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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 (202) 564-7153.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

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Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9

EIS No. 990071, DRAFT EIS, FHW, CT, CT 82/85/11 Corridor Transportation Improvements, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, In the Towns of Salem, Montville, East Lyme and Waterford, CT, Due: May 07, 1999, Contact: Donald J. West (860) 659-6703.

EIS No. 990072, FINAL EIS, FHW, OR, Mount Hood Corridor Study, US 26 Rhododendron to OR-35 Junction, Improvements, Funding, Clackamas County, OR, Due: April 19, 1999, Contact: John H. Gernhauser (503) 399-5749.

EIS No. 990073, DRAFT EIS, AFS, AK, Luck Lake Timber Sales Project, Implementation, Tongass National Forest, Thorne Bay Ranger District, Prince of Wales Island, AK, Due: May 03, 1999, Contact: Steve Kimball (907) 828-3304.

EIS No. 990074, FINAL EIS, IBR, NV, Clark County Wetlands Park Master Plan, Construction and Operation, Erosion Control Structures in Las Vegas Wash, COE Section 404 Permit, Right-of-Way Permit and Endangered Species Act Section 4, Clark County, NV, Due: April 19, 1999, Contact: Del Kidd (702) 293-8698.

EIS No. 990075, FINAL EIS, COE, TX, Dallas Floodway Extension, Implementation, Trinity River Basin, Flood Damage Reduction and Environmental Restoration, Dallas County, TX, Due: April 19, 1999, Contact: Gene T. Rice, Jr. (817) 978-2110.

EIS No. 990076, DRAFT EIS, FHW, MS, Airport Parking/Mississippi 25 Connectors, Construction at Intersection of High Street/ Interstate 55 (I-55) in the City of Jackson, Hinds and Rankin Counties, MS, Due: April 30, 1999, Contact: Cecil W. Vick, Jr. (601) 965-4217.

EIS No. 990077, FINAL SUPPLEMENT, EPA, CA, International Wastewater Treatment Plant and South Bay Ocean Outfall, Preferred Alternative Selected the Completely Mixed Aerated (CMA) System at Hofer Site, Interim Operation, Tijuana River, San Diego, CA, Due: April 19, 1999, Contact: Elizabeth Borowiec (415) 744-1165.

EIS No. 990078, DRAFT EIS, FHW, WV, Coalfields Expressway Transportation Improvements, Funding, NPDES and COE Section 404 Permits, McDowell, Wyoming and Raleigh Counties, WV, Due: May 14, 1999, Contact: David E. Bender (304) 347-5928.

EIS No. 990079, DRAFT EIS, AFS, OR, Wolfmann Projects, Implementation, Blue River Landscape Strategy, Central Cascades Adaptive Management Area, Blue River Ranger District, Willamette National Forest, Lane County, OR, Due: May 03, 1999, Contact: Karen Geary (541) 822-3317.

EIS No. 990080, DRAFT SUPPLEMENT, BLM, CA, Imperial Project, Open-Pit Precious Metal Mining Operation Utilizing Heap Leach Processes, Updated Information, Plan of Operations, Right-of-Way, Conditional Use Permit, US COE Permit and Reclamation Plan Approvals, El Centro Resource Area, California Area District, Imperial County, CA, Due: May 19, 1999, Contact: Glen Miller (760) 337-4400.

EIS No. 990081, DRAFT EIS, UAF, LA, TX, NM, Realistic Bomber Training Initiative, Improve the B-52 and B-1 Aircrews Mission Training and Maximize Combat Training Time, Barksdale Air Force Base, La, NM and TX, Due: May 03, 1999, Contact: Major Brent Adams (915) 696-2863.

EIS No. 990082, FINAL EIS, NOA, Atlantic Tunas, Swordfish and Sharks, Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan, Due: April 19, 1999, Contact: Rebecca Lent (301) 713-2347.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 990068, FINAL EIS, DOE, SC, Accelerator for Production of Tritium at the Savannah River Site (DOE/EIS-0270), Site Specific, Construction and Operation, Aiken and Barnwell Counties, SC, Due: April 12, 1999, Contact: Andrew Grainger
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Correction to Title.

EIS No. 990069, FINAL EIS, DOE, SC, Tritium Extraction Facility (TEF), Construction and Operation near the Center of Savannah River Site at H Area, (DOE/EIS-0271), Aiken and Barnwell Counties, SC, Due: April 12, 1999, Contact: Andrew R. Grainger (800) 881-7292.

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Correction to Title.

EIS No. 990070, FINAL EIS, DOE, TN, AL, Commercial Light Water Reactor for the Production of Tritium at one or more Facilities: Watt Bar 1. Spring City, TN; Sequoyah 1 and 2 Soddy Daisy, TN; Bellefonte Unit 1 and 2, Hollywood, AL, Approval of Permits and Licenses, (DOE/EIS-0288) TN and AL, Due: April 12, 1999, Contact: Jay Rose (202) 586-5484.

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Correction to Title.

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William D. Dickerson,

Director, 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 February 22, 1999 Through February 26, 1999 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 10, 1998 (63 FR 17856).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-COE-E34030-FL, Rating EC2, Programmatic EIS—Central and Southern Florida Multi-Purpose Project, Comprehensive Review Study, Everglades National Park, Orlando to Florida Bay, FL.

SUMMARY: EPA supports the restoration concept and encourages their proper implementation. EPA believes that improving water quantity delivery alone will not restore the Everglades and the South Florida ecosystem; instead, both water quantity and water quality components are needed to provide the clean water volumes

required for true natural system restoration. EPA encouraged the COE to include additional water quality features in the pending FPEIS and future optimization of water quality features. EPA expressed concerns regarding project uncertainties associated with the proposed aquifer recovery system funding and modeling.

ERP No. D-COE-K39055-AZ, Rating LO, Alamo Lake Reoperation and Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study, Implementation, Reoperation of Alma Dam on the Bill Williams River, La Paz and Mohave Counties, AZ.

SUMMARY: EPA had no objections to the project which would result in increased seasonal flows from Alamo Lake that should have positive effects on riparian habitat downstream.

ERP No. D-IBR-K39054-CA Rating EC2, Groundwater Replenishment System, Implementation to Repurifying Water from Orange County Water District (OCWD) Orange County Sanitation District (OCS), Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Orange County, CA.

SUMMARY: EPA supported the project which focuses on wastewater reuse and recycling, and supported the project benefit of postponing the need for an additional ocean outfall discharge pipe. EPA urged the project sponsors to continue to aggressively pursue other demand management measures. EPA expressed concerns and requested additional information regarding: (1) potential adverse effects on flood protection, (2) operation and effectiveness of the saltwater intrusion barrier, and (3) implementation and effectiveness monitoring.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-COE-C39010-NJ, Lower Cape May Meadows—Cape May Point Feasibility Study, Ecosystem Restoration, New Jersey Shore Protection Study, Cape May County, NJ.

SUMMARY: EPA expressed environmental concerns that implementation of multiple projects of the type (and other projects effecting the same resources) could result in adverse cumulative impacts. EPA suggested that a comprehensive cumulative impacts analysis be prepared for all of these projects prior to construction.

ERP No. F-COE-F35042-IN, Indiana Harbor and Canal Dredging and Confined Disposal Facility, Construction and Operation, Comprehensive Management Plan, East Chicago, Lake County, ID.

SUMMARY: The Final EIS has adequately resolved EPA's previous concerns. Therefore, EPA has no

objections to the implementation of the proposed project.

ERP No. F-TVA-E39037-00, Shoreline Management Initiative: An Assessment of Residential Shoreline Development Impacts in the Tennessee Valley, Mainstream Tennessee River and Tributary Reservoirs in AL, KY, NC, TN, GA, MS and VA.

SUMMARY: EPA continues to have some environmental concerns due to the inherent nature of shoreline development relative to erosion, water quality, habitat loss, and induced (secondary) impacts associated with development.

ERP No. FS-COE-C32030-00, Arthur Kill Channel—Howland Hook Marine Terminal, Deepening and Realignment, Limited Reevaluation Report (LRR) Port of New York and New Jersey, NY and NJ.

SUMMARY: EPA does not anticipate that the proposed project would result in significant adverse environmental impacts and does not object to its implementation.

Dated: March 16, 1999.

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Availability of Regional Environmental Stewardship Program Grants

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing the availability of approximately \$498 thousand in fiscal year 1999 grant/cooperative agreement funds under section 20 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) as amended, (the Act), for grants to States and all federally recognized Native American Tribes. The grant dollars are targeted at State and Tribal programs that address reduction of the risks associated with pesticide use in agricultural and non-agricultural settings in the United States. EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs is offering the following grant opportunities to interested and qualified parties.

DATES: In order to be considered for funding during the FY 99 award cycle, all applications must be received by the appropriate EPA regional office on or

before May 3, 1999. EPA will make its award decisions by June 2, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Your EPA Regional Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program Coordinator. Contact names for the coordinators are listed under Unit IV. of this document.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Availability of FY'99 Funds

With this publication, EPA is announcing the availability of approximately \$498 thousand in grant/cooperative agreement funds for FY'99. The Agency has delegated grant making authority to the EPA Regional Offices. Regional offices are responsible for the solicitation of interest, the screening of proposals, and the selection of projects. Grant guidance will be provided to all applicants along with any supplementary information the Regions may wish to provide. All applicants must address the criteria listed under Unit III.B. of this document. In addition, applicants may be required to meet any supplemental Regional criteria. Interested applicants should contact their Regional PESP coordinator listed under Unit IV. of this document for more information.

II. Eligible Applicants

In accordance with the Act “. . . Federal agencies, universities, or others as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the act, . . .” are eligible to receive a grant; however, because of restrictions associated with the funds appropriated for this program, the eligible applicants are limited. Eligible applicants for purposes of funding under this grant program include the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession of the United States, any agency or instrumentality of a State including State universities, and all federally recognized Native American Tribes. For convenience, the term “State” in this notice refers to all eligible applicants. Local governments, private universities, private nonprofit entities, private businesses, and individuals are not eligible. The organizations excluded from applying directly are encouraged to work with eligible applicants in developing proposals that include them as participants in the projects. Contact your EPA Regional PESP coordinator for assistance in identifying and contacting eligible applicants. EPA strongly encourages this type of cooperative arrangement.