

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC website (www.ferc.fed.us) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the "CIPS" link, select "Docket #" from the CIPS menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

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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-AFS-J65334-MT Rating EC2, Keystone-Quartz Ecosystem Management, Implementation, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Wise River Ranger District, Beaverhead County, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with low standard roads. EPA suggests that the final EIS include information regarding enforcement of off-road vehicle travel restrictions, and proposed noxious weed treatment, including potential environmental impacts from weed control chemicals.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65335-MT Rating EC2, Dry Fork Vegetation Restoration Project, To Improve Forest and Watershed Health and Sustainability, King Hill Ranger District, Lewis and Clark National Forest, Cascade and Judith Basin Counties, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with low standard roads and recommends restoration. EPA recommends that the final EIS include information on aquatic monitoring, enforcement of off-road vehicle travel restrictions, proposed noxious weed treatments, and potential environmental impacts from weed control chemicals.

ERP No. D-AFS-L65376-OR Rating EC2, Silvies Canyon Watershed Restoration Project, To Improve the Ecosystem Health of the Watershed, Grant and Harney Counties, OR.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with road densities exceeding forest plan objectives, access issues posed by ATVs, adverse impacts to aquatic and upland resources and impacts from livestock grazing activities. EPA suggests that the final EIS include a Clean Water Act Section 303(d) Protocol for listed waters, and a smoke management program for prescribe fires.

ERP No. D-BLM-K67054-NV Rating 3, Phoenix Project, Expansion of Current Mining Operations and Processing Activities, Battle Mountain, Plan of Operations, Lander County, NV.

Summary: EPA determined that the DEIS was inadequate because it lacked any itemized cost estimate for closure and perpetually operating and maintaining the site, and did not include an adequate guarantee that a financial instrument will exist to ensure funds would be available in perpetuity to prevent degradation of groundwater quality and impacts to biological resources. Given the very clear evidence that this mining project would create a perpetual and significant acid mine drainage problem, EPA believes a cost estimate and detailed discussion is necessary in order to determine the magnitude and certainty of the mitigation measures.

ERP No. D-DOE-K08023-AZ Rating EC2, Sundance Energy Project, Interconnecting a 600-megawatt Natural Gas-Fired, Simple Cycle Peaking Power

Plant with Western's Electric Transmission System, Construction and Operation on Private Lands, Pinal County, AZ.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding the availability of process water, the storage and use of wastewater, potential significant air quality impacts, and consultation with Indian Tribal governments. EPA advocated an energy development approach which assures a long-term, sustainable balance between available energy supplies, energy demand, and protection of ecosystem and human health.

ERP No. D-NPS-G65079-OK Rating LO, Washita Battlefield National Historic Site, General Management Plan, Implementation, Roger Mill County, OK.

Summary: EPA expressed lack of objections.

ERP No. DA-DOE-A22088-SC Rating EC2, Savannah River Site Salt Processing Alternatives, Evaluation for Separating High-Activity and Low-Activity Fractions of Liquid High-Level Radio-active Waste and Potential Environmental Impacts of Alternatives to the In-Tank-Precipitation Process (ITP), Aiken and Barnwell Counties, SC.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding cumulative impacts and the need to provide additional alternative analysis.

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Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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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
Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed May 14, 2001

Through May 18, 2001
Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 010174, FINAL EIS, FHW, CA, U.S. Highway 101 Transportation Improvement Project, between Vineyard Avenue to Johnson Drive, Funding, in the Cities of Oxnard and San Buenaventura, Ventura County, CA, Due: June 18, 2001, Contact: Jeff Kolb (916) 498-5037.

This EIS should have appeared in the FR on 05/18/2001.