

Background

In response to public concern, the U.S. Congress urged EPA to conduct scientific research to examine the relationship between hydraulic fracturing and drinking water resources. EPA is undertaking a study to understand the potential impacts of hydraulic fracturing on drinking water resources, if any, and to identify the driving factors that may affect the severity and frequency of such impacts.

The scope of the study includes the full hydraulic fracturing water lifecycle—from water acquisition, through the mixing of chemicals and injection of fracturing fluids, to the post-fracturing stage, including the management of flowback and produced water and its ultimate treatment and disposal. The study will include a review of the published literature, analysis of existing data, scenario evaluation and modeling, laboratory studies and case studies.

To ensure that EPA is up-to-date on evolving hydraulic fracturing practices and technologies, EPA is soliciting public involvement in identifying relevant data and scientific literature specific to inform EPA's research study on the potential impacts of hydraulic fracturing on drinking water resources. While EPA conducts a thorough literature search, there may be studies or other primary technical sources that are not available through the open literature. EPA would appreciate receiving information from the public to help inform current and future research and ensure a robust record of scientific information. Consistent with our commitment to using the highest quality information, EPA prefers information which has been peer reviewed. Interested persons may provide scientific analyses, studies and other pertinent scientific information. EPA will consider all submissions but will give preference to peer reviewed data and literature sources.

Dated: November 5, 2012.

E. Ramona Trovato,

Associate Assistant Administrator, Office of Research and Development.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impacts Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202)

564-7146 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>.

Weekly Receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

Filed 10/29/2012 Through 11/02/2012 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

Notice

Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA's comment letters on EISs are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As of October 1, 2012, EPA will not accept paper copies or CDs of EISs for filing purposes; all submissions on or after October 1, 2012 must be made through e-NEPA.

While this system eliminates the need to submit paper or CD copies to EPA to meet filing requirements, electronic submission does not change requirements for distribution of EISs for public review and comment. To begin using e-NEPA, you must first register with EPA's electronic reporting site—https://cdx.epa.gov/epa_home.asp.

EIS No. 20120352, Final EIS, USFS, UT, Chicken Creek Gypsum Mine, Proposed Plan of Operations to Conduct Mining Operations, San Pitch Mountains, Sanpete Ranger District, Manti-La Sal National Forest, Juab County, UT, Review Period Ends: 12/10/2012, Contact: Karl Boyer 435-637-2817.

EIS No. 20120353, Final EIS, FHWA, IL, TIER 2—Elgin O'Hare—West Bypass, Extending the Planning Period from 2030 to 2040, Federal Approvals and Funding, Cook and DuPage Counties, IL, Review Period Ends: 12/10/2012, Contact: Norman Stoner 217-492-4600 The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration and Federal Aviation Administration are joint lead agencies for this project.

EIS No. 20120354, Draft EIS, FRA, 00, Chicago to Council Bluffs—Omaha Regional Passenger Rail System Planning Study Tier 1 Service Level, from Chicago, Illinois through Iowa and Omaha, NE., Comment Period Ends: 12/26/2012, Contact: Andrea Martin 202-493-6201.

EIS No. 20120355, Final EIS, FRA, 00, Chicago to St. Louis High Speed Rail Program Tier 1, Improvements, Several Counties, IL and St. Louis County, MO, Review Period Ends: 12/10/2012, Contact: Andrea Martin 202-493-6201.

EIS No. 20120356, Draft EIS, BLM, AZ, Sun Valley to Morgan 500/230kV

Transmission Line Project and Draft Resource Management Plan Amendment, Maricopa County, AZ, Comment Period Ends: 02/08/2013, Contact: Joe Incardine 801-560-7135.

EIS No. 20120357, Final Supplement, USFWS, CA, Translocation of Southern Sea Otters (Enhydra lutris nereis) Program, New and Updated Information, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego Counties, CA, Review Period Ends: 12/10/2012, Contact: Lilian Carswell 805-644-1766.

EIS No. 20120358, Draft Supplement, BOEM, 00, Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Lease Sales: 2013-2014 Western Planning Area Lease Sales 233: Central Planning Area Lease Sales 231, Comment Period Ends: 12/24/2012, Contact: Gary D. Goeke 504-736-3233.

EIS No. 20120359, Final EIS, USACE, CA, Clearwater Program, Master Facilities Plan, To Meet the Wastewater Management Needs of the Joint Outfall System (JOS) Through the Year 2050, Los Angeles County, CA, Review Period Ends: 12/10/2012, Contact: Aaron O. Allen 805-585-2148.

EIS No. 20120360, Final EIS, BLM, 00, PROGRAMMATIC—Allocation of Oil Shale and Tar Sands Resources on Lands Administered, Propose to Amend 10 Land Use Plans in Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming, Review Period Ends: 12/10/2012, Contact: Sherri Thompson 303-239-3758.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 20120294, Draft EIS, USN, OR, Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility Boardman, Military Readiness Activities, OR, Comment Period Ends: 12/06/2012, Contact: Amy Burt 360-396-0924.

Dated: November 6, 2012.

Cliff Rader,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities,

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

[Public Notice: 2012-0539]

Application for Final Commitment for a Long-Term Loan or Financial Guarantee in Excess of \$100 Million; 25 Day Comment Period

AGENCY: Export-Import Bank of the United States.

ACTION: Notice of 25 day comment period regarding an application for final commitment for a long-term loan or financial guarantee in excess of \$100 million.

Reason for Notice: This Notice is to inform the public, in accordance with Section 3(c)(10) of the Charter of the Export-Import Bank of the United States ("Ex-Im Bank"), that Ex-Im Bank has received an application for final commitment for a long-term loan or financial guarantee in excess of \$100 million (as calculated in accordance with Section 3(c)(10) of the Charter). Comments received within the comment period specified below will be presented to the Ex-Im Bank Board of Directors prior to final action on this Transaction.

Reference: AP086754XX, AP087318XX, and AP087407XX.

Purpose and Use:
Brief description of the purpose of the transaction:

To support the export of mining trucks and bulldozers to Ukraine.
Brief non-proprietary description of the anticipated use of the items being exported:

To mine iron ore in Ukraine
To the extent that Ex-Im Bank is reasonably aware, the item(s) being exported are not expected to produce exports or provide services in competition with the exportation of goods or provision of services by a United States industry.

Parties:

Principal Supplier: Caterpillar Inc. Mining, Ukraine; OJSC Ferrexpo Poltava Yeristovo Mining, Ukraine; OJSC Ferrexpo Belanovo Mining, Ukraine.
Guarantor(s): Ferrexpo AG, Switzerland.

Description of Items Being Exported:
Caterpillar mining trucks and bulldozers.

Information on Decision: Information on the final decision for this transaction will be available in the "Summary Minutes of Meetings of Board of Directors" on <http://www.exim.gov/articles.cfm/board%20minute>.

Confidential Information: Please note that this notice does not include confidential or proprietary business information; information which, if disclosed, would violate the Trade Secrets Act; or information which would jeopardize jobs in the United States by supplying information that competitors could use to compete with companies in the United States.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before *December 4, 2012* to be assured of consideration before final

consideration of the transaction by the Board of Directors of Ex-Im Bank.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted through WWW.REGULATIONS.GOV.

Sharon A. Whitt,

Agency Clearance Officer.

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice of a Partially Open Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

TIME AND PLACE: Monday, November 19, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at Ex-Im Bank in Room 321, 811 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20571.

OPEN AGENDA ITEMS: Item No. 1: Proposed Economic Impact Procedures and Methodological Guidelines. Documentation including the proposed Economic Impact Procedures and Methodological Guidelines as well as the public comment can be accessed at the following location:
<http://www.exim.gov/generalbankpolicies/economicimpact/proposed-economic-impact-procedures.cfm>

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting will be open to public observation for Item No. 1 only.

FURTHER INFORMATION: The Bank requests that members of the public who wish to attend the meeting call Joyce Stone, Office of the Secretary, 811 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20571 at (202) 565-3336 by close of business Wednesday, November 14, 2012.

Lisa V. Terry,

Assistant General Counsel.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[DA 12-1620]

Notice of Suspension and Commencement of Proposed Debarment Proceedings; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Enforcement Bureau (the "Bureau") gives notice of Ms. Denisa Babcock's suspension from the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism (or "E-Rate Program"). Additionally, the Bureau gives notice that debarment proceedings are commencing against her. Ms. Babcock, or any person who has an existing contract with or intends to contract with her to provide or receive services in matters arising out of activities associated with or related to the schools and libraries support, may respond by filing an opposition request, supported by documentation to Joy Ragsdale, Federal Communications Commission, Enforcement Bureau, Investigations and Hearings Division, Room 4-C330, 445 12th Street SW., Washington, DC 20554. **DATES:** Opposition requests must be received by 30 days from the receipt of the suspension letter or December 10, 2012, whichever comes first. The Bureau will decide any opposition request for reversal or modification of suspension or debarment within 90 days of its receipt of such requests.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Enforcement Bureau, Investigations and Hearings Division, Room 4-C330, 445 12th Street SW., Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joy Ragsdale, Federal Communications Commission, Enforcement Bureau, Investigations and Hearings Division, Room 4-C330, 445 12th Street SW., Washington, DC 20554. Joy Ragsdale may be contacted by phone at (202) 418-1697 or email at Joy.Ragsdale@fcc.gov. If Ms. Ragsdale is unavailable, you may contact Ms. Theresa Cavanaugh, Chief, Investigations and Hearings Division, by telephone at (202) 418-1420 and by email at Terry.Cavanaugh@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bureau has suspension and debarment authority pursuant to 47 CFR 54.8 and 47 CFR 0.111(a)(14). Suspension will help to ensure that the party to be suspended cannot continue to benefit from the schools and libraries mechanism pending resolution of the debarment process. Attached is the suspension letter, DA 12-1620, which was mailed to Ms. Babcock and released on October 10, 2012. The complete text of the notice of suspension and initiation of debarment proceedings is available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portal II, 445 12th Street SW., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. In addition, the complete text is available on the FCC's Web site at