

Late 2004	U.S. government (EPA, Department of State, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and other interested federal agencies) create U.S. Critical Use nomination package
January 31, 2005	Deadline for U.S. government to submit U.S. nomination package to the Protocol Parties
Early 2005	Review of the nominations packages for Critical Use Exemptions by the Technical and Economic Assessment Panel (TEAP) and Methyl Bromide Technical Options Committee (MBTOC)
Mid 2005	Parties consider TEAP/MBTOC recommendations
Late 2005	Parties authorize Critical Use Exemptions for methyl bromide for production and consumption in 2007
Mid 2004	EPA publishes proposed rule for allocating Critical Use Exemptions in the U.S.
Late 2004	EPA publishes final rule allocating Critical Use Exemptions in the U.S.
January 1, 2005	Critical Use Exemption permits the limited production and import of methyl bromide beyond the phaseout date for specific uses

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7414, 7601, 7671-7671q.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Critical Use Exemption, Methyl bromide, Pesticide.

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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 the **Federal Register** dated April 2, 2004 (69 FR 17403).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-J65404-UT Rating EC2, Trout Slope West Timber Project,

Harvesting Timber, Ashley National Forest, Vernal Ranger District, Uintah County, UT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding direct and cumulative impacts to aquatic and terrestrial resources in the project area.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65406-MT Rating EC2, West Troy Project, Proposes Timber Harvesting, Natural Fuels Reduction Treatments, Pre-Commercial Thinning, and Watershed Rehabilitation (Decommissioning) Work, Kootenai National Forest, Three River Ranger District, Lincoln County, MT.

Summary: While EPA supports the project purpose and need to manage vegetation for a fire-adapted ecosystem, EPA expressed concerns that necessary watershed restoration actions do not have guaranteed funding.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65409-MT Rating EC2, Lower Big Creek Project, To Implement Timber Harvest and Prescribed Burning, Kootenai National Forest Plan, Rexford Ranger District, Lincoln County, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding impacts to water quality from potential sediment production and transport associated with tractor logging and associated road reconstruction. EPA also expressed concerns that there may not be adequate funding to implement road-related watershed restoration work.

ERP No. D-FHW-G40180-TX Rating EC2, Grand Parkway (State Highway TX-99) Segment F-2 from TX-249 to Interstate Highway (IH) 45 Construction of a New Location Facility, Right-of-

Way Permit and U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, City of Houston, Harris County, TX.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns relating to wetlands impacts/mitigation and air quality impacts.

ERP No. D-NOA-L91021-AK Rating EC2, Essential Fish Habitat Identification and Conservation, Implementation, North Pacific Fishery Management Council, Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, AK.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns for rescinding Habitat Areas of Particular Concern. EPA requested additional information on an ecosystem approach for identifying Essential Fish Habitat, the potential for increasing the Observer Program and Environmental Justice/Tribal Consultation.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-J65268-CO, North Fork of the South Platte and the South Platte Rivers, Wild and Scenic River Study, To Determine their Suitability for Inclusion into the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, Pike and San Isabel National Forests, Comanche and Cimarron National Grasslands, Douglas, Jefferson, Park and Teller Counties, CO.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns and recommended that the lead agency add specific protections in the Record of Decision to preserve the "free flowing" character and other "outstandingly remarkable values" until Wild and

Scenic River designation decisions are made.

ERP No. F-AFS-L65385-WA, Stimson Access Project, To Access their Private Property through National Forest System Lands, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, Priest Lake Ranger District, Pend Oreille County, WA.

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

ERP No. F-AFS-L65437-OR, Toolbox Fire Recovery Project, Promote the Recovery of the Toolbox Complex Fires of July 2002, Fremont-Winema National Forest, Silver Lake Ranger District, Lake County, OR.

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

ERP No. F-COE-E39063-NC, Bogue Inlet Channel Erosion Response Project, Relocation of the Main Ebb Channel to Eliminate the Erosive Impact to the Town of Emerald Isle, Carteret and Onslow Counties, NC.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns about the proposal to establish a given channel alignment and beach profile in a dynamic near shore ecosystem.

ERP No. F-FHW-D40319-PA, Mon/Fayette Transportation Project, Improvements from PA-51 to I-376 in Monroeville and Pittsburg, Funding, U.S. Coast Guard Bridge Permit and US Army COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, Allegheny County, PA.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns relating to wetland impacts and open space habitat mitigation.

ERP No. F-IBR-K39081-CA, Freeport Regional Water Project, To Construct and Operate a Water Supply Project to Meet Regional Water Supply Needs, Sacramento County Water Agency (SCWA) and the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), Alameda, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Sacramento Counties, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns regarding potential cumulative impacts to habitat, water quality, and water supply reliability. EPA requested additional information regarding the applicability of a Clean Water Act 404 Permit for impacts to wetlands.

ERP No. F-USA-G11042-LA, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment Transformation and Installation Mission Support, Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) Stryker Brigade Combat Team, Long-Term Military Training Use of Kisatchie National Forest Lands, Fort Polk, LA.

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

ERP No. F-USN-K11108-CA, China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station, Proposed Military Operational Increases

and Implementation of Associated Comprehensive Land Use and Integrated Natural Resources Management Plans, Located on the North and South Ranges, Inyo, Kern and San Bernardino Counties, CA.

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

ERP No. FS-NOA-K91008-00, Pelagic Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region, Fishery Management Plan, Regulatory Amendment, Management Measures to Implement New Technologies for the Western Pacific Pelagic Longline Fisheries, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island.

Summary: EPA supports the objectives of the proposed amendments to the FMP for Pelagic Fisheries, and has no objections to the proposed project.

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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 April 26, 2004, through April 30, 2004,

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 040203, DRAFT EIS, NPS, AR, MS, LA, TN, Vicksburg Campaign Trail (VCT) Feasibility Study, To Examine and Evaluate a Number of Sites, Implementation, Mississippi River, AR, LA, TN and MS, Comment Period Ends: July 7, 2004, Contact: Richard Sussman (404) 562-3124.

EIS No. 040204, DRAFT EIS, FHW, NJ, Cross Harbor Freight Movement Project, Improve the Movements of Goods Throughout Northern New Jersey and Southern New York, Funding, Kings, Richmond, Queens, New York Counties, NJ, Comment Period Ends: July 6, 2004, Contact: Richard Backlund (FHW)-212-668-2205, Christopher Bonanti (FRA)-202-493-6383. The Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration and Federal Railroad

Administration are Joint Lead Agencies for the above Project.

EIS No. 040205, FINAL EIS, AFS, UT, Fox and Crescent Reservoirs Maintenance Project, Dam Structures Operation and Maintenance, Special Use Permit Issuance, High Uintas Wilderness, Ashley National Forest, Uinta Basin, Duchesne County, UT, Wait Period Ends: June 7, 2004, Contact: Clark Tucker (435) 738-2482. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley>.

EIS No. 040206, DRAFT EIS, COE, FL, Central and Southern Florida Project, Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Pilot Operation, Aquifer Storage and Recovery Pilot Project, To Test the Feasibility Utilizing ASR Technology for Water Storage at Seven Well Sites, Right-of-Way and NPDES Permits, Several Counties, Comment Period Ends: June 21, 2004, Contact: Rebecca J. Weiss (904) 232-1577.

EIS No. 040207, DRAFT EIS, NPS, CA, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Middle and South Forks of the Kings River and North Fork of the Kern River, General Management Plan, Tulare and Fresno Counties, CA, Comment Period Ends: August 5, 2004, Contact: Susan Spain (303) 969-2280.

EIS No. 040208, DRAFT EIS, NPS, CO, Colorado National Monument General Management Plan, Implementation, Mesa County, CO, Comment Period Ends: June 30, 2004, Contact: Palma Wilson (907) 858-3617 Ext 301.

EIS No. 040209, FINAL EIS, COE, FL, Central and Southern Project, Indian River Lagoon-South Feasibility Study, Final Integrated Project Implementation Report, Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, (CERP), Martin and St. Lucie Counties, FL, Wait Period Ends: June 7, 2004, Contact: Michael Dupes (904) 232-1689. This document is available on the Internet at: http://www.evergladesplan.org/pm/studies/irl_south.cfm.

EIS No. 040210, DRAFT SUPPLEMENT, AFS, ID, Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness (FR-RONRW), Noxious Weed Treatments, Updated Information to Supplement the 1999 Final EIS for FR-RONRW, Implementation, Bitterroot, Boise, Nez Perce, Payette and Salmon-Challis National Forests, ID, Comment Period Ends: June 21, 2004, Contact: Howard Lyman (208) 839-2211.

EIS No. 040211, FINAL EIS, USA, GA, Digital Multi-Purpose Range Complex at Fort Benning, Construction,