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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 October 18, 1999 Through October 22, 1999 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 10, 1999 (63 FR 17856).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-J65314-MT Rating EC2, Flathead National Forest, Swan Lake Ranger District, Meadow Smith Project, Vegetative Treatments and Other Activities to Maintain and Restore Large-Tree Old Growth Forest Characteristics, Lake and Missoula Counties, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with potential adverse impacts to the watershed from proposed road density.

EPA believes additional monitoring information is needed to fully assess and mitigate all potential impacts of the management actions.

ERP No. D-BLM-G65069-NM Rating EC2, Rio Puerco Resource Management Plan Amendment, Managing Land and Resource for EL Malpais National Conservation Area and Chain of Craters Wilderness Study Area, Lies South of the City of Grants, Cibola County, NM.

Summary: EPA has identified environmental concerns in the areas of mitigation, livestock grazing, water quality, recreation, transportation, cultural resources, wildlife habitat, and environmental justice. EPA requested that these issues be clarified in the final document.

ERP No. D-COE-C30010-NJ Rating EC2, Barnegat Inlet to Little Egg Inlet Hurricane and Storm Damage Protection, Implementation, Long Beach Island, Ocean County, NJ.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about the potential cumulative impacts associated with this and other related erosion/storm damage protection projects in the area. EPA requested that additional information be presented in the final EIS to address this issue.

ERP No. D-FHW-E40780-NC Rating EC2, US-1 Transportation Improvements, From Sandhill Road (SR-197) to North to Fox Road (SR-1606), Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, City of Rockingham, Richmond County, NC.

Summary: EPA expressed concern regarding purpose and need, alternatives and wetland impacts. EPA requested that these issues be clarified and mitigated as necessary.

ERP No. D-FHW-J40150-ND Rating LO, Interstate 29 Reconstruction Project, Improvements from Rose Coulee to Cass County Road No. 20, Funding, City of Fargo, ND.

Summary: EPA requested additional information and clarification related to project alternatives. The review did not identify and potential impacts requiring substantive changes to the proposal.

ERP No. D-USN-K11103-GU Rating EC2, Surplus Navy Property Identified in the Guam Land Use Plan (GLUP '94) for Disposal and Reuse, Implementation, GU.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns about the air modeling data and cumulative impacts analysis. EPA requested that the air quality data be corrected and that additional cumulative impacts analysis be provided in the final document.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-L65308-ID, Eagle Bird Project Area, Timber Harvesting and Road Construction, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, St. Joe Ranger District, Shoshone County, ID.

Summary: EPA continues to be concerned that funding for road improvements and obliteration are uncertain. Thus, impacts from the project may not be completely mitigated.

ERP No. F-FHW-F40374-MN, MN-TH-14 Corridor Reconstruction, MN-TH-60 to I-35, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, Blue Earth, Waseca and Steele Counties, MN.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with the completeness of the traffic analysis used in the FEIS and a potential discrepancy in the FEIS regarding the total amount of wetland impacts. EPA recommends that these two issues be resolved in the Record of Decision and that narrow

construction limits be used to reduce wetland impacts.

ERP No. F-USN-K11094-00, Developing Home Port Facilities For Three NIMITZ-Class Aircraft Carriers in Support of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, Construction and Operation, Coronado, CA; Bremerton and Everett, WA, Pearl Harbor, HI.

Summary: EPA expressed a continuing concern regarding sediment quality, dredging and dredged material disposal issues at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and, to a lesser extent, at North Island Naval Air Station, asking that the Navy address these issues in its NEPA Record of Decision and/or in any subsequent permit application(s) to the Army Corps of Engineers. On other issues the FEIS was generally responsive to prior concerns EPA raised on the Draft EIS.

ERP No. FA-NIH-D81023-MD, National Institutes of Health Bethesda Main Campus Comprehensive Master Plan, Updated and Additional Information for the Revision to the Northwest Sector Plan, Montgomery County, MD.

Summary: EPA has determined that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has adequately addressed its comments within the Final Supplemental EIS.

ERP No. FS-NRC-A00164-00, Generic EIS—License Renewal of Nuclear Power Plants Operating Licenses, NUREG-1437 Addendum 1.

Summary: No formal comment letter sent to preparing agency.

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Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) or Superfund, Section 104, Announcement of Proposal Deadline for the Competition for the FY 2000 Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Pilots

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposal deadlines, revised guidelines.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will begin to accept proposals for the FY