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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**[ER-FRL-6682-2]**

### **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 7, 2006 (71 FR 17845).

#### **Draft EISS**

EIS No. 20060295, ERP No. D-BLM-J65468-WY, Casper Field Office Planning Area Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Natrona, Converse, Goshen, and Platte Counties, WY.

*Summary:* EPA supports BLM's goal to update the RMP based on emerging issues and changing circumstances and appreciates efforts to address impacts to wetlands, riparian habitat, and water quality, but had environmental concerns about impacts to these resources and the Final EIS should include additional mitigation measures. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20060311, ERP No. D-NPS-J61110-UT, Utah Museum of Natural History, Construction and Operation, New Museum Facility at University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT.

*Summary:* EPA does not object to the proposed action. Rating LO.

EIS No. 20060362, ERP No. D-NOA-L91028-AK, Alaska Groundfish Harvest Specifications Project, Establish Harvest Strategy for the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) and Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Groundfish Fisheries, AK.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns because the preferred alternative would have greater impacts to target and non-target species than other alternatives, and requested additional information on how environmental justice requirements were met. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20060374, ERP No. D-AFS-J65472-CO, Bull Mountain Natural

Gas Pipeline, Construct, Operate and Maintain Natural Gas Pipeline, Issuance of Right-of-Way Grant and Temporary Use Area Permits, Gunnison, Delta, Mesa, Garfield Counties, CO.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential adverse impacts to wetlands and riparian areas, vegetation, air and water quality, and off-road vehicle and inventoried road-less area aspects within the pipeline disturbance corridor, and suggests that the Final EIS include additional BMPs that avoid or reduce impacts. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20060420, ERP No. DS-AFS-F65047-IN, German Ridge Restoration Project, New Information on 2006 Land and Resource Management Plan and on the Inadequate Effects Analysis, Implementation, Hoosier National Forest, Tell City Ranger District, Perry County, IN.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns and recommended the FEIS include additional analysis focusing on quantity of habitat types affected/created by proposed management activities at the project, cumulative impacts, and forest levels. Rating EC2.

#### **Final EISs**

EIS No. 20060371, ERP No. F-BLM-J65432-CO, Roan Plateau Resource Management Plan Amendment, Including Former Naval Oil Shale Reserves 1 and 3, Garfield and Rio Blanco Counties, CO.

*Summary:* EPA continues to have environmental concerns about potential adverse impacts from increased access to the top of the Roan Plateau, fragmentation of critical winter habitat for mule deer (base of plateau), maintaining areas with wilderness characteristics, and adverse impacts from sedimentation on the Colorado cutthroat.

EIS No. 20060396, ERP No. F-NPS-J65442-WY, Grand Teton National Park Transportation Plan, Implementation, Grand Teton National Park, Teton County, WY.

*Summary:* EPA continues to have environmental concerns about the NPS's wetland impairment classification process and potential for adverse impacts to wetlands from the selected alternative.

EIS No. 20060398, ERP No. F-AFS-J65460-UT, Upper Strawberry Allotments Grazing, Authorize Livestock Grazing, Hebert Ranger District, Pinta National Forest, Wasatch County, UT.

*Summary:* EPA's environmental concerns about adverse impacts from cattle grazing on riparian habitat and water quality have been addressed by the development of a more comprehensive Adaptive Management Plan; therefore, EPA does not object to the proposed action.

EIS No. 20060447, ERP No. F-BLM-K08031-00, Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project, Construction and Operation of a New 230-mile 500 kV Electric Transmission Line between Devers Substation in California and Harquahala Generating Substation in Arizona.

*Summary:* The Final EIS addressed EPA's concerns with potential cumulative impacts to air quality, and compliance with CWA section 404; therefore, EPA does not object to the proposed action.

EIS No. 20060450, ERP No. F-NRS-B36026-MA, Cape Cod Water Resources Restoration Project, Restore Degraded Salt Marshes, Restore Anadromous Fish Passages, and Improve Water Quality for Shellfishing Area, Cape Cod, Barnstable County, MA.

*Summary:* EPA does not object to the project.

EIS No. 20060439, ERP No. FS-AFS-K65184-CA, Rock Creek Recreational Trails Project, Updated Information on Habitat Status and Population Trend for the Pacific Deer Herd, Implementation, Eldorado National Forest, Eldorado County, CA.

*Summary:* No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing 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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EIS No. 20060501, Draft EIS, BLM, 00, Yuma Field Office (YFO) Resource

Management Plan, Provide Direction Managing Public Lands, Implementation, Yuma, La Paz and Maricopa Counties, AZ and Imperial and Riverside Counties, CA, Comment Period Ends: 03/15/2007, Contact: Micki Bailey 928-317-3215.

EIS No. 20060502, Draft EIS, NPS, CA, Giacomini Wetland Restoration Project, Propose to Restore Natural Hydrologic and Ecological Processes, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Point Reyes National Seashore, Marin County, CA, Comment Period Ends: 01/29/2007, Contact: Loraine Parsons 415-464-5100.

EIS No. 20060503, Final EIS, FHW, 00, Interstate 69 Section of Independent Utility #9, Construction from the Interstate 55/MS State Route 304 Interchange in Hernando, MS to the Intersection of U.S. 51 and State Route 385 in Millington, TN, Desoto and Marshall Counties, MS and Shelby and Fayette Counties, TN, Wait Period Ends: 01/16/2007, Contact: Karen M. Brunelle 615-781-5772.

EIS No. 20060504, Final EIS, IBR, CA, South Delta Improvements Program, To Improve Water Quality, Water Conveyance, and Fish Habitat Conditions, Central Valley Project, U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, South Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, Several Counties, CA, Wait Period Ends: 01/16/2007, Contact: Sharon McHale 916-978-5086.

EIS No. 20060505, Draft EIS, NOA, 00, South Atlantic Snapper Grouper Fishery, Amendment 14 to Establish Eight Marine Protected Areas in Federal Waters, Implementation, South Atlantic Region, Comment Period Ends: 01/29/2007, Contact: Cristi Reid 301-713-1622 Ext 206.

EIS No. 20060506, Final EIS, COE, SC, Charleston Naval Complex (CNC), Proposed Construction of a Marine Container Terminal, Cooper River in Charleston Harbor, City of North Charleston, Charleston County, SC, Wait Period Ends: 01/16/2007, Contact: Nathaniel I. Ball 1-866-329-8187.

EIS No. 20060507, Draft EIS, FHW, UT, South Logan to Providence Transportation Corridor Project, Improvements to 100 East Street between 300 South (Logan) to Providence Lane (100 North) in Providence, Funding and Right-of-Way Grant, Cities of Logan and Providence, Cache County, UT, Comment Period Ends: 01/29/2007, Contact: Todd Emery 801-963-0078 Ext 235.

EIS No. 20060508, Draft Supplement, STB, TX, Southwest Gulf Railroad

Project, Additional Information to Proposed Rail Line Construction and Operation Exemption, To Transport Limestone from Vulcan Construction Materials (VCM) Quarry to Del Rio Subdivision, Medina County, TX, Comment Period Ends: 01/29/2007, Contact: Rini Ghosh 202-565-1539.

EIS No. 20060509, Draft EIS, SFW, WA, Hanford Reach National Monument Comprehensive Conservation Plan, Management of Monument Resources, Programs and Visitors for the next 15 years, Adams, Benton, Franklin and Grant Counties, WA, Comment Period Ends: 02/23/2007, Contact: Charles Houghten 503-231-2096.

EIS No. 20060510, Draft EIS, NRC, MA, Generic—License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, Supplement 29 to NUREG-1437, Regarding the License Renewal of Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station, Cape Cod Bay, Town of Plymouth, Plymouth County, MA, Comment Period Ends: 02/28/2007, Contact: Alicia Williamson 301-415-1878.

EIS No. 20060511, Final EIS, DOE, 00, Strategic Petroleum Reserve Expansion, Site Selection of Five New Sites: Chacahoula and Clovelly, in Lafourche Parish, LA; Burinsburg, Claiborne County, MS; Richton, Perry County, MS; and Stratton Ridge, Brazoria County, TX and Existing Site Bayou Choctaw, Iberville Parish, LA, West Hackberry, Cameron and Calcasieu Parishes, LA; and Big Hill, Jefferson County, TX, Wait Period Ends: 01/16/2007, Contact: Donald Silawsky 202-586-1892.

EIS No. 20060512, Draft Supplement, BLM, WY, Pinedale Anticline Oil and Gas Exploration and Development Project, Updated Information a Proposal for Long-Term Development with Year Round Drilling, Sublette County, WY, Comment Period Ends: 02/12/2007, Contact: Matt Anderson 307-367-5328.

### Amended Notices

EIS No. 20060378, Draft EIS, NPS, 00, Programmatic—Servicewide Benefits Sharing Project, To Clarify the Rights and Responsibilities of Researchers and National Park Service (NPS) Management in Connection with the Use of Valuable Discoveries, Inventions, and Other Developments across the United States, Comment Period Ends: 01/29/2007, Contact: Susan M. Mills 307-344-2203.

Revision of FR Notice Published 09/22/2006: Extending Comment Period from 12/15/2006 to 01/29/2007.

EIS No. 20060431, Draft EIS, COE, NC, PCS Phosphate Mine Continuation, Proposes Continue Mining of the