

and an update on the work of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES).

From 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on November 18, the Board's standing committees—the Assessment Development Committee; the Committee on Standards, Design, and Methodology; and the Reporting and Dissemination Committees—will meet in open session.

The full Board will meet in closed session on November 18 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. The Board will receive a briefing from the Associate Commissioner of the National Center for Education Statistics on NAEP participation by various states affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and these questions about participation will have a direct impact on cost estimates for NCES contracts. The meeting must therefore be conducted in closed session as disclosure of independent cost estimates for NCES contracts would significantly impede implementation of the NAEP contract activities, and is therefore protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552(b)(3) of Title 5 U.S.C.

On November 18, the full Board will meet in open session from 2:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. At 2:15 p.m., Raymond Simon, U.S. Deputy Secretary of Education, will administer the Oath of Office to a new Board member. From 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Board members will receive an update and take action on the NAEF 2009 Science Framework project. At 4 p.m. an ethics briefing will be provided to Board members by a staff member from the Office of General Counsel. The November 18 session of the Board meeting will conclude at 4:30 p.m.

On November 19, the Nominations Committee will meet from 7:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. in open session. The full Board will convene in open session from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. At 9 a.m., the Board will receive a briefing on the newly formed U.S. Department of Education Higher Education Commission and the relationship of the Commission's work with the Board's work on high school assessment. Board actions on policies and Committee reports are scheduled to take place between 10:15 a.m. and 12 p.m., upon which the November 19, 2005 session of the Board meeting will adjourn.

Detailed minutes of the meeting, including summaries of the activities of the closed sessions and related matters that are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of section 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(3) will be available to the public within 14 days of the meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of

Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite #825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Dated: October 24, 2005.

Charles E. Smith,

Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.

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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 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 1, 2005 (70 FR 16815).

Draft EISs

EIS No. 20050216, ERP No. D-IBR-K65285-CA, San Luis Drainage Feature Re-evaluation Project, Provide Agricultural Drainage Service to the San Luis Unit, Several Counties, CA.

Summary: EPA has concerns about the In-Valley Disposal Alternatives because of uncertainties about treatments to remove selenium from drainage water, the lack of information on contaminant profile and disposal of biotreatment and reverse osmosis brine, and potential environmental effects of evaporation ponds and reuse areas. EPA has environmental objections to the San Francisco Delta and Pacific Ocean Disposal Alternatives because of potential adverse effects to the Delta, Estero Bay, and drinking water supply. Rating EO2.

EIS No. 20050222, ERP No. D-FAA-K51042-AZ, Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX), Construction and Operation of a Terminal, Airfield and Surface Transportation, City of Phoenix, Maricopa County, AZ.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about documentation of alternatives that were eliminated and recommended additional mitigation measures for air quality. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20050293, ERP No. D-WPA-K08030-AZ, Wellton-Mohawk Generating Facility Project, Construction and Operation a Natural Gas-Fired, Combined-Cycle, Electric Generating Stations, Approval for Right-of-Way, Yuma County, AZ.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential impacts to water quality, wildlife, and traditional cultural properties, and recommended a (1) commitment to specific additional mitigation measures described in the DEIS, (2) selection of pipeline route Option 2, and (3) construction of the double-circuit Ligurta-to-Dome Tap Transmission Line. EPA also requested additional information on air emissions, the regional natural gas pipelines, exhaust stack height variance, and need for local energy generation. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20050318, ERP No. D-BIA-F65058-MI, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians (the Tribe), Proposes Fee-to-Trust Transfer and Casino Project, Calhoun County, MI.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential impacts to waterbodies and traffic safety, and requested additional information on conservation measures. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20050350, ERP No. D-COE-K30022-CA, Encinitas/Solana Beach Shoreline Protection Project, To Protect Public Safety and Reduce Storm-Related Damages to Coastal Structures, Cities of Encinitas and Solana Beach, San Diego County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about the project's impacts to water resources, endangered species, and air quality, and requested specific information regarding modeling and post-project monitoring for impacts to these resources. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20050390, ERP No. D-NPS-H65026-IA, Hoover Creek Stream Management Plan, Implementation, Herbert Hoover National Historic Site, IA.

Summary: EPA has no objections to the proposed project. Rating LO.

Final EISs

EIS No. 20050263, ERP No. F-AFS-K65280-CA, Power Fire Restoration Project, To Reduce Long-Term Fuel Loading for the Purpose of Reducing Future Severity and Resistance to Control, Amador Ranger District, Eldorado National Forest, Amador County, CA.

Summary: EPA continues to have concerns about ground disturbing

logging methods in high risk watersheds, and recommends greater use of helicopter or skyline logging systems in order to minimize potential impacts to water resources.

EPA also recommend utilizing the results of water quality monitoring performed by other agencies in evaluating the environmental benefits of the final project design.

EIS No. 20050269, ERP No. F-AFS-K65279-CA, Freds Fire Restoration Project, To Reduce Long-Term Fuel Loading for the Purpose of Reducing Future Fire Severity and Resistance to Control, Eldorado National Forest, El Dorado County, CA

Summary: EPA has no objections to the project as described in the FEIS.

EIS No. 20050272, ERP No. F-NRS-L39060-OR, Williamson River Delta Restoration Project, To Restore and Maintain the Ecological Functions of the Delta, Williamson River, Klamath County, OR.

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

EIS No. 20050364, ERP No. F-FHW-H40183-00, Council Bluffs Interstate System Improvements Project, Transportation Improvements, Missouri River on I-80 to east of I-480 Interchange, Tier 1, Pottawattamie County, IA and Douglas County, NE.

Summary: EPA has no objections to the proposed project.

EIS No. 20050372, ERP No. F-AFS-K65282-AZ, Pickett Lake and Padre Canyon Allotments Cattle Grazing Management, Authorization and Implementation, Coconino National Forest, Mormon Lake Ranger District, Coconino County, AZ.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns about the impacts of grazing on impaired meadow and grassland soils, and the sufficiency of wetlands vegetation protection necessary for successful pronghorn fawning.

EIS No. 20050402, ERP No. F-FHW-J40163-UT, Iron County Transportation Corridors, Construction from Station Road 56 to Exit 51 on Interstate 15, Funding and Right-of-Way Grant, Southwest of the Cedar City Limits, Iron County, UT.

Summary: EPA has no objections to the proposed project.

Dated: October 25, 2005.

Robert W. Hargrove,
Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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Environmental Impacts 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

Filed October 17, 2005 Through October 21, 2005

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 20050439, Final 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, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, and Mississippi Counties, MS, Wait Period Ends: 12/27/2005, Contact: Dr. Susan I. Rees 251-694-4141.

EIS No. 20050440, Final EIS, SFW, AK, Alaska Peninsula and Becharof National Wildlife Refuges, Revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan, Implementation, AK, Wait Period Ends: 11/28/2005, Contact: Peter Wikoff 907-786-3837.

EIS No. 20050441, Draft EIS, COE, AK, Delong Mountain Terminal Project, Proposed Construction and Operation of Navigation Improvements, Northwest Arctic Borough, AK, Comment Period Ends: 12/27/2005, Contact: Guy McConnell 907-753-2614.

EIS No. 20050442, Draft EIS, NOA, WV, Canaan Valley Institute Office Complex, Proposes to Construct: Offices, Classrooms, Laboratories, 250-Seat Auditorium, Parking Facilities, Outdoor Classrooms and Interpretive Areas, U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, Southeast of the Towns of Davis and Thomas, Tucker County, WV, Comment Period Ends: 12/12/2005, Contact: Dr. Bruce B. Hicks 301-713-3318.

EIS No. 20050443, Final EIS, FHW, 00, US-159 Missouri River Crossing Project, Rehabilitation or Replacement of the Missouri River Bridge at Rulo, Funding and U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, Richardson County, NE and Holt County, MO, Wait Period Ends: 11/28/2005, Contact: Ed Kosola 402-437-5973.

EIS No. 20050444, Final Supplement, FTA, VA, Norfolk Light Rail Transit System, from the western terminus near Eastern Virginia Medical Center through Downtown Norfolk to an eastern terminus at Newtown Road

and Kempsville Road, Funding, U.S. COE Section 404 Permit, USCGD Bridge Permit, City of Norfolk, VA, Wait Period Ends: 11/28/2005 Contact: Patricia Kampf 215-656-7100.

EIS No. 20050445, Draft EIS, NPS, SD, Badlands National Park/North Unit General Management Plan, Implementation, Jackson, Pennington and Shananon Counties, SD, Comment Period Ends: 12/27/2005, Contact: William Supernaugh 605-433-5281.

EIS No. 20050446, Draft EIS, USN, 00, Undersea Warfare Training Range (USWTR), Installation and Operation, Preferred Site (in the Cherry Point Operating Area) and the Alternate Sites (within the Virginia Capes and Jacksonville Operating Areas), NC, VA and FL, Comment Period Ends: 12/12/2005, Contact: Keith Jenkins 757-322-4046.

EIS No. 20050447, Final EIS, FHW, OH, Eastern Corridor Multi-Modal (Tier 1) Project, to Implement a Multi-Modal Transportation Program between the City of Cincinnati and Eastern Suburbs in Hamilton and Clermont Counties, OH, Wait Period Ends: 11/28/2005, Contact: Dennis A. Decker 614-280-6896.

EIS No. 20050448, Draft EIS, BLM, MT, Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Blaine, Chouteau, Fergus and Phillips Counties, MT, Comment Period Ends: 01/26/2005, Contact: Jerry Majerus 406-538-1924.

EIS No. 20050449, Final EIS, USN, FL, Navy Air-To-Ground Training at Avon Park Air Force Range, To Conduct Air-To-Ground Ordnance Delivery and Training, Fleet Forces Command's Fleet Readiness Training Program (FRTTP), Polk and Highland Counties, FL, Wait Period Ends: 11/28/2005, Contact: Will Sloger 843-820-5797.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 20050334, Final EIS, DOE, MT, South Fork Flathead Watershed Westslope Cutthroat Trout Conservation Program, Preserve the Genetic Purity of the Westslope Cutthroat Trout Population, Flathead National Forest, Flathead River, Flathead, Powell and Missoula Counties, MT, Wait Period Ends: 12/12/2005, Contact: Colleen Spiering 503-230-5756. Revision of FR Notice Published on 08/19/2005: Reopened the Wait Period from 09/19/2005 to 12/12/2005.