

alternative for activities involving Security Category I/II materials, which constitute roughly half of the activities conducted at TA-18. The NTS alternative, which would house four of the five TA-18 experimental reactors in the existing Device Assembly Facility (DAF), was designated the preferred alternative based upon cost, technical, environmental, and mission factors. NNSA's preferred alternative also has the balance of the TA-18 missions, involving mostly Security Category III/IV materials and operations, remaining at LANL.

Signed in Washington, DC this 10th day of September, 2002.

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Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs.

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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 12, 2002, (67 FR 17992).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-BLM-K65241-CA Rating LO, Headwaters Forest Reserve, Implementation Resource Management Plan, Long-Term Management Plan and Planning Framework, Located in the northwestern Coast Ranges near Humboldt Bay in Humboldt County, CA.

Summary: EPA supports the plan to maintain the ecological integrity of the Reserve while assuring compatible and adequate public access and recreation opportunities. EPA recommend the Final EIS evaluate in more detail the environmental consequences of the no action alternative and provide a summary of the potential cumulative effects of the proposed management actions.

ERP No. D-BLM-L03012-AK Rating LO, Renewal of Federal Grant for the

Trans-Alaska Pipeline System, Right-of-Way, Approval, AK.

Summary: EPA expressed lack of objections and suggested that the final EIS clarify whether existing stipulations and mitigation measures would be carried forward with renewal of the Federal Grant. EPA also identified additional treaties and law applicable to subsistence issues that should be integrated into the analyses of the final EIS.

ERP No. D-FHW-G50010-00 Rating LO, I-69 Mississippi River Crossing, Construction, from a western terminus at U.S. 65 near McGehee, AR to an eastern terminus at State Highway 1 near Benoit, MS, U.S. Coast Guard Bridge Permit, U.S. Army Corps Section 10 and 404 Permits, NPDES Permit, Desha County, AR and Bolivar County, MS.

Summary: EPA expressed no objections to the selection of the preferred alternative but has requested clarification and additional information to strengthen the Final EIS.

ERP No. D1-FHW-F40356-WI Rating EO2, U.S. 10 Highway Improvements between Marshfield and Appleton, Trestik Road—CTH "K" (Stevens Point Bypass), Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Portage County, WI.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objections as a result of wetland impacts associated with each build alternative, the lack of a complete conceptual wetland mitigation plan, concerns over cumulative impact analysis, and impacts to endangered species.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-J65313-CO, White River National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan 2002 Revision, Alternative K is the Selected Alternative, Implementation, Eagle, Garfield, Gunnison, Mesa, Moffat, Pitkin, Rio Blanco, Routt and Summit Counties, CO.

Summary: EPA continued to express environmental concerns about potentially adverse cumulative impacts to aquatic and alpine tundra habitat.

ERP No. F-FHW-F40393-MI, I-96/ Airport Area Access Study, Transportation Improvements, Surrounding the Gerald R. Ford International Airport, Kent County, MI.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about woodland and stream impacts and the project's ability to satisfy mobility goals.

ERP No. F-NPS-G03019-TX, Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument Oil and Gas Management

Plan, Hutchinson, Moore and Potter Counties, TX.

Summary: EPA has no objections to the selection of the preferred alternative.

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Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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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 <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements.

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Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 020385, Draft Supplement, UAF, CA, NM, Airborne Laser (ABL) Program, To Conduct Test Activities at Kirtland Air Force Base (AFB) and White Sands Missile Range/Holloman AFB, New Mexico, and Edwards AFB and Vandenberg AFS, CA, Comment Period Ends: November 5, 2002, Contact: Charles Brown (210) 536-4203. This document is available on the Internet at: "http://www.hqafcee.brooks.af.mil/ec/EIS/ABL/D-SEIS.pdf."

EIS No. 020386, Draft EIS, COE, PR, Port of The Americas Project, Development of a Deep-Draft Terminal at the Port of Ponce to Receive Post-Panamax Ships, COE Section 10n and 404 Permits, Municipalities of Guayama-Penuelas and Ponce, Puerto Rico, Comment Period Ends: November 19, 2002, Contact: Edwin E. Muniz (787) 289-7034.

EIS No. 020387, Final EIS, EDA, CT, Adriaen's Landing Project, Development from Columbus Boulevard south of the Founders Bridge and Riverfront Plaza, City of Hartford, CT, Wait Period Ends: October 21, 2002, Contact: Beatz C. Roman, (860) 522-4888.

EIS No. 020388, Final EIS, DOE, NM, ID, NV, Technical Area 18 (TA-18) Relocation of Capabilities and Materials at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), Operational Activities Involve Research in and the Design, Development, Construction, and Application of Experiments on Nuclear Criticality, NM, NV and ID,

Wait Period Ends: October 21, 2002, Contact: James J. Rose (202) 586-5484. *EIS No. 020389, Draft EIS, DOE, WA, ID, Box Canyon (Hydroelectric) Project, (FERC Project No. 2042-013), Application for a New License for Existing 72-megawatt (MW) Hydroelectric Project, Public Utility District No. 1 (PUD), Pend Oreille River, Pend Oreille County, WA and Bonner County, ID, Comment Period Ends: November 19, 2002, Contact: Magalie R. Salas (202) 502-8760. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.sr25study.com>.*

EIS No. 020390, Final EIS, FAA, LA, Adoption—I-49 Connector Project, FAA Decisions Relative to Preparing a Record of Decision for FHWA Project's Impact on the Lafayette Regional Airport, Implementation, Lafayette Parish, LA, Wait Period Ends: October 15, 2002, Contact: Joyce M. Porter (817) 222-5644. U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT's), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has adopted USDOT's, Federal Highway Administration FEIS #020380 filed, with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on 9/6/2002. FAA was a cooperating agency on the above project, recirculation of the above project is not necessary under Section 1506.3(c) of the CEQ Regulations.

EIS No. 020391, Final EIS, APH, Regulation—Importation of Unmanufactured Wood Articles from Mexico, With Consideration for Cumulative Impacts of Methyl Bromide Use, Proposed Rule, Wait Period Ends: October 21, 2002, Contact: Raymond B. Nosbaum (301) 734-8790. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppdocs.html>.

EIS No. 020392, Draft EIS, FHW, UT, Reference Post (RP) 13 Interchange and City Road Project, Construction on New Interchange at RP 13 on to I-15 and City Road in Washington City, Funding, Washington County, UT, Comment Period Ends: November 11, 2002, Contact: Sandra Garcia (801) 281-8892.

EIS No. 020393, DRAFT EIS, COE, FL, Fort Pierce Shore Protection Project, Future Dredging of Capron Shoal, Implementation, St. Lucie County, FL, Comment Period Ends: November 4, 2002, Contact: William Lang (904) 232-2615.

EIS No. 020394, Draft Supplement, COE, Missouri River Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project, To Restore Fish and Wildlife Habitat Losses Resulting from Construction, Operation, and Maintenance of the Missouri River Bank Stabilization and

Navigation Project (BSNP), Missouri River, Sioux City, Iowa to the Mouth near St. Louis, NB, KS and MO, Comment Period Ends: November 4, 2002, Contact: Kelly Ryan, (816) 983-3324.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 020301, Draft EIS, AFS, AK, Kosciusko Island Timber Sale(s), Harvesting Timber, Tongass National Forest, Thorne Bay Ranger District, Kosciusko Island, AK, Comment Period Ends: September 27, 2002, Contact: Glenn Pierce (907) 826-1629. Revision of FR Notice Published on 7/19/2002: CEQ Wait Period Ending on 9/3/2002 has been Extended to 9/27/2002.

EIS No. 020314, Draft EIS, AFS, OR, Granite Area Mining Projects, Proposals to Approve Plans of Operation on 16 Mining Claims within the Granite Creek Watershed, Implementation North Fork John Day Ranger District, Umatilla National Forest, Grant County, OR, Comment Period Ends: October 21, 2002, Contact: Robert Reed (541) 427-5335. Revision of FR Notice Published on 7/26/2002: CEQ Comment Period Ending 9/9/2002 has been Extended to 10/21/2002.

EIS No. 020377, Draft EIS, FHW, ND, U.S. 2 Highway Transportation Improvements, From near U.S. Highway 85 (milepost 31.93) to west of U.S. Highway 52 (milepost 131.24), Funding, NPDES and COE Section 404 Permits, Williams, Mountrail, and Ward Counties, ND, Comment Period Ends: October 21, 2002, Contact: J. Michael Bowen (701) 250-4204. Revision of FR Notice Published on 09/06/2002: Correction to Comment Period from 10/7/2002 to 10/21/2002.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Good Neighbor Environmental Board Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The next meeting of the Good Neighbor Environmental Board, a federal advisory committee that reports

to the President and Congress on environmental and infrastructure projects along the U.S. border with Mexico, will take place in Nogales, Arizona on October 9-10, 2002. It is open to the public.

DATES: On October 9, the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 5:30 p.m. Throughout the first day, invited speakers will address two border-region environmental infrastructure topics: conservation and health. A public comment session will take place during the meeting from 12 p.m.-12:30 p.m.

The following day, on October 10, the Board will conduct a routine half-day business meeting in the morning that will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 12 noon. After lunch, beginning at 1 p.m., the Board will host a two-hour special session on the potential effects of homeland security activities on border-region environmental infrastructure. The meeting will end at 3 p.m. on October 10.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place in the Mayor and Council Chambers of the Nogales, Arizona, City Hall. Its address is 777 North Grand Avenue. The phone number is (520) 287-6571.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elaine M. Koerner, Designated Federal Officer for the Good Neighbor Environmental Board, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management, Office of the Administrator, USEPA, MC1601E, 655 15 St. NW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 233-0069, koerner.elaine@epa.gov. The Board Web site is www.epa.gov/ocem/gneb-page.htm.

Meeting Access: Individuals requiring special accommodation at this meeting, including wheelchair access to the meeting room, should contact the Designated Federal Officer at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Attendance

The public is welcome to attend all portions of the meeting. Members of the public who plan to file written statements and/or make brief (suggested 5-minute limit) oral statements at the public comment session are encouraged to contact the Designated Federal Officer for the Board prior to the meeting.

Background

The Good Neighbor Environmental Board meets three times each calendar year at different locations along the U.S.-Mexico border. It was created by