

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

*ERP No. F-DOE-F09004-OH*  
Portsmouth, Ohio Site Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride Conversion Facility, Construction and Operation, Pike County, OH.

Summary: Since EPA's previous concerns have been resolved, EPA has no objection to the proposed action.

*ERP No. F-FRC-B05193-CT*  
Housatonic River Hydroelectric Project, Application to Relicense Existing Licenses for Housatonic Project No. 2576-022 and the Falls Village Project No. 2597-019, Housatonic River Basin, Fairfield, New Haven and Litchfield Counties, CT.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns about the range of alternatives considered and the consistency of the preferred alternative with conditions of the Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification.

*ERP No. F-FRC-L05230-OR* Pelton Round Butte Hydroelectric Project, (FERC No. 2030-036), Application for a New License for Existing 366.82-megawatt Project, Deschutes River, OR.

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

*ERP No. F-UAF-K11113-00* Air Force Mission at Johnston Atoll Airfield (Installation) Termination, Implementation, Johnston Atoll is an Unincorporated Territory of the United States.

Summary: The FEIS addressed many of EPA's previous concerns. EPA requested commitments in the NEPA Record of Decision on waste minimization, pollution prevention and responsibility for environmental contaminants, and to identify the geographic boundaries of areas where the Defense Department will have jurisdiction and management responsibilities.

*ERP No. F-USA-K11111-HI*  
Transformation of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) to a Stryker Brigade Combat Team in Hawai'i, Implementation, Honolulu and Hawai'i Counties, HI.

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

Dated: July 26, 2004.

**Ken Mittelholtz,**

*Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Federal Activities.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7795-4]

### Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of Upcoming Teleconference Meetings of the Science Advisory Board Committee on Valuing the Protection of Ecological Systems and Services

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office is announcing two public teleconferences of the SAB's Committee on Valuing the Protection of Ecological Systems and Services (C-VPESS).

**DATES:** August 23, 2004, 1-2:30 p.m. (eastern time) and August 25, 2004, 1-2:30 p.m. (eastern time).

**ADDRESSES:** Access to the teleconference will be by telephone only at: 866-299-3188. Dial the conference code 202-564-4562 and press # when prompted.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public wishing further information regarding this meeting may contact Dr. Angela Nugent, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), via telephone/voice mail at: (202) 343-9981, via e-mail at: nugent.angela@epa.gov, or by mail at U.S. EPA SAB (MC 1400F), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. General information about the SAB can be found on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Background:* Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, the Background on the Committee and its charge was provided in 68 FR 11082 (March 7, 2003). The purpose of the teleconferences is to discuss work initiated at prior meetings of the Committee and prepare for the Committee's next meeting. The agendas for the teleconferences are likely to include:

1. Update/Discussion on Conclusions Drawn from Confined Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) Break-out Session at the Committee's June 2004 Meeting;
2. Update/Discussion on work addressing Ecological Benefit Analysis at EPA for Economically Significant Rules;
3. Update/Discussion on work on defining "Concepts and Methods;"
4. Update/Discussion on draft report text related to "Risk Paradigms and Experience in Valuation Exercises;" and
5. Planning for the Committee's September 2004 Meeting.

Availability of Meeting Materials: Agendas for the teleconference meetings will be posted on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>, prior to the meeting. Meeting materials will also be posted on the Web site, and may be requested from the DFO for those persons who can not attend the meeting.

*Procedures for Providing Public Comments.* The SAB Staff Office will accept written public comments of any length, and accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The SAB expects that public statements presented at the meeting will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements. *Oral Comments:* In general, each individual or group requesting an oral presentation at a teleconference meeting will be limited to three minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Interested parties should contact the DFO in writing (e-mail, fax or mail—see contact information noted above) by close of business August 16, 2004, in order to be placed on the public speaker list for the meetings. *Written Comments:* Although written comments are accepted until the date of the meeting, written comments should be received in the SAB Staff Office at least one week prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the panel for their consideration. Comments should be supplied to the DFO via the contact information noted above in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat, WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files (in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format)).

*Meeting Accommodations:* Individuals requiring special accommodation to access this meeting, should contact the DFO at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: July 26, 2004.

**Vanessa T. Vu,**

*Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7793-3]

### Draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Mahoning River Watershed, Ohio

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of the EPA document identifying segments and associated E. coli/fecal coliform pollutants in the Mahoning River, in Portage, Trumbull, and Mahoning Counties in Ohio, and requests public comment.

The TMDL was developed to attain water quality standards and designated uses (primary contact standard, recreational use) established for the Mahoning River, which is on the Ohio 2004 303(d) list. Segments and pollutants were listed and prioritized by the State for TMDL assessment, and recreational use and E.coli/fecal coliform impairments were identified. TMDLs specify the maximum amount of a pollutant a waterbody can assimilate and still meet water quality standards. Based upon that maximum amount, TMDLs allocate pollutant loads to sources and allocate a margin of safety (MOS). In this way, the TMDL process links the development and implementation of control actions to the attainment and maintenance of water quality standards and designated uses. This TMDL was developed by EPA, Region 5, at the request of the State of Ohio. EPA is providing the public the opportunity to review its document in accordance with section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. 1313(d), and 40 CFR 130.7. EPA will consider public comments in its final document.

**DATES:** Comments on this document must be received in writing by August 28, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Hard copies are available at: Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County, Main Library, 305 Wick Avenue, Youngstown, OH 44503-1079; Youngstown State University, William F. Maag Library, One University Plaza, Youngstown, OH 44555-3675.

Written comments may be submitted to: Jean Chruscicki (WW-16J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590.

The website to access this document is <http://www.epa.gov/region5/water/notices.html>. As an alternative, EPA will accept comments electronically. Comments should be sent to the following Internet e-mail address: [chruscicki.jean@epa.gov](mailto:chruscicki.jean@epa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jean Chruscicki, Watersheds and Wetlands Branch, at the EPA address noted above or by telephone at (312) 353-1435.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 303(d) of the CWA requires that each state identify those waters for which existing technology-based pollution controls are not stringent enough to attain or maintain state water quality standards. For those waters, states are required to establish TMDLs according to a priority ranking.

Dated: July 19, 2004.

**Anthony Carrollo,**

*Acting Director, Water Division, Region 5.*

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## **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION**

### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Submission for OMB Review**

**AGENCY:** Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

**ACTION:** Final notice of submission for OMB review—"Freedom to Compete" Award.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) hereby gives notice that it has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for approval of the new information collection request (nominations of potential award recipients) which will be used for the EEOC's "Freedom to Compete" Award.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted by August 30, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Karen Lee, Desk Officer for the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or electronically mailed to [Klee@OMB.EOP.GOV](mailto:Klee@OMB.EOP.GOV). A copy of those comments should also be sent to Stephen Llwellyn, Acting Executive Officer, Executive Secretariat, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 10th Floor, 1801 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20507. As a convenience to commentators, the EEOC's Executive Secretariat will accept EEOC's copy of comments by facsimile ("FAX") transmission if they are six or fewer pages in length. The telephone number of the FAX receiver is (202) 663-4114 (this is not a toll-free number). Only comments of six or fewer pages will be accepted via FAX transmittal to assure access to the equipment. Receipt

of FAX transmittals will not be acknowledged, except that the sender may request confirmation of receipt by calling the Executive Secretariat staff at (202) 663-4070 (voice) or (202) 663-4074 (TTY) (these are not toll-free telephone numbers). Copies of comments submitted to EEOC by the public will be available to review at the Commission's library, Room 6502, 1801 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20507 between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lisa Fisher, Acting Director, Office of Communications and Legislative Affairs, 1801 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20507, (202) 663-4056 (voice). This notice is available in the following formats: Large print, braille, audio tape and electronic file on computer disk. Requests for this notice in an alternative format should be made to the Publications Center at 1-800-699-3362.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) enforces title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Equal Pay Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Rehabilitation Act, title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Pregnancy Employment Discrimination Act. Pursuant to its authority under those statutes, EEOC launched the "Freedom to Compete" (FTC) initiative, a national outreach, education and coalition-building strategy designed to complement the agency's enforcement and litigation efforts by identifying EEO practices and programs worthy of emulation. The Commission has built and seeks to further build partnerships and strategic alliances with various stakeholders that can directly and indirectly ensure equal opportunity in the nation's workplaces. One component of this initiative is the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Freedom to Compete" Award. The Award is designed to recognize employers, organizations and entities whose extraordinary efforts embody the EEOC's mission of ensuring individuals the freedom to compete in the workplace on a level playing field regardless of race, color, gender, age, national origin, religion or disability. The Award will be presented to entities that have demonstrated exemplary efforts in promoting free and unfettered access to opportunities in the workplace. The Award will be based on nominations received from the public.

This notice concerns the nomination form which constitutes a collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act. A prior notice that the EEOC would be submitting this request