

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**[ER-FRL-6662-3]****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 the **Federal Register** dated April 1, 2005 (70 FR 16815).

Draft EISs

EIS No. 20040583, ERP No. D-BLM-J65433-WY, Rawlins Field Office Planning Area Resource Management Plan, Addresses the Comprehensive Analysis of Alternatives for the Planning and Management of Public Land and Resource Administered by (BLM), Albany, Carbon, Laramie, and Sweetwater Counties, WY.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding potential impacts to ecosystem processes, air quality, water quality, and wildlife habitat. EPA requests that the Final EIS disclose water quality impacts to aquatic resources more clearly and quantitatively, specifically in grazing allotments needing preservation of riparian habitat and water quality. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20050026, ERP No. D-BIA-F60007-WI, Beloit Casino Project, To Expand the Tribal Governmental Revenue Base, St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin and Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Rock County, WI.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns regarding the construction and operation of the proposed casino project and cumulative noise and air impacts from the proposed I-90 highway reconfiguration. EPA requested that these issues be evaluated in the Final EIS along with mitigation for noise and light pollution from increased night time traffic, and evaluation of the use of native vegetation in landscaping for energy and water conservation. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20050032, ERP No. D-AFS-D65049-WV, Fernow Experimental Forest, To Continue Long-Term Research and Initiate New Research,

Involving Removal of Trees, Prescribed Burning, Stem Injection of Selected Trees, Control Invasive Plant Species, Northeastern Research Station, Parson, Tucker County, WV.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding impacts to water quality and riparian resources and requested more specific information on herbicide treatments, especially related to overstory trees to control invasive plants. The Final EIS should address stream monitoring to assess potential impacts that may result from the proposed actions as well as how the public and wildlife will be protected from prescribed fire treatments. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20050047, ERP No. D-BIA-C60005-NY, Stockbridge-Munsee Casino Project, Proposes To Address the Tribe's Economic Development, Bands of Mohican Indians of Wisconsin (the Tribe), NPDES Permit and U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, Town of Thompson, Sullivan County, NY.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns regarding indirect and cumulative impacts on new water and sewer lines, traffic and air quality of the five casinos expected to be built in Sullivan County and the casino's solid waste disposal. EPA requested that these issues be evaluated in the Final EIS along with a detailed wetlands mitigation and monitoring plan. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20050074, ERP No. D-NAS-E12007-FL, New Horizons Mission to Pluto, Continued Preparations and Implementation to Explore Pluto and Potentially the Recently Discovered Kuiper Belt, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, FL.

Summary: EPA has no objections regarding this launch. Rating LO.

EIS No. 20050043, ERP No. DS-FHW-J40166-UT, US 6 Highway Project, Improvements from Interstate 15 (I-15) in Spanish Fork to Interstate (I-70) near Green River, New Information, Funding, Right-of-Way Permit and US Army COE Section 404 Permit, Utah, Wasatch, Carbon, and Emery Counties, UT.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns due to impaired waters in the project area. Rating EC1.

EIS No. 20050002, ERP No. DS-NPS-L65264-WA, Elwha River Ecosystem Restoration Implementation Project, Update Information, Olympic Peninsula, Chatham County, WA.

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

EIS No. 20050007, ERP No. D2-FHW-H40397-MO, Interstate 70 Corridor

Improvements, Section of Independent Utility #7, a 40-Mile Portion of the I-70 Corridor from just West of Route 19 (milepost 174) to Lake St. Louis Boulevard (milepost 214) Montgomery, Warren, St. Charles Counties, MO.

Summary: While EPA has no objection to the proposed action, it did request clarification on wetlands issues. Rating LO.

Final EISs

EIS No. 20050017, ERP No. F-NOA-A91070-00, Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan, Minimizing Impacts on Essential Fish Habitat of Any Species, Gulf of Maine—Georges Bank, ME, NH, MA, CT and RI.

Summary: EPA expressed a lack of objections to the DEIS due to the overall benefits of the proposed action. Based on our review of the FEIS, we found that our issues were addressed.

EIS No. 20050027, ERP No. F-BLM-L65462-AK, Northeast National Petroleum Reserve Alaska Amended Integrated Activity Plan, To Amend 1998 Northeast Petroleum Reserve, To Consider Opening Portions of the BLM-Administered Lands, North Slope Borough, AK.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objections given that the selected alternative is likely to have more adverse impacts to surface resources and subsistence communities. EPA recommends that BLM phase in leases in new, environmentally sensitive areas only after experimental mitigation measures are proven effective for areas currently available for leasing.

EIS No. 20050045, ERP No. F-AFS-K65307-AZ, Coconino, Kaibab, and Prescott National Forest, Integrated Treatment of Noxious and Invasive Weeds, Implementation, Coconino, Mojave, and Yavapai Counties, AZ.

Summary: The Final EIS addressed EPA's concerns about impacts to drinking water from herbicide applications with the addition of mitigation measures.

EIS No. 20050057, ERP No. F-AFS-J65303-MT, Bridger Bowl Ski Area, Permit Renewal and Master Development Plan Update, Implementation, Special Use Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Gallatin National Forest, in the City of Bozeman, MT.

Summary: EPA continues to express environmental concerns regarding impacts to wildlife habitat.

EIS No. 20050065, ERP No. F-AFS-J65389-MT, North Belts Travel Plan and the Dry Range Project, Provision

of Motorized and Non-motorized Recreation, Helena National Forest, Broadwater, Lewis and Clark, and Meagher Counties, MT.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns regarding erosion, habitat damage and adverse impacts to wildlife security from motorized uses as well as the need for an effective monitoring and adaptive management program for travel management.

EIS No. 20050070, ERP No. F-FHW-G40177-LA, Kansas Lane Connector Project, Construction between U.S. 90 (Desiard Street) and U.S. 165 and the Forsythe Avenue Extension, US Army COE Section 10 and 404 Permits Issuance, City of Monroe, Quachita Parish, LA.

Summary: EPA has no objections to the proposed project.

EIS No. 20050009, ERP No. FS-NOA-A91063-00, Monkfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Amendment 2, Implementation, Proposes Measures to Address a Wide Range of Management Issues, New England and Mid-Atlantic.

Summary: EPA has no objection to the proposed action.

EIS No. 20050040, ERP No. FS-AFS-J02027-UT, Table Top Exploratory Oil and Gas Wells, New Information from the Approval 1994 Final EIS, Wasatch-Cache National Forest, Evanston Ranger District, Summit County, UT.

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

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[ER-FRL-6662-2]

Environmental Impact 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 March 28, 2005, through April 1, 2005

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 050139, Draft EIS, COE, AR, OK, Arkansas River Navigation Study, To Maintain and Improve the Navigation

Channel in Order to Enhance Commercial Navigation on the McCellan Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS), Several Counties, AR and Several Counties, OK, Comment Period Ends: May 24, 2005, Contact: Renee Wright (501) 324-6139.

EIS No. 050140, Final EIS, FHW, NV, Boulder City/US 93 Corridor Transportation Improvements, Study Limits are between a western boundary on US 95 in the City of Henderson and an eastern boundary on US 93 west of downtown Boulder City, NPDES and US Army COE Section 404 Permits Issuance and Right-of Way Grant, Clark County, NV Wait Period Ends: May 9, 2005, Contact: Ted P. Bendure (775) 687-5322.

EIS No. 050141, Draft EIS, USA, FL, Eglin Air Force Base and Hurlburt Field Military Family Housing, Demolition, Construction, Renovation and Leasing (DCR&L) Program, Okaloosa County, FL, Comment Period Ends: May 23, 2005, Contact: Julia Cantrell (210) 536-3515.

EIS No. 050142, Draft EIS, NOAA, CA, Programmatic—Montrose Settlements Restoration Program (MSRP) Draft Restoration Plan, To Restore Injured Natural Resources, Channel Islands, Southern California Bight including Baja California Pacific Islands, Orange County, CA, Comment Period Ends: May 23, 2005, Contact: William T. Hogarth (301) 713-1622.

EIS No. 050143, Draft EIS, FHW, LA, AR, I-69 Corridor—Section of Independent Utility (SIU) No. 14, Construction from Junction I-20 near Haughton, LA to US 82 near El Dorado, AR, Bossier, Claiborne and Webster Parishes, LA and Columbia and Union Counties, AR, Comment Period Ends: May 30, 2005, Contact: William Farr (225) 757-7615.

EIS No. 050144, Draft EIS, FHW, IN, US-31 Kokomo Corridor Project, Transportation Improvement between IN-26 and US 35 Northern Junction, City of Kokomo and Center Township, Howard and Tipton Counties, IN, Comment Period Ends: May 23, 2005, Contact: Matt Fuller (317) 226-5234. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.us31kokomo.com>.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 050105, Draft EIS, AFS, MI, Huron-Manistee National Forests, Proposed Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Several Counties, MI, Comment Period Ends: June 16, 2005, Contact: Jeff Pullen (231) 775-2421. Revision

of **Federal Register** notice published on March 18, 2005: Correction to the State from WI to MI.

EIS No. 050136, Draft EIS, AFS, CO, Dry Fork Federal Coal Lease-by-Application (COC-67232), Leasing Additional Federal Coal Lands for Underground Coal Resource, Special-Use-Permits and US Army COE Section 404 Permit, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, Gunnison County, CO, Comment Period Ends: May 16, 2005, Contact: Liane Mattson (970) 874-6697. Revision of **Federal Register** notice published on April 1, 2005: Correction to Telephone Number.

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Endocrine Disruptor Methods Validation Advisory Committee (EDMVAC); Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: There will be a meeting of the Endocrine Disruptor Methods Validation Advisory Committee (EDMVAC) on April 26-28, 2005, in Washington, DC. This meeting, as with all EDMVAC meetings, is open to the public. Seating is on a first-come basis. The purpose of the meeting is to receive advice and input from the EDMVAC on: Steroidogenesis, Uterotrophic, Fish Screen Studies, and Amphibian Metamorphosis Assays.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2005, from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, April 27, 2005, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Friday, April 28, 2005, from 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., eastern standard time.

Request to participate in the meeting must be received by EPA on or before April 21, 2005. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket identification (ID) number OPPT-2005-0012 in the subject line on the first page of your request.

Individuals requiring special accommodations at the meeting, including wheelchair access, should contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** at least 5 business days prior to the meeting.