

of Ocean City, Worcester County, MD, Due: July 7, 1997, Contact: Ms. Stacey Underwood (410) 962-4977.

EIS No. 970181, DRAFT EIS, TVA, MS, Exercise of Option Purchase Agreement with LSP Energy Limited Partnership for Supply of Electric Energy, Construction and Operation, Batesville Generation Facility, Funding, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits and NPDES Permit, City of Batesville, Coahoma, Panola, Quitman and Yalobusha Counties, MS, Due: July 7, 1997, Contact: Gregory L. Askew (423) 632-6418.

EIS No. 970182, DRAFT EIS, MMS, AK, Beaufort Sea Planning Area Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Lease Sale 170 (1997) Lease Offering, Offshore Marine, Beaufort Sea Coastal Plain, North Slope Borough of Alaska, Due: July 18, 1997, Contact: George Valiulis (703) 787-1662.

EIS No. 970183, FINAL SUPPLEMENT EIS, FAA, WA, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport Improvement, South Aviation Support Area, Airport Layout Plan and Airport Master Plan Approval, Updated Information on Master Plan Update Development Actions, Funding, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits and NPDES Permit, Port of Seattle, King County, WA, Due: June 23, 1997, Contact: Dennis Ossenkop (206) 227-2611.

EIS No. 970184, FINAL EIS, FAA, NY, NJ, La Guardia and John F. Kennedy International Airports, Implementation of Automated Guideway Transit System by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey's Airport Access Program, Funding, Airport Layout Plan Approval, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits and US Coast Guard Permit, NY and NJ, Due: June 23, 1997, Contact: Laurence Schafer (718) 553-3340.

Dated: May 20, 1997.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared May 05, 1997 Through May 09, 1997 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 04, 1997 (62 FR 16154).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-TVA-E06017-AL Rating EC2, ellefonte Nuclear Plant Conversion Project, Construction and Operation, NPDES Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Tennessee River near Hollywood, AL.

Summary

EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding predicted impacts of conversion options to coal, a need for global climate change information, commitments to mitigation, wetland losses, off-site hazardous waste transport, a need for additional demographic comparisons (EJ) and summer thermal discharges. EPA requested additional information be provided in the final document.

ERP No. D-USA-K11079-CA Rating EC2, Fleet and Industrial Supply Center/Vision 2000 Maritime Development, Disposal and Reuse, Funding, NPDES Permit, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, City of Oakland, Alameda County, CA CA.

Summary

EPA had environmental concerns regarding dredging and disposal, air quality, and land use compatibility issues and requested additional information. In particular, EPA is concerned about land use compatibility between the Port's proposed reuse activities and nearby West Oakland residential areas.

ERP No. DS-FHW-H40138-NB Rating LO, US 275 Highway Reconstruction on New Alignment west of the existing US 275/N-36 Intersection to west of the existing US 275/N-64 (West Maple Road) Interchange near Waterloo, Funding, Douglas County, NB.

Summary

EPA expressed no objections to the proposed action.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-COE-K35035-CA San Gabriel Canyon Sediment Management Plan, Dredging and Disposal of Sediments, COE Section 404 Permit, Special Use Permit and Right-of-Entry Issuance, Angeles National Forest, San Gabriel River, Los Angeles, CA.

Summary

EPA requested that the Record of Decision provide clarification on the proposed action's compliance with the Clean Water Act Section 404 (b)(1) Guidelines, including information on impacts to sediment disposal sites, a summary of direct and indirect impacts, mitigation for impacts to fish habitat and riffle and pool complexes, and on-site versus offsite mitigation. EPA also requested a commitment on future environmental documentation should the Flow Assisted Sediment Transport (FAST) alternative be pursued in the future.

ERP No. F-FHW-H40133-MO MO-179 Extension, MO-50 west to the West Edgewood Boulevard, Funding, Right-of-Way and COE Section 404 Permit, Jefferson City, Cole County, MO.

Summary

Review of the final EIS has been completed and the project found to be satisfactory. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-FHW-H40151-MO MO-13 Highway Improvement, Existing MO-13 to MO-10 just south of Richmond to US 24 just south of Lexington, Funding, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits and US Coast Guard Bridge Permit Issuance, Ray and Lafayette Counties, MO.

Summary

Review of the final EIS has been completed and the project found to be satisfactory. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-FHW-H40154-MO US 61 Relocation, US 61/24 Interchange north of Hannibal to the vicinity of US 61/M Intersection south of Hannibal, Funding and Possible COE Section 404 Permit, Marion and Ralls Counties, MO.

Summary

Review of the Final EIS has been completed and the project found to be satisfactory. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-FHW-H40157-MO US Route 71/Range Line Road Bypass east of the Joplin City Limits Construction, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Jasper County, MO.

Summary

Review of the final EIS has been completed and the project found to be satisfactory. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-NOA-L39054-WA Programmatic EIS—Commencement Bay Restoration Plan, Implementation, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, CZMA and NPDES Applications, Puget Sound, Pierce County, WA.

Summary

Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-NPS-H65005-NB Niobrara National Scenic River, General Management Plan, Niobrara/Missouri National Scenic Riverways, Implementation, Brown, Cherry, Keya Paha and Rock Counties, NB.

Summary

Review of the final EIS has been completed and the project found to be satisfactory. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-SFW-K99026-CA Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) Planning Area, Issuance of Take Authorizations for Threatened and Endangered Species Due to Urban Growth, San Diego County, CA.

Summary

EPA had environmental concerns with the proposed project.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Cooperative Agreements to Develop and Carry Out Authorized State Training, Accreditation and Certification Programs for Lead-Based Paint Professionals

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of funds availability; solicitation of applications for financial assistance.

SUMMARY: This notice announces EPA's intent to enter into cooperative agreements with States, Territories, the District of Columbia and federally-recognized Indian governing bodies to provide financial assistance for purposes of developing and carrying out EPA-authorized training, accreditation and certification programs for professionals engaged in lead-based paint activities. These State programs and this financial assistance are authorized by section 404 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). The notice describes eligible activities, application procedures and requirements, and funding criteria. EPA anticipates that up to \$12,500,000 will

be available during federal fiscal year 1997 (FY97) for awards to eligible recipients. There are no matching share requirements for this assistance. This is the fourth year that funding is being made available for this cooperative agreement program. Subject to future budget limitations, EPA plans to provide this support on a continuing multi-year or program basis. All cooperative agreements will be administered by the appropriate EPA regional office. This cooperative agreement program is the first of two assistance programs that will be administered by EPA related to authorized State lead programs this year. The second program was formerly administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and will be announced in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

DATES: In order to be considered for funding during the FY97 award cycle, all applications must be received by the appropriate EPA regional office on or before June 23, 1997. EPA will make its award decisions and execute its FY97 cooperative agreements by September 30, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information, contact: Susan B. Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm E-543B, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 554-1404, TDD: (202) 554-0551, e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov. For technical information, contact the appropriate Regional Primary Lead Contact person listed in Unit VI. of this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under TSCA section 404(g), EPA will award non-matching cooperative agreements to States, Territories, the District of Columbia and federally-recognized Indian governing bodies to develop and carry out programs established under section 402 for the training of individuals engaged in lead-based paint activities, the accreditation of training programs for these individuals, and the certification of contractors engaged in lead-based paint activities. Under section 404(a), States may seek EPA authorization to administer these programs. To achieve authorization under TSCA, programs must: (1) Be as protective of human health and the environment as the federal program established under TSCA section 402 or 406, or both, and (2) provide adequate enforcement. For States, Territories, the District of Columbia and federally-recognized Indian governing bodies that fail to obtain EPA authorization by

August 31, 1998, the Agency will administer and enforce the TSCA section 402 requirements (15 U.S.C. 2682, as amended on October 28, 1992) or 406 (15 U.S.C. 2686(b)) in that State.

Pursuant to section 404(g) of TSCA, EPA encourages States, Territories, the District of Columbia and federally-recognized Indian governing bodies to seek authorization of their own training, accreditation, and certification programs for lead-based paint activities. EPA therefore recommends that eligible parties seek funding through the TSCA section 404(g) assistance program, which is now being implemented to help achieve these ends. EPA further recommends that eligible parties plan to utilize this assistance support in a way that complements any related financial assistance they may receive from other federal sources. EPA will require all grant applicants under the program to provide information on other sources of federal support for lead-based paint activities. EPA will use the information in an effort to coordinate federally funded lead activities.

EPA will work with prospective applicants to develop cooperative agreements which promote a variety of objectives deemed critical to the success of its national lead program. These objectives include: (1) Permitting flexible approaches to reducing lead hazards; (2) developing a nationwide pool of qualified lead abatement professionals; (3) encouraging pollution prevention in lead-based paint activities; (4) promoting environmental justice in the reduction of lead exposures and the prevention of lead poisoning; (5) fostering the establishment of comprehensive and integrated lead management programs by States, Territories, the District of Columbia and Indian governing bodies; and (6) promoting reciprocity among authorized programs in the training and certification of lead abatement professionals.

The cooperative agreement program announced here is to be distinguished from another similar assistance program that will also support States in developing a lead-based paint training, accreditation and certification Program. This second cooperative agreement program, which will be announced in a separate **Federal Register** Notice at a later date, was previously administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under section 1011(g) of Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992. EPA and HUD are finalizing an Interagency Agreement whereby EPA, under its section 404(g) authority, will award the remaining HUD funds.