

National Forest, Saint Louis County, MN, Due: January 8, 2001, Contact: Jim Thompson (218) 666-0020.  
*EIS No. 000419, DRAFT EIS, MMS, LA, AL, MS, FL*, 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, Due: January 22, 2001, Contact: Archie Melancon (703) 787-1547.

*EIS No. 000420, THIRD DRAFT SUPPLEM, NOA*, Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan (FMP), Updated Information, Framework Adjustment 14 to adjust the annual Amendment 7 day-at-sea allocation for 2001 and 2002 and to re-open portions of the Hudson Canyon and Virginia/North Carolina Areas for Scallop Fishing, Due: January 24, 2001, Contact: Patricia Churchill (202) 482-5916.

*EIS No. 000421, DRAFT EIS, COE, CA*, Guadalupe Creek Restoration Project, Restore Riparian Vegetation and Native Anadromous Fish Habitat, From Almaden Expressway to Masson Dam, Implementation, Guadalupe River, Santa Clara County, CA, Due: January 22, 2001, Contact: Brad Hubbards (916) 557-7054.

*EIS No. 000422, FINAL EIS, USN, NY*, Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant Bethpage to Nassau County, Transfer and Reuse, Preferred Reuse Plan for the Property, Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County, NY, Due: January 2, 2001, Contact: Robert K. Ostermueller (610) 595-0759.

This Notice of Availability should have appeared in the 12/1/2000 **Federal Register**. The Official Wait Period began on 12/1/2000 and ends on 1/2/2001.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6613-5]

### 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 **Federal Register** dated April 14, 2000 (65 FR 20157).

### Draft EISs

*ERP No. D-COE-C35014-NJ* Rating EU2, Meadowlands Mills Project, Construction of a Mixed-Use Commercial Development, Permit Application Number 95-07-440-RS for Issuance of a USCOE Section 404 Permit, Boroughs of Carlstadt and Monmouth, Township of South Hackensack, Bergen County, NJ.

*Summary:* EPA raised significant objections to the applicant's preferred alternative and other alternatives due to adverse impacts to wetlands and availability of less damaging alternatives. EPA requested additional information regarding alternatives, air quality impacts and compensatory mitigation plans.

*ERP No. DR-IBR-K39049-CA* Rating EC2, Coachella Canal Lining Water Project, Revised and Updated Information, Approval of the Transfers and Exchanges of Conserved Coachella Canal Water, Construction, Operation and Funding, Riverside and Imperial Counties, CA.

*Summary:* EPA requested formal responses to comments sent on the original Draft EIS in 1994, and raised additional concerns involving monitoring of water quality, modeling of area-wide impacts, and consultation with tribal governments.

*ERP No. DS-IBR-K28019-CA* Rating EO2, East Bay Municipal Utility District Supplemental Water Supply Project and Water Service Contract Amendment, New and Additional Information on Alternatives, American River Division of the Central Valley Project (CVP), Sacramento County, CA.

*Summary:* EPA expressed objections regarding the level of detail and analysis of Alternatives 4 and 8, insufficient information on the impacts of wetlands, the potential growth inducing effects of the project, the absence of an analysis of how this project ties into the broader water allocation and ecosystem protection goals of CALFED and CVPIA, and how the water quality of the selected drinking water source will be protected. EPA requested that a greater level of detail and analysis be provided on these issues.

### Final EISs

*ERP No. F-COE-E30041-NC*, Dare County Beaches (Bodie Island Portion) Hurricane Wave Protection and Beach

Erosion Control, The towns of Nags Head, Kill Devil Hills, Kitty Hawk, Dare County, NC.

*Summary:* EPA continues to express concern regarding the adverse effect on the nearshore ecosystem caused by maintaining a given beach profile.

*ERP No. F-COE-K36129-CA*, Santa Ana River Mainstem Project Including Santiago Creek, Proposal to Complete Channel Improvements along San Timoteo Creek Reach 3B to provide Flood Protection, San Bernardino County, CA.

*Summary:* EPA expressed continuing concerns regarding analysis of an alternative that would have less adverse impacts to San Timoteo Creek, the full extent of cumulative impacts to San Timoteo Creek from Corps of Engineers' flood control projects, and mitigation to compensate for unavoidable losses to aquatic resources.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-00300; FRL-6747-6]

### Proposed National Action Plan for Hexachlorobenzene; Notice of Availability and Solicitation of Public Comment

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has developed a draft National Action Plan to promote further voluntary reductions of releases and exposure to Hexachlorobenzene (HCB). This Notice announces the availability of the draft HCB National Action Plan for public review and comment. Hexachlorobenzene is currently formed as an inadvertent by-product at trace levels in the production of chlorinated solvents, pesticides, and in other chlorinated processes. This chemical is a persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic halogenated compound that persists in the environment and bioaccumulates in animal tissue. It is considered a probable human carcinogen and is toxic by all routes of exposure. The general population appears to be exposed to very low concentrations of HCB, primarily through ingestion of meat, dairy products, poultry and fish. The strategic approach of the Agency,