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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared May 22, 1995 Through May 26, 1995 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) 260-5076.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 14, 1995 (60 FR 19047).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-K61136-00 Rating EO2, Heavenly Ski Resort Master Plan, Improvement, Expansion and Management, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Special-Use-Permit, Douglas County, NV and El Dorado and Alpine Counties, CA.

SUMMARY: EPA expressed environmental objections to the proposed action due to potential adverse impacts to air and water quality. EPA urged consideration of a reduced development alternative that would have fewer impacts. EPA requested that the proposed project impacts be mitigated.

ERP No. D-BIA-J65231-MT Rating EC2, Yellowstone Pipe Line Easement, Construction and Operation, Renewal of Right-of-Way (ROW) Grant for Easement, Across the Flathead Indian Reservation, Approval of Trust and Allotted Lands and COE Section 404 Permit, Missoula, Lake and Sanders Counties, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding the proposed action route, and the No Action Alternative. EPA indicated that the Modified Existing Route Alternative (MERA) is environmentally preferable and that industry state-of-the art leak detection equipment and valves be incorporated into the pipeline. In addition, a Product Spill Responsible Plan should be prepared and available for review with the final EIS.

ERP No. D-BLM-J02031-WY Rating EC2, Fontenelle Natural Gas Infill Drilling Projects, Implementation, Right-of-Way Grants and Permit Issuance, Sweetwater and Lincoln Counties, WY.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns, especially cumulative impacts on air and water quality from the proposed action and numerous other proposed and current

oil and gas actions in SW Wyoming. EPA has requested that the final EIS address this and supply additional information on monitoring and mitigation.

ERP No. D-DOE-A00168-00 Rating LO, Nuclear Weapons Nonproliferation Policy Concerning Foreign Research Reactor Spent Nuclear Fuel, Implementation, United States and Abroad.

SUMMARY: EPA reviewed the proposed action and the alternatives and had no comments.

ERP No. D-DOE-D05123-PA Rating EC2, York County Energy Partners Cogeneration Facility, Funding, Construction and Operation, 250 Megawatt Coal-Fired Cogeneration Facility, Clean Coal Technology Program (CCTP), North Codorus Township, York County, PA.

SUMMARY: EPA expressed environmental concerns based on deficiencies in the health assessment and concern that the air and solid waste emissions could be further reduced. EPA proposed a stakeholders meeting to discuss new technologies to further reduce project emissions.

ERP No. DS-FHW-D40141-00 Rating EC1, Appalachian Corridor D Construction, Ohio River to I-77, Updated Information concerning the completion of Corridor D "Missing Link", from US 50 in Belpre, OH to the Interchange east of Parkersburg, WV, US Coast Guard Bridge, COE Section 404 and NPDES Permits, WV and OH.

SUMMARY: While this document adequately addressed most of our previous concerns, EPA continues to have environmental concerns regarding potential stream/water quality impacts. EPA believes that the alternatives which avoid Blennerhassett Island a preferable.

FINAL EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-L61199-ID, Salmon Wild and Scenic River Corridor Project, Issuance of Special-Use-Permits for three Private Camps, Salmon National Forest, Salmon County, ID.

SUMMARY: Review of the final EIS has been completed and the project found to be environmentally satisfactory. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing Agency.

ERP No. F-AFS-L65239-OR, East Fork Deer Creek Long-Term Ecosystem Productivity Research Study, Implementation, Willamette National Forest, Blue River Ranger District, Lane County, OR.

SUMMARY: EPA provided no formal written comments. EPA has no objection to the preferred alternative as described in the EIS.

ERP No. F-FHW-D40266-MD, Canal Parkway Development Study, Improvement from MD-51 to the Wiley Ford Bridge in Cumberland, Funding, Right-of-Way Grant and COE Section 404 Permit, Allegany County, MD.

Summary: Review of the final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-FHW-G40138-TX, US 82 Highway (East-West Freeway in the City of Lubbock) Transportation Improvements from South of Loop 289 to East of I-27 and Relocation of the Seagraves, Whiteface and Lubbock Railroad, Funding and Right-of-Way Grant, Lubbock County, TX.

Summary: EPA believes the final EIS has reasonably responded to comments. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-UAF-D11021-PA, Institute for Advanced Science and Technology (IAST) Site Selection and Construction, Funding, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

Summary: EPA does not have any comments regarding the project. The final EIS adequately addresses our concerns on this project. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. FS-NRC-E06008-TN, Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, Updated Information Related to the Operations, Facility Operating License and NPDES Permit Issuance, Rhea County, TN.

Summary: EPA had environmental concerns that this document did not adequately address two issues raised at the draft EIS stage: need for power; and pollution prevention and recommended that future NEPA documents be more inclusive of these issues.

Regulations

ERP No. R-NRC-A09823-00, 10 CFR Part 60 Disposal of High-Level Radioactive Wastes in Geologic Repositories; Proposed Rules FR 59.15180.

Summary: EPA reviewed the proposed rule and had no comments. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

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