

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**[ER-FRL-6621-5]****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 May 18, 2001 (97 FR 27647).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-NPS-J65346-WY Rating LO, Devil's Tower National Monument General Management Plan, Implementation, Crook County, WY.

Summary: EPA had no objections to the preferred alternative.

ERP No. D-USA-G11040-TX Rating EC2, Programmatic EIS—Fort Sam Houston, Camp Bullis, and Canyon Lake Recreation Area Master Plan, Implementing Revisions to the Existing 1988 Land Use Plan, City of San Antonio, TX.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns and requested additional information in the areas of alternatives analysis, wetland impacts, floodplains, wildlife habitat, prime farmland soils, and mitigation.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-J65336-MT, Lolo National Forest, Big Game Winter Range and Burned Area Management, Restoration, Prevention and Cooperation, Implementation, Missoula, Lake, Mineral, Sanders, Granite, Powell, Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Ravalli Counties, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed lack of objections. The preferred alternative includes adequate mitigation and controls for invasive weeds and forage improvement on 21 big game ranges and areas burned in year 2000 wildfires.

ERP No. F-AFS-L65358-ID, Starbuckey Restoration Project, Implementation of Vegetative Treatment, Road Construction and Watershed Improvements, Nez Perce National Forest, Red River Ranger District, Idaho County, ID.

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

ERP No. F-FRC-E08021-00, Florida Gas Transmission (FGT) Phase V

Expansion Project, FGT Natural Gas Pipeline and Associated Above Ground Facilities, Construction and Operation, Approvals and Permit Issuance, several counties of FL, AL and MS.

Summary: EPA has remaining concerns with the proposed project concerning air quality, water quality, noise, cumulative impacts and safety. EPA requests that the prospective FERC ROD address these concerns.

ERP No. F-MMS-E02011-00, Eastern Planning Area Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Lease Sale 181 (December 2001), Gulf of Mexico, Offshore Marine Environment and Coastal Counties/Parishes of LA, MI, AL and northwestern FL.

Summary: EPA continues to be concerned about cumulative impacts of oil and gas activity in the Gulf, although the revised lease sale area has been reduced by 25-30% of the original proposal.

ERP No. F-NRS-D28013-WV, Upper Tygart Valley River Watershed Plan, Water Supply Project, Approval and Funding, Randolph and Pocahontas Counties, WV.

Summary: EPA had no objection to the proposed action.

ERP No. FA-DOE-A22088-SC, Savannah River Site Salt Processing Alternatives, Evaluation for Separating High-Activity and Low-Activity Fractions of Liquid High-Level Radioactive Waste and Potential Environmental Impacts of Alternatives to the In-Tank-Precipitation Process (ITP), Aiken and Barnwell Counties, SC.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns relating to the disposal of secondary waste streams.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**[OPP-00734; FRL-6797-8]****Workshop Series on Bt Corn Insect Resistance Management Framework Development; Notice of Public Meeting**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: EPA will hold the third and fourth workshops in a series focusing on Bt corn insect resistance management (IRM). Workshops will involve small expert groups (about 15 people). These

four workshops are designed to provide EPA with information on the following general topics: (1) Pest simulation model design and validation, (2) resistance monitoring and detection design and validation, (3) insect resistance management strategies and refuge validation, and (4) remedial action strategies. Information from these workshops will be used to assist the Agency in the design and evaluation of effective insect resistance management strategies for Bt corn. EPA will provide a publically-available workshop report after all four workshops have been concluded.

DATES: The third workshop on insect resistance management strategies and refuge validation will be held on September 10-11, 2001, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The fourth workshop will focus on remedial action strategies and will be held October 29-30, 2001, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Requests for participation in the meeting must be received on or before September 4, 2001, for the third workshop on September 10-11, 2001, and October 22, 2001, for the fourth workshop on October 29-30, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at EPA, Crystal Station, Room A, 2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202. Space is limited. Requests to participate may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit III. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.** To ensure proper receipt by EPA, your request must identify docket control number OPP-00734 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Does this Action Apply to Me?**

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to: Registrants and users of Bt corn under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), or the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) as well as non-users of Bt corn and the public. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person