

Summary: EPA has environmental concerns and recommends that TVA select an updated land management plan based on the management goals for Pickwick Reservoir considering existing reservoir water quality, shoreline development, natural resources, public comments, and the potential impacts of further development. EPA also recommends that TVA develop a specific watershed protection plan for the reservoir for TVA-owned and managed lands and be an important stakeholder in the community regarding larger watershed issues.

ERP No. DA-FRC-L05208-WA Rating EO2, Rocky Creek Hydroelectric Project, (FERC No. 10311-002) Construction and Operation of a 8.3-megawatt (Mw) Project, Application for License, Rocky Creek, Skagit County, WA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objections over potential significant impacts to aquatic and riparian habitat, as well as water quality. EPA recommended additional analyses to define the affected environment, define project impacts and identify mitigation measures to be incorporated in the FSEIS. EPA recommended selection of the No Action alternative.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-COE-E36180-MS

Yalobusha River Watershed, Demonstration Erosion Control Project, Construction of Six Floodwater-Retarding Structures, Yazoo Basin, Webster, Calhoun and Chickasaw Counties, MS.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding the long-term effects of the selected channelization and reservoir alternative, and suggest that these concerns could be addressed if measures protective of the environmental quality of Grenada Lake are implemented.

ERP No. F-DOD-A11076-00

Assembled Chemical Weapons Destruction Technologies at One or More Sites: Design, Construction and Operation of One or More Pilot Test Facilities, Anniston Army Depot, AL; Pine Bluff Arsenal, AR; Blue Grass Army Depot, KY and Pueblo Chemical Depot, CO.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concern and requested that the Record of Decision contain commitments for further monitoring on air releases and the impacts to human health, and nearby agricultural areas.

ERP No. F-IBR-K39070-CA

American River Pump Station Project, Providing Placer County Water Agency

(PCWA) with the Year-Round Access to its Middle Fork Project (MFP) Water Entitlements from the American River, Placer County, CA.

Summary: EPA's previous concerns on the adequacy of documentation regarding air quality impacts, water quality and quantity, and cumulative impacts have been addressed in the FEIS. EPA encouraged the Bureau of Reclamation to continue to work with Placer County and other entities to minimize secondary and cumulative impacts that may occur as a result of the project.

ERP No. F-SFW-K64019-NV

Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Complex Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Boundary Revision, Implementation, Churchill and Washoe Counties, NV.

Summary: EPA supported the new preferred Alternative E and agrees that it will best serve the protection and enhancement of natural diversity. EPA encouraged the Service to continue to work with the state and local jurisdictions to implement policies and projects that will improve overall water quality. EPA recommended that the Service explore ways to blend the different water sources leading to the wetlands to help meet state water quality standards. EPA encouraged the consideration of mitigation actions identified in the FEIS to reduce wildlife exposure to toxic contamination.

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Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7248-2]

National Beach Guidance and Required Performance Criteria for Grants

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is publishing the National Beach Guidance and Required Performance Criteria for Grants. This document provides performance criteria for monitoring and assessment of coastal recreation waters adjacent to beaches, and prompt public notification of any exceedance or likelihood of exceedance of applicable water quality standards for

pathogens and pathogen indicators for coastal recreation waters. This document also outlines the eligibility requirements for monitoring and notification program implementation grants under Clean Water Act (CWA) section 406(b). This document is intended to be used by potential grant recipients to implement effective programs for monitoring and assessing coastal recreation waters. The document will also serve as requirements for Federal agencies to implement beach monitoring and notification programs when States do not implement a program consistent with the performance criteria.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons may obtain a copy of the document from the EPA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/beaches/> by contacting the Office of Water Resources Center at 202-260-7786 (e-mail: center.water-resource@epa.gov); mailing address is: Office of Water Resources Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, RC-4100, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. Please request the National Beach Guidance and Required Performance Criteria for Grants (EPA-823-B-02-004), June 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles Kovatch, EPA, Standards and Health Protection Division (4305T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460, or call at (202) 566-0399 or e-mail at Kovatch.Charles@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

What Does the BEACH Act Require?

The BEACH Act was passed on October 10, 2000. The BEACH Act amended the CWA to add section 406, which authorizes EPA to award grants to states and tribes to develop and implement a program to monitor and assess, for pathogens and pathogen indicators, coastal recreation waters adjacent to beaches or similar points of access that are used by the public and to notify the public if applicable water quality standards for pathogens and pathogen indicators are exceeded. EPA may award an implementation grant only if the applicant meets all of the statutory requirements for implementation grants. One of these requirements is that the applicant must implement a monitoring and public notification program that is consistent with performance criteria published by EPA under the Act. The BEACH Act also requires EPA to implement a monitoring and notification program for coastal recreation waters for states and tribes that do not have a program consistent with EPA's performance

criteria, using grant funds that would otherwise have been available to those states and tribes. A complete copy of the BEACH Act can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/beaches/technical.html>.

What Is the Purpose of the Document?

This document sets forth performance criteria for (1) monitoring and assessing coastal recreation waters adjacent to beaches (or similar points of access used by the public) to determine attainment of applicable water quality standards for pathogen indicators and (2) promptly notifying the public of any exceedance or likelihood of exceedance of applicable water quality standards for pathogen indicators for coastal recreation waters. EPA is required to publish such performance criteria under CWA section 406(a). Section 406(b) authorizes EPA to award grants to states and tribes to implement a monitoring and notification program, but only if the program meets certain requirements (see CWA section 406(b)(2)(A)(i)-(v)). One of these requirements is that the monitoring and notification programs must be consistent with EPA's performance criteria.

The performance criteria provide the basis for EPA's evaluation of grant applications when deciding whether to award monitoring and notification program implementation grants under section 406(b). This document is intended to be used by potential grant recipients to implement effective monitoring and notification programs that will be eligible for grants under section 406.

This document also includes EPA's recommendations for implementing programs consistent with the performance criteria. In addition, this document also can serve as a reference guide for how and when to conduct preliminary beach assessments because it outlines protocols for water sample collection, sample handling, and laboratory analysis. It also provides information about using predictive models to estimate indicator levels and includes procedures for notifying the public about beach advisories, closings, and openings.

How Is the Document Organized?

The chapters in this document cover the following topics. *Chapter 1* discusses human health concerns associated with exposure to pathogens and discusses the establishment of water quality standards for bacteria. *Chapter 2* summarizes the basic requirements that an applicant must meet to receive a program implementation grant. The chapter

identifies relevant sections of the BEACH Act, briefly describes the corresponding performance criteria that EPA has developed, and provides additional grant-related information. *Chapter 3* describes the risk-based evaluation process that EPA recommends for states and tribes to classify and prioritize their recreation beaches. This step-by-step approach allows states and tribes to assess the relative human health risks and usage of their beaches and to assign an appropriate management ranking to each of them. *Chapter 4* discusses the performance criteria related to monitoring and assessment and provides detailed technical guidance. *Chapter 5* describes the performance criteria and technical guidance related to the public notification and risk communication portions of a beach program. The appendices include detailed technical information associated with the topics discussed in the five chapters:

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G. Tracy Mehan III,

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPT-2002-0034; FRL-7187-5]

Lead-Based Paint Activities in Target Housing and Child-Occupied Facilities; State of Mississippi Authorization Application

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On December 17, 2001, the State of Mississippi submitted an application for EPA final approval to administer and enforce training and certification requirements, training program accreditation requirements, and work practice standards for lead-based paint activities in target housing and child-occupied facilities under section 402 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). This notice announces the receipt of Mississippi's application, provides a 45-day public comment period to solicit comments on whether the State of Mississippi application meets the requirements for EPA approval, and provides an opportunity to request a public hearing on the application. Submittal of the application for final approval by Mississippi was initiated consistent with 40 CFR 745.327(a)(1)(ii), which

stipulates that the State shall apply for final approval within 180 days prior to expiration of its interim approval, which in Mississippi's case will be June 28, 2002. The State of Mississippi has been operating its lead-based paint program under an interim approval since June 28, 1999, during which time, the State has worked to address issues raised by EPA concerning the State's audit privilege/penalty mitigation statute. However, due to statutory deficiencies which remain in Mississippi's audit privilege/penalty mitigation statute, EPA is proposing to disapprove their application for final approval.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 3, 2002. Public hearing requests must be received on or before September 3, 2002. All correspondence must include the docket ID number OPPT-2002-0034.

ADDRESSES: Comments and the public hearing request may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket ID number OPPT-2002-0034 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rose Anne Rudd, Pesticides and Toxic Substances Branch, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, Region IV, Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, GA 30303; telephone number: (404) 562-8998; e-mail address: rudd.roseanne@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to firms and individuals engaged in lead-based paint activities in the State of Mississippi. 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 listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document or Other Related Documents?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that