting. In that Notice, the deadline for comments was cited as August 19, 1996. The Agency will continue to accept comments on these proposed guidelines until September 19, 1996. All comments received as per the June 20th Notice in addition to comments received as per this Notice will be used as background material for the upcoming SAP meeting.

Any member of the public wishing to submit written comments should contact Larry C. Dorsey at the address or the telephone number given above to be sure that the meeting is still scheduled and to confirm the Panel's agenda. Interested persons are permitted to file written statements before the meeting.

To the extent that time permits and upon advanced written request to the Designated Federal Official, interested persons may be permitted by the chairman of the Scientific Advisory Panel to present oral statements at the meeting. There is no limit on written comments for consideration by the Panel, but oral statements before the Panel are limited to approximately 5 minutes. As oral statements will be permitted only as time permits, the Agency urges the public to submit written comments in lieu of oral presentations. Persons wishing to make oral and/or written statements should notify the Designated Federal Official and submit 20 copies of a summary no later than October 1, 1996, to ensure appropriate consideration by the Panel.

Information submitted as a comment in response to this notice may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public docket without prior notice. All statements will be made part of the record and will be taken into consideration by the Panel.

A public record has been established for this notice under docket number "OPP-00449" (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in Rm. 1132 Bay of the Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:

opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov.

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

The official record for this notice, as well as the public version, as described above will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official record which will also include