

Section 10 and 404 Permits, St. Louis County, MN, Wait Period Ends: May 24, 2004, Contact: Cheryl Martin (651) 291-6120.

EIS No. 040178, FINAL EIS, USN, CA, Tertiary Treatment Plant and Associated Facilities Construction and Operation, Implementation, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, San Diego County, CA, Wait Period Ends: May 24, 2004, Contact: Lisa Seneca (619) 532-4744.

EIS No. 040179, DRAFT EIS, FAA, IN, Gary/Chicago International Airport Master Plan Development Including Runway Safety Area Enhancement/Extension of Runway 12-30, Funding, Lake County, IN, Comment Period Ends: June 7, 2004, Contact: Prescott C. Snyder (847) 294-9538.

EIS No. 240180, DRAFT EIS, NAS, Programmatic EIS—Mars Exploration Program (MEP) Implementation, Comment Period Ends: June 7, 2004, Contact: Kenneth M. Kumor (202) 358-1112.

EIS No. 040181, DRAFT EIS, COE, MO, Howard Bend Floodplain Area Study, Improvements to Future Land, Future Road and Stormwater Management, US Army COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Missouri Flood Plain Developments, Cities of Maryland Heights and Chesterfield, St. Louis County, MO, Comment Period Ends: June 7, 2004, Contact: Danny McClendon (314) 331-8574.

EIS No. 040182, FINAL EIS, NOA, PR, VI, Generic Essential Fish Habitat Amendment To: Spiny Lobster, Queen Conch, Reef Fish and Coral Fishery Management Plans, Implementation, U.S. Caribbean, Extending to U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, Wait Period Ends: May 24, 2004, Contact: David Dale (727) 570-5317.

EIS No. 040183, FINAL EIS, AFS, KY, Daniel Boone National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan Revision, Implementation, Winchester, several counties, KY, Wait Period Ends: May 24, 2004, Contact: Kevin Lawrence (859) 745-3151. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.southernregion.fs.fed.us/r6/boone>.

EIS No. 040184, FINAL EIS, USA, Programmatic EIS—Army Transformation of the 172rd Infantry Brigade (Separate) to a Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT), Propose Location Forts Wainwright and Richardson, AK, Wait Period Ends: May 24, 2004, Contact: Kevin Gardner (907) 384-3331. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.cemml.colostate.edu/AlaskaEIS/>.

EIS No. 040185, FINAL EIS, HUD, NY, Generic EIS—World Trade Center Memorial and Redevelopment Plan, To Remember, Rebuild and Renew what was lost on September 11, 2001, Construction in the Borough of Manhattan, New York County, NY, Wait Period Ends: May 24, 2004, Contact: William H. Kelly (212) 962-2300. This document is available on the Internet at: http://www.renewnyc.com/plan/dev/from_comments.asp.

Dated: April 20, 2004.

Ken Mittelholtz,

Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7653-3]

Great Lakes National Program Office Request for Initial Proposals for the Operation of the Integrated Atmospheric Deposition Network

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of funding availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Great Lakes National Program Office (GLNPO) is requesting Initial Proposals for the management and operation (including field sampling and laboratory analysis) of the Integrated Atmospheric Deposition Network (IADN). IADN is a cooperative effort between the U.S. EPA and Environment Canada and assesses atmospheric deposition of persistent bioaccumulative toxic (PBT) substances to the Great Lakes. This Request for Initial Proposals (RFIP) addresses network management and operation including field sampling and sample analysis corresponding to a sample collection period of five years from September 1, 2004 to August 30, 2009 for the five currently operating U.S. sites and other sites as determined by program needs. This RFIP is for a cooperative agreement totaling up to \$3,560,000 over five years.

DATES: The deadline for all Initial Proposals is 5 pm Central time, Monday evening, June 7, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The Funding Guidance is available on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/glnpo/fund/rfp/iadnrpip2004.html>. It is also available from Melissa Hulting (312-886-2265/ hulting.melissa@epa.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa Hulting, EPA-GLNPO, G-17J, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604 (312-886-2265/ hulting.melissa@epa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Assistance is available pursuant to Clean Water Act section 104(b)(3) for activities in the Great Lakes Basin and in support of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement. State pollution control agencies, interstate agencies, other public or nonprofit private agencies, institutions, and organizations are eligible to apply.

Dated: April 13, 2004.

Gary V. Gulezian,

Director, Great Lakes National Program Office.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7652-7]

Board of Scientific Counselors, Executive Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development (ORD), gives notice of an Executive Committee Meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2004, from 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on Friday, May 14, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All times noted are eastern time. The meeting may adjourn early on Friday if all business is finished.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the EPA Research Triangle Park (RTP) Campus, in Room C-113, located at 109 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711.

Document Availability

Any member of the public interested in receiving a draft BOSC agenda or making a presentation at the meeting should contact Lorelei Kowalski, Designated Federal Officer, by mail at Office of Research and Development (Mail Code 8104-R), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, by e-mail at kowalski.lorelei@epa.gov, or by telephone at (202) 564-3408. In general, each individual making an oral presentation will be limited to a total of three minutes. Requests for the draft agenda or for making oral presentations

at the meeting will be accepted up to 1 business day before the meeting date. The draft agenda can also be viewed through EDOCKET, as provided in Unit I.A. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

Submitting Comments

Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. Follow the detailed instructions as provided in Unit I.B. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section. Written comments will be accepted up to 1 business day before the meeting date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lorelei Kowalski, Designated Federal Officer, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development, Office of Science Policy (Mail Code 8104-R), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460 at (202) 564-3408.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

Proposed agenda items for the meeting include, but are not limited to: Briefings on ORD's numerical modeling/grid computing, the Council on Regulatory and Environmental Modeling (CREM), and Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART); update on review committees for mercury, computational toxicology, endocrine disruptors, and global change; discussion of ORD's Biotechnology Research Strategy; update on EPA's Science Advisory Board activities; and discussion of BOSC future issues and plans (including risk assessment, public health outcomes, interagency relationships, and homeland security). The meeting is open to the public.

Information on Services for the Handicapped: Individuals requiring special accommodations at this meeting should contact Lorelei Kowalski, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 564-3408, at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made to facilitate their participation.

A. How Can I Get Copies of Related Information?

1. *Docket.* EPA has established an official public docket for this action under Docket ID No. ORD-2004-0006. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Documents in the official public docket are listed in the index list in EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EDOCKET.

Documents may be available either electronically or in hard copy. Electronic documents may be viewed through EDOCKET. Hard copy of the draft agenda may be viewed at Board of Scientific Counselors, Executive Committee Meeting Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the ORD Docket is (202) 566-1752.

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/>.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through EDOCKET. You may use EDOCKET 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 identification number.

For public commenters, it is important to note that EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing in EPA's electronic public docket as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, CBI, or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. When EPA identifies a comment containing copyrighted material, EPA will provide a reference to that material in the version of the comment that is placed in EPA's electronic public docket. The entire printed comment, including the copyrighted material, will be available in the public docket.

Public comments submitted on computer disks that are mailed or delivered to the docket will be transferred to EPA's electronic public docket. Public comments that are mailed or delivered to the Docket will be scanned and placed in EPA's electronic public docket.

B. How and to Whom Do I Submit Comments?

You may submit comments electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, identify the appropriate docket identification number in the

subject line on the first page of your comment. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period.

1. *Electronically.* If you submit an electronic comment as prescribed below, EPA recommends that you include your name, mailing address, and an e-mail address or other contact information in the body of your comment. Also include this contact information on the outside of any disk or CD ROM you submit, and in any cover letter accompanying the disk or CD ROM. This ensures that you can be identified as the submitter of the comment and allows EPA to contact you in case EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties or needs further information on the substance of your comment. EPA's policy is that EPA will not edit your comment, and any identifying or contact information provided in the body of a comment will be included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket, and made available in EPA's electronic public docket. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment.

i. *EDOCKET.* Your use of EPA's electronic public docket to submit comments to EPA electronically is EPA's preferred method for receiving comments. Go directly to EDOCKET at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/>, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments. To access EPA's electronic public docket from the EPA Internet Home Page, select "Information Sources," "Dockets," and "EDOCKET. Once in the system, select "search," and then key in Docket ID No. ORD-2004-0006. The system is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity, e-mail address, or other contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment.

ii. *E-mail.* Comments may be sent by electronic mail (e-mail) to ORD.Docket@epa.gov, Attention Docket ID No. ORD-2004-0006. In contrast to EPA's electronic public docket, EPA's e-mail system is not an "anonymous access" system. If you send an e-mail comment directly to the Docket without going through EPA's electronic public docket, EPA's e-mail system automatically captures your e-mail address. E-mail addresses that are automatically captured by EPA's e-mail system are included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket, and made available in EPA's electronic public docket.

iii. *Disk or CD ROM.* You may submit comments on a disk or CD ROM that

you mail to the mailing address identified in Unit I.B.2. These electronic submissions will be accepted in WordPerfect or ASCII file format. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

2. *By Mail.* Send your comments to: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, ORD Docket, EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Mailcode: 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC, 20460, Attention Docket ID No. ORD-2004-0006.

3. *By Hand Delivery or Courier.* Deliver your comments to: EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Room B102, EPA West Building, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, Attention Docket ID No. ORD-2004-0006 (**Note:** this is not a mailing address). Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation as identified in Unit I.A.1.

Dated: April 16, 2004.

Kevin Y. Teichman,

Director, Office of Science Policy.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7650-8]

Draft Federal Guidance on the Use of Off-Site and Out-of-Kind Compensatory Mitigation Under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Defense; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Interior; Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Agriculture; Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of availability to review and comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Mitigation Action Plan signed in December of 2002 by the Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Commerce, Department of Defense, Department of the Interior, Department of Agriculture, and Department of Transportation, the Federal Interagency Mitigation Workgroup (FIMW) has prepared Draft Federal Guidance on the Use of Off-Site and Out-of-Kind Compensatory Mitigation Under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (Site/Kind Guidance). The Site/Kind Guidance provides direction for the application of existing regulations and policies to decisions

about the appropriate use of off-site and out-of-kind compensatory mitigation within the context of the Clean Water Act Section 404 permitting program.

DATES: In order to be considered, comments must be postmarked or e-mailed on or before May 24, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, or by hand delivery/courier. E-mail comments to sitekind.guidance@noaa.gov. Please put "Site/Kind Comments" in the Subject Line and include your comments as an attachment to the e-mail in either Word or Wordperfect format. Mail or hand deliver/courier comments to: Susan-Marie Stedman, F/HC Room 14102, NOAA Fisheries, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mitigation Action Plan Web site at <http://www.mitigationactionplan.gov> or contact either Palmer Hough, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Wetlands Division (4502T), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, phone: (202) 566-1374, e-mail: Hough.Palmer@epa.gov, Alan Miller, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20314-1000, phone: (202) 761-7763, e-mail: Alan.J.Miller@hq02.usace.army.mil, or Susan-Marie Stedman, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, phone: (301) 713-2325, e-mail: susan.stedman@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Reports published in 2001 by the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) and the General Accounting Office (GAO) provided a critical evaluation of the effectiveness of wetlands compensatory mitigation for authorized losses of wetlands and other waters under Section 404 of the CWA. Section 404 regulates discharges of dredged and fill materials into waters of the United States and requires compensatory mitigation for unavoidable impacts. The independent analyses and other commentaries highlighted a number of shortfalls and identified a variety of technical, programmatic, and policy recommendations for the Federal agencies, States, and other involved parties.

An interagency team drafted the National Mitigation Action Plan endorsing the goal of no net loss of wetlands and outlining specific action items that address the concerns of the NAS, GAO, and other independent evaluations. The 17 actions, with

various agency leads, address areas of concern, including collection and availability of data, clarifying performance standards, improving accountability, and integrating mitigation into the watershed approach. Development of Site/Kind Guidance is one of these action items. A preliminary draft of the Site/Kind Guidance was reviewed by participants at a July 2003 stakeholder forum held in Portland, Oregon, that brought together a diverse group of individuals representing the regulated community, environmental organizations, academia, non-governmental organizations, and mitigation providers. The preliminary draft has been revised based on comments received at that stakeholder forum. The FIMW is seeking additional public review before finalizing the guidance. Please note that comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, are available for public review in a docket.

Copies of the Draft Site/Kind Guidance are available at the Mitigation Action Plan Web site at <http://www.mitigationactionplan.gov> (click on "Status of Action Items" and locate and click on "On-site/Off-site and In-kind/Out-of-kind Draft Guidance" in the summary table). A printed copy of the draft guidance can be obtained by contacting: Susan-Marie Stedman, F/HC Room 14102, NOAA Fisheries, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring MD 20910.

Dated: April 15, 2004.

Benjamin H. Grumbles,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Water.

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

Sunshine Act Meeting

ACTION: Notice of a partially open meeting of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

TIME AND PLACE: Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at 2 p.m. The meeting will be held at Ex-Im Bank in Room 1143, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571.

OPEN AGENDA ITEMS:

- (1) Medical Equipment Initiative;
- (2) Amendment to Working Capital Guarantee Program Fast Track Application Processing; and
- (3) Co-Guarantee Pilot Program with the Small Business Administration.