

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-5497-5]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared November 16, 1998 Through November 20, 1998 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 April 10, 1998 (62 FR 17856).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-DOE-L09813-ID Rating EC2, Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project, Construction and Operation, Site Selection, Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL), Eastern Snake River Plain, ID.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns that the draft EIS does not mention the cumulative impacts of present and reasonably foreseeable action caused by such pending project proposals.

ERP No. D-UAF-G11034-NM Rating LO, University of New Mexico (UNM), Construction of the Enchanted Skies Park and Observatory on Horace Mesa near Grants, Cibola County, NM.

Summary: EPA had no objection to the selection of the agency's selected plan of action.

ERP No. D-UAF-J11015-ND Rating EC2, Minuteman III Missile System Dismantlement, Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) Launch Facilities (LFs) and Missile Alert Facilities (MAFs), Deployment Areas, Grand Forks Air Forces Base, ND.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns and offered several recommendations to protect ground water during and after demolition. There may also be opportunities to create wetlands when the sewage lagoons are decommissioned.

ERP No. D-USA-K11090-AZ Rating LO1, Fort Huachuca Real Property Master Planning, Approval of Land Use and Real Estate Investment Strategies, Cochise County, AZ.

Summary: EPA expressed a lack objection to the proposed project.

ERP No. D-USN-K11089-HI Rating EO2, Pacific Missile Range Facility

Enhanced Capabilities, To Accommodate Theater Ballistic Missile Defense (TBMD) Training & Testing and Theater Missile Defense (TMD) Testing, NPDES Permit, several counties, HI.

Summary: EPA expressed objections due to insufficient information and analysis of biological resource issues. The proposed action may significantly impact entire breeding populations of sea and shore birds on Johnston Atoll (East, North, Sand, and Johnston Islands), however, no impacts or mitigation have been described.

ERP No. D-USN-K11093-HI Rating EC2, Barbers Point Naval Air Station, Disposal and Reuse of Land Facilities, HI.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns that contamination of an underground source of drinking water has not been sufficiently described, that the possible impacts of changes in airport use has not been sufficiently developed in the analysis, and that the DEIS does not fully develop relevant, reasonable mitigation that could help to improve reuse plans for the protection of human health and the environment.

ERP No. DR-USN-K11078-00 Rating EC2, Marianas Islands Military Training, Implementation, Continue Use of DOD-Controlled Lands, Proposed sites Tinian Military Lease Area, Guam Active Military Bases and Farallon de Medina (FDM) a Navy-Leased Island, HI.

Summary: EPA raised concerns on rating biological resources and hazardous materials. EPA requested that the final contain a full analysis of the reasonable alternative identified in the document.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-USN-K11082-CA San Diego Naval Training Center (NTC) Disposal and Reuse of Certain Real Properties, Implementation, City of San Diego, San Diego County, CA.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-USN-K11084-CA Miramar Naval Air Station Realignment of E-2 Aircraft Squadrons, Three Installations are consider: Point Muga Naval Air Weapons Station, Lemoore Naval Air Station and El Centro, Ventura, Fresno, King and Imperial Counties, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns that the final EIS did not include a sufficient analysis of a no action alternative.

ERP No. FA-USA-A11072-00 Theater Missile Defense (TMD) Extended Test Range (ETR) Project, Eglin Gulf Test Range to Conduct (TMD) Testing or

Training Activities, Santa Rosa Island and Cape San Blas, FL.

Summary: EPA had no objection to the proposed project provided that monitoring remains in effect.

Other

ERP No. LD-USN-K11091-NV Rating EC2, Fallon Naval Air Station, Renewal of the B-20 Land Withdrawal, City of Fallon, Churchill County, NV.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding cultural resources, public health and safety, and transportation.

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 OR (202) 564-7153. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed November 23, 1998 Through November 28, 1998 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 980481, Final EIS, FTA, FL, Central Florida Light Rail Transit System Transportation Improvement to the North/South Corridor Project, Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) and Minimum Operable Segment (MOS), Orange and Seminole Counties, FL, Due: January 04, 1999, Contact: J. Anthony Dittmeier (404) 562-3512.

EIS No. 980482, Final EIS, BLM, AZ, Hualapai Mountain Land Exchange/ Plan Amendment, Implementation, Kingman and Dutch Flat, Mohave County, AZ, Due: January 04, 1999, Contact: Don McClure (520) 692-4400.

EIS No. 980483, Draft EIS, AFS, ID, WY, Targhee National Forest Open Road and Open Motorized Trail Analysis, To Implement a new Travel Plan, several counties, ID and Lincoln and Teton Counties, WY, Due: February 01, 1999, Contact: Alan Silker (208) 624-3151.

EIS No. 980484, Draft EIS, NPS, LA, New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park, General Management Plan, Implementation, City of New Orleans, Parish of Orleans, LA, Due: January 25, 1999, Contact: Gail Hazelwood (504) 589-3882.

EIS No. 980485, Draft Supplement, AFS, OR, Nicore Mining Project, Implementation, New Information on Six New Alternatives, Plan-of-Operations, Mining of Four Sites, Road Construction, Reconstruction, Hauling and Stockpiling of Ore, Rough and Ready Creek Watershed, Illinois Valley Ranger District, Siskiyou National Forest, Medford District, Due: January 29, 1999, Contact: Rochelle Desser (541) 592-2166.

EIS No. 980486, Final Supplement, AFS, NV, Griffon Mining Project, Implementation, Updated Information, Revision for Expanding Gold Mining, Plan of Operations, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forests, Ely Ranger District, White Pine County, NV, Due: January 04, 1999, Contact: James Winfrey (702) 289-3031.

EIS No. 980487, Final EIS, FHW, WI, US 12 Highway Improvement, Sauk City to Middleton, Funding and COE Section 404 Permits Issuance, Sauk and Dane Counties, WI, Due: January 04, 1999, Contact: Richard Madrzak (608) 829-7510.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 980377, Draft EIS, FHW, UT, Legacy Parkway Project, Construction from I-215 at 2100 North in Salt Lake City to I-15 and US 89 near Farmington, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Salt Lake and Davis Counties, UT, Due: January 08, 1999, Contact: Tom Allen (801) 963-0182. Published FR 10-02-98—Review Period extended.

EIS No. 980421, Draft EIS, COE, OR, WA, Columbia and Lower Willamette River Federal Navigation Channel, Improvement Channel Deepening, OR and WA, Due: February 05, 1999, Contact: Steve Stevens (503) 808-4768. Published FR 10-23-98 Review Period Extended.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Pesticides; Science Policy Issues Related to the Food Quality Protection Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: To assure that EPA's science policies related to implementing the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) are transparent and open to public participation, EPA is soliciting comments on three draft science policy papers—"Proposed Threshold of Regulation Policy When a Food Use Does Not Require a Tolerance," "Assigning Values to Nondetected/Nonquantified Pesticide Residues in Human Health Dietary Exposure Assessments" and "A Statistical Method for Incorporating Nondetected Pesticide Residues into Human Health Dietary Exposure Assessments."

DATES: Written comments for each science policy paper, identified by separate docket control numbers provided in the ADDRESSES section, should be submitted by February 4, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The docket number for "Proposed Threshold of Regulation Policy When a Food Use Does Not Require a Tolerance" is OPP-00569, for "Assigning Values to Nondetected/Nonquantified Pesticide Residues in Human Health Dietary Exposure Assessments" is OPP-00570, and for "A Statistical Method for Incorporating Nondetected Pesticide Residues into Human Health Dietary Exposure Assessments" is OPP-00571. By mail, submit written comments identified by the docket control number listed for each to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW, Washington, DC 20460. In person, deliver comments to: Rm. 119, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: opp-docket@epa.gov. Follow the instructions under Unit V. of this document. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public docket by EPA without prior notice. The public docket is available for public inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday

through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For "Proposed Threshold of Regulation Policy When a Food Use Does Not Require a Tolerance" contact Vivian Prunier, Environmental Protection Agency (7506C), 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, 7509C, Arlington, VA, 22207, 703-308-9341, fax: 703-305-5884, e-mail: prunier.vivian@epa.gov.

For "Assigning Values to Nondetectable Pesticide Residues in Human Health Dietary Exposure Assessments" and "A Statistical Method for Incorporating Nondetectable Pesticide Residues into Human Health Dietary Exposure Assessments" contact by mail: Kathleen Martin, Environmental Protection Agency (7509C), 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, fax and e-mail: 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, 7509C, Arlington, VA, 22207, 703-308-2857, fax: 703-305-5147, e-mail: martin.kathleen@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Electronic Availability

A. Internet

Electronic copies of this document, a table entitled "TRAC Science Policy Area #3: Exposure Assessment—'No Residues Detected,'" and the three science policy papers are available from the EPA Home page at the **Federal Register**—Environmental Documents entry for this document under "Laws and Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgrstr/>).

B. Fax-on-Demand

For Fax-on-Demand, use a faxphone to call 202-401-0527 and select item 6024 for "Proposed Threshold of Regulation Policy When a Food Use Does Not Require a Tolerance," item 6025 for "Assigning Values to Nondetected Pesticide Residues in Human Health Dietary Exposure Assessments" and item 6026 for "A Statistical Method for Incorporating Nondetected Pesticide Residues into Human Health Dietary Exposure Assessments."

II. Background

On August 3, 1996, the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA) was signed into law. Effective upon signature, the FQPA significantly amended the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA). Among other changes, FQPA established a stringent