

Quantification Settlement Agreement and Imperial Irrigation District/San Diego County Water Authority Water Transfer and significant information gaps in the environmental documentation.

ERP No. D-NOA-A91067-00 Rating EC2, Deep-sea Red Crab (*Chaceon quinque-dens*) Fisheries, Fishery Management Plan, Development and Implementation, Norfolk Canyon in the south to the Haque Line in the north, Continental United States and Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

**Summary:** EPA requested additional information on minimum size, holding bottom traps, and unauthorized sales.

ERP No. DS-GSA-K80037-CA Rating LO, San Diego-United States Courthouse Annex Project, Site Selection and Construction, New Information concerning Addition of the Union Street with Hotel San Diego Facade and Lobby Alternative, Central Business District (CBD), City of San Diego, San Diego County, CA.

**Summary:** EPA expressed a lack of objections with the DSEIS, but recommended that GSA's Final EIS address the applicability of Executive Orders on energy and water conservation, using environmentally preferable materials for facility construction, waste prevention, recycling, and other feasible pollution prevention measures; as well as the Council on Environmental Quality's handbook on analyzing cumulative effects under NEPA.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6628-6]

### 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 April 15, 2002, through April 19, 2002

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 020146, FINAL EIS, BLM, UT, 3R Minerals Coal Bed Canyon Mine Plan, Approval, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Garfield County, UT, Wait Period Ends: May 28, 2002, Contact: Paul Chapman (435) 644-4309.

EIS No. 020147, FINAL EIS, FHW, WI, US-14/61 Westby-Viroqua Bypass Corridor Study, Transportation Improvements, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Cities of Viroqua and Westby, Vernon County, WI, Wait Period Ends: May 28, 2002, Contact: Eugene Hoelker (608) 829-7512.

EIS No. 020148, DRAFT EIS, NPS, WV, National Coal Heritage Area, Strategic Management Action Plan, Implementation, Boone, Cabell, Fayette, Logan, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Raleigh, Summers, Wayne and Wyoming Counties, WV, Comment Period Ends: June 16, 2002, Contact: Peter Samuel (215) 597-1848.

EIS No. 020149, FINAL EIS, NRS, OK, Lower Clear Boggy Creek Watershed Project, Floodwater Retarding Structure (FWRs) Site 32B Construction, Atoka County, OK, Wait Period Ends: May 28, 2002, Contact: M. Darrel Dominick (405) 742-1227.

EIS No. 020150, FINAL EIS, COE, NB, Platte West Water Production Facilities, Proposed New Drinking Water Production Facilities, Metropolitan Utilities District, Omaha District, Douglas, Saunders and Sarpy Counties, NB, Wait Period Ends: May 28, 2002, Contact: Rebecca Latka (402) 221-4602.

EIS No. 020151, FINAL EIS, FHW, PA, NY, US Route 15 Improvement Project, from PA-6015, Section G-20 and G-22 Tioga County, Pennsylvania and PIN 6008.22.123 Steuben County, New York, (US Route 15 between PA Route 287 and Presho, New York), Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Tioga County, PA and Steuben County, NY, Wait Period Ends: May 28, 2002, Contact: James A. Cheatham (717) 221-3461.

EIS No. 020152, DRAFT EIS, NRC, VA, GENERIC EIS—Surry Power Station, Unit 1 and 2, Supplement 6 to NUREG-1437, License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, COE Section 404 Permit and NPDES Permit, James River, VA, Comment Period Ends: July 12, 2002, Contact: Andrew Kugler (301) 415-2828.

EIS No. 020153, DRAFT EIS, COE, KS, Tuttle Creek Dam Safety Assurance Program, To Assess Dam Safety and Performance, Big Blue River, Riley and Potawatomie Counties, KS, Comment Period Ends: June 10, 2002, Contact: William B. Empson (816) 983-3556. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/tcdam>.

EIS No. 020154, DRAFT EIS, NPS, NV, AZ, Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Long-Term Management of Lake Mead and Mohave and Associated Shoreline and Development Area,

Lake Management Plan, Clark County, NV and Mohave County, AZ, Comment Period Ends: June 25, 2002, Contact: Jim Holland (702) 293-8986. This document is available on the Internet at: [www.nps.gov/lame/Impdraft/home.htm](http://www.nps.gov/lame/Impdraft/home.htm)

EIS No. 020155, FINAL EIS, MMS, AL, MS, TX, WA, AL, FL, LA, CA, OR, Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program: From Mid-2002 Through Mid-2007, 5-Year Schedule Leasing Program for 20 Sales in 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf Planning Areas, AL, AK, CA, FL, LA, MS, OR, TX and WA, Wait Period Ends: May 28, 2002, Contact: Richard Wilderman (703) 787-1670.

EIS No. 020156, FINAL EIS, BLM, NV, Newmont Gold Mining, South Operations Area Project Amendment, Operation and Expansion, Plan of Operations, Elko and Eureka Counties, NV, Wait Period Ends: May 28, 2002, Contact: Roger Congdon (775) 753-0200.

EIS No. 020157, FINAL SUPPLEMENT, MMS, ID, Smoky Canyon Mine Panels B and C, Propose to Mine Phosphate Ore Reserves in the Final Two Mine Panels, National Forest Systems Lands and Federal Mineral Leases, Caribou National Forest, Permit, Caribou County, ID, Wait Period Ends: May 28, 2002, Contact: Jeffrey Cundick (208) 478-6354.

### Amended Notices

EIS No. 020039, DRAFT EIS, JUS, CA, 14-Mile Border Infrastructure System Completion along the United States and Mexico Border, Areas I, V and VI, Pacific Ocean to just east of Tin Can Hill, San Diego County, CA, Comment Period Ends: May 02, 2002, Contact: Russell R. D'Hondt (202) 305-4386. Revision of FR Notice Published on 02/01/2002: CEQ Comment Period Ending 04/01/2002 has been extended to 05/02/2002.

EIS No. 020080, DRAFT EIS, COE, ND, Devils Lake Basin North Dakota Study, The Reduction of Flood Damages Related to the Rising Lake Levels and the Flood-Prone Areas Around Devils Lake and to Reduce the Potential for Natural Overflow Event, Sheyenne River and Red River of the North, ND, Comment Period Ends: May 07, 2002, Contact: David Loss (651) 290-5435. Revision of FR Notice Published on 03/08/2002: CEQ Review Period Ending on 04/22/2002 has been Extended to 05/07/2002.

EIS No. 020125, FINAL EIS, FTA, MN, Northstar Transportation Corridor Improvement Project, Downtown Minneapolis to the St. Cloud Area along Trunk Highway 10/47 and the

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Transcontinental Route connecting Hiawatha Light Rail Transit Line at a Multi-Modal Station, Minneapolis/St Paul International Airport and Mall of America, Bloomington, MN, Wait Period Ends: May 06, 2002, Contact: Joel Ettinger (312) 353-2865. Revision of FR Notice Published on 04/19/2002: Correction to Title.

EIS No. 020129, DRAFT EIS, BLM, OR, Kelsey Whisky Landscape Management Planning Area, Implementation, Associated Medford District Resource Management Plan Amendments, Josephine and Jackson Counties, OR, Comment Period Ends: July 12, 2002, Contact: Sherwood Tubman (541) 618-2399. Revision of FR notice published on 04/19/2002: Correction to County Joseph to Josephine County.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Notice of Intent: To Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) on a Request To Modify a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Between EPA and Jefferson Parish (Parish), Louisiana Prohibiting the Parish From Providing Service From the Lafitte-Marrero Waterline to a Designated Area

**AGENCY:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 6.

**PURPOSE:** To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act and evaluate the potential impacts of modifying the MOA. In addition, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) may choose to rely on the SEIS in determining whether to modify a 1979 permit it issued to the Parish authorizing discharges of dredged and fill material incidental to construction of the Lafitte-Marrero Waterline.

**SUMMARY:** In settlement of a potential Council on Environmental Quality referral under Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act, EPA Region 6 and Jefferson Parish entered into an MOA in 1979. In that MOA, the Parish agreed not to provide water service from the Lafitte-Marrero Waterline to a "prohibited service area" containing sensitive wetlands. The COE

incorporated the MOA as a condition of a permit it issued to the Parish for construction of the waterline pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and violation of the MOA would thus violate that permit. In 1985, EPA Region 6 prohibited future discharges of dredged or fill material to wetlands in a designated portion of the restricted service area (the Bayou Aux Carpes Swamp) pursuant to Section 404(c) of the CWA. The Parish has requested EPA to modify the 1979 MOA to allow it to provide water service to an existing swamp tour facility and a proposed "Jellystone Park" campground in the prohibited service area. As proposed, these developments are or will be located in uplands within the area subject to the 404(c) designation. Before making a decision on the Parish's request, EPA will prepare a site specific "second tier" SEIS to evaluate potential environmental effects associated with the requested modification.

**Alternatives:** EPA may approve or deny the request to provide service to the Peach Orchard Jellystone Park campground, as proposed, or with modifications to mitigate or reduce adverse impacts to acceptable levels. Other reasonable alternatives, including those outside EPA's authority, may also be evaluated in the SEIS.

**Scoping:** EPA solicits written comments from interested parties regarding environmental issues to be addressed in the Draft SEIS. Interested parties are encouraged to submit their comments within fifteen (15) days of this notice. EPA will prepare a responsiveness summary of those issues determined to be within (and not within) the scope of the SEIS.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, OR TO BE PLACED ON EPA'S SEIS MAILING LIST:** Write or call Mr. Robert D. Lawrence, Chief of the Office of Planning and Coordination, EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Ave., Dallas, TX 75202; tel: (214) 665-8150.

**Estimated Date of the Draft SEIS Release:** Summer 2002.

**Responsible Official:** Gregg A. Cooke, Regional Administrator.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the Federal Funding, Construction, Operation and Monitoring of a Coastal Wetlands Restoration Project, Mississippi River Water Reintroduction Into the Maurepas Swamp

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 (EPA), is developing the restoration project as the designated Federal member of the Task Force created by the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act, Public Law 101-646 (CWPPRA).

**PURPOSE:** EPA has determined that the proposed wetlands restoration effort is a Major Federal Action significantly impacting the human environment. The purpose of the EIS is to ensure that decisions are made in accordance with the policies and purposes of the National Environmental Policy Act. The EIS will be considered by the CWPPRA Task Force in its decisions on funding and on alternative features and activities associated with carrying out the project.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed action provides for the reintroduction of Mississippi River water into the swamp south of Lake Maurepas in Louisiana for the purpose of restoring the ecological health and productivity of the swamp. Over time, hydrologic modifications to the riverine system have eliminated the natural inputs of fresh Mississippi River water, with its associated nutrients and sediments, that historically built and maintained the project area swamp. The swamp is now stressed and dying due to saltwater intrusion and excessive flooding due to subsidence and insufficient accumulation of sediment. The project will reintroduce approximately 1,500 cubic feet per second of Mississippi River water through a box-culvert structure constructed through the flood protection levee of the Mississippi River, then through an outflow channel for a distance of approximately five miles, and into the swamp south of Lake Maurepas. The outflow channel would be constructed near Garyville, Louisiana, and would connect to the existing Hope Canal north of U.S. Highway 61. As part of this alternative, the Hope Canal is proposed to be enlarged in order to accommodate the estimated project flow. The project is estimated to benefit more than 36,000 acres of cypress-tupelo swamp by increasing input of freshwater, sediments, and nutrients. The EIS will