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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

*Responsible Agency:* Office of Federal Activities, General Information, (202) 564-7167 or [www.epa.gov/oeca/ofa](http://www.epa.gov/oeca/ofa).

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed September 11, 2000 Through September 15, 2000 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

*EIS No. 000321, Final EIS, BLM, OR,* North Bank Habitat Management Area (NBHMA)/Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), Federally Endangered Columbian White-Tailed Deer (CWTD) and Special Status Species Habitat Enhancements to Ensure Viability Over Time, Implementation, OR, Due: October 23, 2000, Contact: Jay Carlson (541) 440-4930.

*EIS No. 000322, Revised Draft EIS, FAA, CA,* Metropolitan Oakland International Airport (MOIA), Airport Development Plan (ADP), Reevaluation of the Forecasts and Planning Assumptions in the ADP, Airport Layout Plan Approval, Funding and COE Section 404 and 10 Permits Issuance, Port of Oakland, Alameda County, CA, Due: October 30, 2000, Contact: Joseph R. Rodriguez (650) 876-2805.

*EIS No. 000323, Final EIS, CGD, IL, MI, OH, NY, IN, MN, WI, PA,* Great Lakes Icebreaking Operation, Implementation, Ninth District, IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI, NY and PA, Due: October 23, 2000, Contact: Gary Nelson (216) 902-6258.

*EIS No. 000324, Final EIS, SFW, CA,* San Dieguito Wetland Restoration Project, Implementation, Comprehensive Restoration Plan, COE Section 404 Permit, Cities of Del Mar and San Diego, San Diego County, CA, Due: October 23, 2000, Contact: Jack Fancher (760) 431-9440.

*EIS No. 000325, Draft EIS, AFS, OK,* Quachita National Forest, An Amendment to the Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Glover River, McCurtain County, OK, Due: December 29, 2000, Contact: Elizabeth Estill (404) 347-4178.

*EIS No. 000326, Final EIS, AFS, WV,* Fernow Experimental Forest,

Implementation of New Research Studies, Monongahela National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, Tucker County, WV, Due: October 23, 2000, Contact: Mary Beth Adams (304) 478-2000.

*EIS No. 000327, Final EIS, SFW, MT, WA, ID,* Plum Creek Native Fish Habitat Conservation Plan, Issuance of an Incidental Take Permit for Federally Protected Native Fish Species, MT, ID and WA, Due: October 23, 2000, Contact: Ben Harrison (503) 231-2068.

*EIS No. 000328, Final EIS, BLM, NM,* Rio Puerco Resource Management Plan Amendment, Managing Land and Resource for EL Malpais National Conservation Area and Chain of Craters Wilderness Study Area, Lies South of the City of Grants, Cibola County, NM, Due: October 23, 2000, Contact: Kent Hamilton (505) 761-8746.

*EIS No. 000329, Final EIS, USN, GU,* Surplus Navy Property Identified in the Guam Land Use Plan (GLUP '94) for Disposal and Reuse, Implementation, GU, Due: October 23, 2000, Contact: Gerald Gibbons (808) 471-9338.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### 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 April 14, 2000 (65 FR 20157).

#### Draft EISs

*ERP No. D-OE-K36133-CA* Rating EC2, Whitewater River Basin (Thousand Palms) Flood Control Project, Construction of Facilities to Provide Flood Protection, Coachella Valley, Riverside County, CA.

*Summary:* EPA expressed concerns that the DEIS did not address the need

for air quality mitigation measures that may be necessary for emissions of oxides of nitrogen (NOX), ozone precursors, and carbon monoxide under EPA's general conformity rule. EPA also had concerns that the DEIS asserts that there is no need to secure Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification or waiver from the state water pollution control agency, which is an important safeguard to ensure that Federally-authorized projects do not violate State-adopted, EPA-approved Water Quality Standards or impair beneficial uses. The Final EIS should address how the Corps would ensure that Water Quality Standards and beneficial uses are fully protected.

*ERP No. D-COE-K39060-CA* Rating EC2, Upper Newport Bay Restoration Project, To Develop a Long-Term Management Plan to Control Sediment Deposition, Orange County, CA.

*Summary:* EPA expressed concerns regarding impacts to air quality and that some reasonable alternatives were not evaluated, including reduced dredging, controlling sediment before reaching the Bay, and beneficial re-use of dredged material. We recommended additional information in the FEIS regarding other reasonable project alternatives, including disposal alternatives; baseline assumptions and evaluation criteria; and conformity with the State Implementation Plan.

*ERP No. D-COE-L39056-WA* Rating LO, Programmatic EIS—Green/Duwamish River Basin Restoration Program, Capitol Improvement Type Program and Ecological Health, King County, WA.

*Summary:* EPA had no objection to the proposed project. EPA did however provide comments on the cumulative effects analysis, the need for more information on funding mechanisms and some concerns over the level of public access allowed to restoration sites, especially sensitive wetlands.

*ERP No. D-FHW-G40158-TX* Rating EO2, Grand Parkway (TX-99) Segment C, Construction from US 59 to TX 288, Funding and Right-of-Way Requirements, City of Houston, Fort Bend and Brazoria Counties, TX.

*Summary:* EPA expressed objection due to the project's potential contribution to air quality issues in Houston. The project is likely to create significant secondary development that may delay the attainment of the ozone air quality standard. EPA requested that the final document address the overall impact of the project and how the project affects attainment and meets the intent of the Clean Air Act.

*ERP No. D-SFW-F64004-OH* Rating LO, Little Darby National Wildlife