

measures, incorporating state and local measures whenever possible, for only those projects which request federal financial assistance.

### VII. Summary

This determination affects only the Poolesville Area Aquifer System located in Western Montgomery County, MD. As a result of this Sole Source Aquifer determination, all federal financially-assisted projects proposed in the designated area will be subject to EPA review to ensure that they do not create a significant hazard to public health. Once designated, the Poolesville Area Aquifer System will become part of the existing MD Piedmont SSA area.

Dated: January 14, 1998.

#### Thomas C. Voltaggio,

Acting Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency—Region III.  
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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-5488-7]

### Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared January 19, 1998 through January 23, 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) 564-7267.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 11, 1997 (62 FR 16154).

#### Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-J65277-CO Rating EC2, Sheep Flats Diversity Unit, Timber Sales and Related Road Construction, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, Collbran Ranger District, Mesa County, CO.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns and requested additional information related to sedimentation potential, surface water resource buffer zone mitigation and intermittent road closure BMPs.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65279-MT Rating EC2, Wayup Mine/Fourth of July Road Access, Right-of-Way Grant, Kootenai National Forest, Libby Ranger District, Lincoln County, MT.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns and

recommended additional alternatives be developed to minimize water quality impacts, disclosure of the effects of "motorized" mine exploration and development and incorporation of total maximum daily loads for water pollutants in the EIS.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65281-UT Rating LO, Spruce Ecosystem Recovery Project, Implementation, Dixie National Forest, Cedar City Ranger District, Iron County, UT.

*SUMMARY:* EPA expressed lack of objections.

ERP No. D-AFS-K65201-CA Rating EC2, Liberty Forest Health Improvement Project, Implementation, Tahoe National Forests, Sierraville Ranger District, Sierra and Nevada Counties, CA.

*SUMMARY:* EPA expressed environmental concerns involving threshold of concern (TOC) exceedences in three sub-watersheds and road management proposals.

ERP No. D-BLM-J01076-WY Rating EC2, Powder River (WYW136142) and Thundercloud (WYW136458) Coal Lease Applications, Federal Coal Leasing, Campbell and Converse Counties, WY.

*SUMMARY:* EPA expressed environmental concerns and requested additional information related to Air Quality and Irreversible and Irrecoverable Commitment of Resources.

ERP No. D-BLM-L65295-OR Rating EC2, Northeastern Oregon Assembled Land Exchange Resource Management Plan (RMP), Implementation, Site Specific, John Day, Umatilla, Granda Ronde, Power River Basins, Grant, Umatilla, Morrow, Wheeler, Baker, Wallowa and Union, OR.

*SUMMARY:* EPA expressed environmental concerns based on potential water quality and riparian habitat impacts, loss of Columbia Basin shrub-steppe habitat, and loss of old growth forest habitat.

ERP No. DS-AFS-J65213-MT Rating LO, Helena National Forest and Elkhorn Mountain portion of the Deerlodge National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, Updated Information on Oil and Gas Leasing, Implementation, several counties, MT.

*SUMMARY:* EPA expressed lack of objections.

#### Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-J02034-UT, Western Uinta Basin Oil and Gas Leasing, Implementation, Federal Oil and Gas Estate on Land Administered by the Uinta and Ashley National Forests in the western portion of the National Forests in the Western portion of the Uinta Basin, Wasatch and Duchesne Counties, UT.

*Summary:* EPA expressed lack of objection to the preferred alternative described in the Final EIS.

ERP No. F-AFS-J65257-UT, High Uintas Wilderness Forest Plan Amendment, Implementation, Ashley and Wasatch-Cache National Forests, Duchesne and Summit Counties, UT.

*Summary:* EPA expressed lack of objections with the preferred alternative.

ERP No. F-AFS-J65258-MT, Lewis and Clark National Forest Plan, Implementation, Oil and Gas Leasing Analysis, Upper Missouri River Basin, several counties, MT.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding the cumulative impacts analysis, and impacts to wetlands and air quality. EPA recommended that air and water quality monitoring be implemented at the lease proposal stage to verify site conditions and validate predictions.

ERP No. F-AFS-J65264-UT, Sheepherder Hill Sanitation Salvage Sale, Management of Selected Vegetation Stands, Implementation, Uinta National Forest, Spanish Fork District, Nebo Management Area, Utah County, UT.

*Summary:* The final EIS addressed EPA's concerns.

Dated: February 3, 1998.

#### William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-5488-6]

### 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 January 26, 1998 Through January 30, 1998

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9

EIS No. 980016, Draft EIS, NSF, Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station, Proposal to Modernize through Reconstruction and Replacement of Key Facilities, Antarctica, Due: March 23, 1998, Contact: Joyce A. Jatko (703) 306-1032.

EIS No. 980017, Final EIS, IBR, CA, Hamilton City Pumping Plant, Fish Screen Improvement Project, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Central Valley, Butte, Colusa, Glenn and

- Tehama Counties, CA, Due: March 9, 1998, Contact: Matt Davis (916) 557-6708.
- EIS No. 980018, Draft EIS, AFS, AK, Crane and Rowan Mountain Timber Sales, Implementation, Tongass National Forest, Stikine Area, Kuiu Island, AK, Due: March 23, 1998, Contact: Everett Kissenger (907) 772-3841.
- EIS No. 980019, Final EIS, FHW, WI, La Crosse North-South Transportation Corridor Study, I-90 to US 14/61 (South Avenue) Transportation Improvements including US 53, WI-35 and WI-16, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, La Crosse County, WI, Due: March 9, 1998, Contact: Jaclyn Lawton (608) 829-7517.
- EIS No. 980020, Final EIS, AFS, CO, Dome Peak Timber Sale, Timber Harvesting and Road Construction, White River National Forest, Eagle Ranger District, Glenwood Spring, Eagle and Garfield Counties, CO, Due: March 9, 1998, Contact: David T. Van Norman (970) 827-5715.
- EIS No. 980021, Final EIS, FHW, PA, Southern Beltway Transportation Project, Construction from PA-60 in Finlay Township to US 22 in Robinson Township, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Allegheny and Washington Counties, PA, Due: March 9, 1998, Contact: Ronald W. Carmichael (717) 221-3461.
- EIS No. 980022, Final EIS, UAF, ID, Idaho Enhanced Training Project, Training for the 366th Wing at Mountain Home Air Force Base (AFB), Approval for Rights-of-Way Permit by (BLM) and Airspace Modifications by (FAA), Owyhee County, ID, Due: March 9, 1998, Contact: Ms. Brenda Cook (757) 764-6197.
- EIS No. 980023, Draft EIS, AFS, ID, Sandpoint Noxious Weed Control Project, Implementation, Proposing to control noxious weeds on 46 sites, Idaho Panhandles National Forests, Sandpoint Ranger District, Bonner County, ID, Due: March 25, 1998, Contact: Betsy Hammet (208) 263-5111.
- EIS No. 980024, Final EIS, NOAA, AK, Juneau Consolidated Facility, Space for the University of Fairbanks School of Fisheries and Ocean Science (UAF), Site Lena Point, Fisheries Management Operation, 'Vision for 2005', Juneau, AK, Due: March 9, 1998, Contact: John Gorman (907) 586-7641.
- EIS No. 980025, Draft EIS, FRC, ME, Maritimes Phase II Project, Construct and Operate an Interstate Natural Gas Pipeline, COE Section 10 and 404

- Permits, Endangered Species Act (ESA) and NPDE's permits, US Canada border at Woodland (Burlleyville) Maine and Westbrook Maine, Due: March 23, 1998, Contact: Paul McKee (202) 208-1088.
- EIS No. 980026, Draft EIS, FTA, FL, Miami North Corridor Project, Transit Improvements between NW 62 Street at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Station and NW 215th Street at the Dade/Broward Counties Line, Funding, Major Investment Study, Dade County, FL, Due: March 23, 1998, Contact: Elizabeth B. Martin (404) 562-3500.
- EIS No. 980027, Regulatory Draft EIS, NOAA, ME, American Lobster Fishery Management Plan, Implementation, To Prevent Overfishing of American Lobster, Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) off the New England and Mid-Atlantic, ME, Due: March 23, 1998, Contact: Rolland A. Schmitt (301) 713-2239.

#### Amended Notices

- EIS No. 980011, Draft Supplement, BLM, CO, NM, TransColorado Gas Pipeline Transmission Project, Updated Resource Information, Construction, Operation and Maintenance, COE Section 404 and 10 Permits, Right-of-Way Grants and Special Use Permit, La Plata, Delta, Dolores, Garfield, Mesa, Montezuma, Montrose, Rio Blanco, San Miguel Counties, CO and San Juan County, NM, Due: March 18, 1998, Contact: Bill Bottomly (970) 240-5337. Published FR-02-06-98—Due Date correction.

Dated: February 3, 1998.

#### William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5963-5]

### Notice of Public Meetings on Drinking Water Issues

Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is holding three series of public meetings for purposes of information exchange and technical discussion on issues related to the development of regulations to control microbial pathogens and disinfection byproducts in drinking water.

The first series of meetings includes issues related to the development of the

Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT2ESWTR) and the Stage 2 Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts Rule (Stage 2 DBP). The Agency is developing this set of rules to take into account risk trade-offs between microbial contaminants and chemical byproducts of disinfection processes, as well as to consider the need for improved control in each of these areas. Information exchange and technical discussions in these meetings will address analysis of source water occurrence data and drinking water treatment plant and distribution system data collected under EPA's Information Collection Rule (ICR). Topics such as microbial and disinfection byproduct research, methods development, supplemental survey data or other related issues may also be discussed under this series of meetings. As part of this series, a public meeting is scheduled for February 18, and 19 at the office of RESOLVE, 1255 23rd Street, NW, Suite 275, Washington, DC, that will include technical discussion on defining analyses of the ICR and plans to extract data from the ICR Federal Database to support those analyses. Discussions regarding data extraction planning will continue on February 20 at the EPA Systems Development Center, 200 North Glebe Road, Suite 300, Arlington, Virginia.

The second series of meetings includes issues related to the development of the Ground Water Disinfection Rule (GWDR). The Safe Drinking Water Act as amended in 1996 directs EPA to promulgate regulations requiring disinfection "as necessary" for ground water systems. The intention of the GWDR is to reduce microbial contamination risk from public water sources relying on ground water. The rule will establish a framework to identify public water supplies vulnerable to microbial contamination and to develop and implement risk control strategies including but not limited to disinfection. This rulemaking will apply to all public water systems that use ground water, which includes noncommunity systems.

The third series includes issues related to the development of the Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT1ESWTR). Information exchange and technical discussions under this series of meetings will focus largely on microbial treatment improvements and controlling disinfection byproduct risk trade-offs for small systems (those serving fewer than 10,000 people), but may also address treatment for larger systems (e.g., issues related to *Cryptosporidium* inactivation). Other discussion topics