

**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 (202) 564-7153.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed February 26, 1996 Through March 1, 1996 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 960094, FINAL EIS, BOP, HI, Honolulu, Hawaii Detention Facility, Construction and Operation, Site Selection, Fort Armstrong, Ualena Street, Lagoon Drive, Elliott Street, HI, Due: April 8, 1996, Contact: David J. Dorworth (202) 514-6470.

EIS No. 960095, FINAL EIS, FAA, NJ, Newark International Airport Ground Access Monorail-Northeast Corridor Connection Project, Funding, Construction, Operation, Airport Layout Plant and Approval, Essex and Union Counties, NJ, Due: April 8, 1996, Contact: Larry Schafer (718) 553-3340.

EIS No. 960096, DRAFT EIS, FHW, IA, NB, US 34 Roadway and Bridge Improvements, I-29 in Mills County, IA to US 75 in Cass or Sarpy Counties, NB, COE Section 404 and US Coast Guard Permits, Mills County, Iowa and Cass & Sarpy Counties, Nebraska, Due: April 22, 1996, Contact: Phil Barnes (402) 437-5521.

EIS No. 960097, DRAFT EIS, BIA, NM, Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative, Construction, Operation and Maintenance, El Rancho Substation, Sante Fe County, NM, Due: April 22, 1996, Contact: Charles Tippeconnic (505) 766-3374.

EIS No. 960098, DRAFT EIS, FRC, VT, MA, Deefield River Hydroelectric Project (FERC. 2323), Issuing New License (Relicense), Bear Swamp Pumped Storage Project (FERC. No. 2669) and Gardners Falls Project (FERC. No. 2334), VT and MA, Due: April 22, 1996, Contact: CarLisa M. Linton (202) 219-2802.

EIS No. 960099, DRAFT EIS, AFS, OR, Red Mountain Project, Implementation, Three Timber Sales: Twin, Muddy Creek and Gee, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, Baker Ranger District, Baker County, OR, Due: April 22, 1996, Contact: Barry Hansen (503) 523-6391.

EIS No. 960100, FINAL EIS, SFW, CO, Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge Establishment and Operation, Implementation, Adam County, CO, Due: April 8, 1996, Contact: Dave Shaffer (303) 289-0232.

EIS No. 960101, DRAFT EIS, DOE, TN, GA, TX, SC, MO, Programmatic EIS—Stockpile Stewardship and Management Project, Reduced Nuclear Weapons Stockpile in the Absence of Underground Testing, Eight Sites: Oak Ridge Reservation (ORR), Savannah River Site (SRS), Kansas City Plant (KCP) Pantex Plant, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Sandia National and Nevada Test Site, Due: May 7, 1996, Contact: Jay Rose (202) 586-5484.

EIS No. 960102, DRAFT EIS, FRC, ME, Eel Weir Hydroelectric Project (FERC. No. 2984) Implementation, Water Level Management Plan, Sebago Lake, Cumberland County, ME, Due: April 22, 1996, Contact: Thomas J. LoVallo (202) 219-1168.

EIS No. 960103, FINAL SUPPLEMENT, COE, CA, American River Watershed Flood Plain Protection Project, Construction, Operation and Maintenance, Updated and Additional Information, Sacramento, Placer and Sutter Counties, CA, Due: April 8, 1996, Contact: Mike Welsh (916) 557-6718. EIS No. 960104, DRAFT EIS, AFS, ID, Targhee National Forest, Implementation, Forest Plan Revisions, Bonneville, Butte, Clark, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison and Teton Counties, ID, Due: June 7, 1996, Contact: Jerry Reese (208) 624-3151.

EIS No. 960105, FINAL EIS, AFS, MT, Helena National Forest and Elkhorn Mountain portion of the Deerlodge National Forest Land and Resources Management Plan, Oil and Gas Leasing, Implementation, several counties, MT, Due: April 8, 1996, Contact: Thomas Andersen (406) 449-5201.

EIS No. 960106, DRAFT EIS, DOE, Programmatic EIS—Storage and Disposition of Weapon-Usable Fissile Materials, Implementation, Storage of all Plutonium and Highly Enriched Uranium and the Disposition of Surplus Plutonium, Sites Considered: Hanford Site, Idaho National Engineering Laboratory, Nevada Test Site, Oak Ridge Reservation, Pantex Plant and Savannah River Site, Due: May 7, 1996, Contact: J. David Nulton (202) 586-4513.

Dated: March 5, 1996.

William D. Dickerson,  
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**Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments**

Availability of EPA comments prepared February 19, 1996 Through February 23, 1996 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 14, 1995 (60 FR 19047).

**Draft EISs**

ERP No. D-DOE-L09806-WA Rating EC2, Northwest Regional Power Facility (NRPF), Construction and Operation if a 838 Megawatt (MW) Gas-fired Combustion Turbine Facility, Approval of Permits, Located near the Town of Creston, WA.

Summary: EPA's environmental concerns are based on potential impacts to water quality, wetlands and air quality.

ERP No. D-DOE-L09808-WA Rating EC2, Plutonium Finishing Plant (PFP) Stabilization, To Safely Reduced Radiation Exposure to Workers and Environment, Hanford Site, Richland, Benton County, WA.

Summary: EPA's environmental concerns are based on the need to clarify the alternative analysis and better reference the proposed activity and the Tri-Party Agreement for the Hanford Facility.

ERP No. D-NOA-K90028-HI Rating EC2, Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whales and Their Habitat National Marine Sanctuary Management Plan, Implementation, Honolulu, Kauai and Maui Counties, HI.

Summary: EPA had environmental concerns regarding the potential impacts to the management and regulatory flexibility of existing regulatory programs. EPA's concerns included potential impacts to existing and future designations of dredge disposal sites, modifications to the seabed, the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting system, and water quality programs. EPA supports the development of MOUs with other agencies and stresses the need for close coordination with EPA, U.S. Corps of Engineers, and Hawaii's Department of Health regarding the above regulatory programs and any enforcement actions. Additional

detailed data was requested to support evaluations regarding potential benefits or adverse impacts.

ERP No. D-SFW-L99005-WA Rating EC2, Plum Creek Timber Sale, Issuance of a Permit to Allow Incidental Take and Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for Threatened and Endangered Species, Implementation, Eastern and Western Cascade Provinces in the Cascade Mountains, King and Kittitas Counties, WA.

Summary: EPA had environmental concerns with the project based on the potential impacts of land management activities on water quality, particularly to existing water quality limited/303(d)—listed streams in the HCP area, and on the effective implementation of an adaptive management strategy. EPA requests that the HCP incorporate more in-depth monitoring activities for changed in water quality related to sediment loading and temperature, and a stronger commitment toward possible adjustments of land management activities in response to monitoring results.

#### Final EISs

ERP No. F-DOE-E06015-SC, Savannah River Site Interim Management of Nuclear Materials, Implementation, Aiken and Barnwell Counties, SC.

Summary: EPA's draft EIS comments were adequately addressed in the final EIS. Additional comments were provided in support of DOE's preferred alternative.

ERP No. F-FAA-K51032-CA, Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport, Replacement Passenger Terminal Construction, Approval, Los Angeles County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding air conformity, asbestos and polychlorinated biphenyls requirement. EPA recommended that these issues be addressed in the Record of Decision.

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William D. Dickerson,  
Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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#### [FRL-5438-1]

#### Investigator-Initiated Grants: Request for Applications

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides information on the availability of supplemental announcements for the fiscal year 1996 investigator-initiated grants program, in which the areas of research interest, eligibility and submission requirements, evaluation criteria, and implementation schedule are set forth. Grants will be competitively awarded following peer review.

**DATES:** Proposals must be received at the contact point by May 1, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Center for Environmental Research and Quality Assurance (8703), 401 M Street SW., Washington DC 20460, telephone (202) 260-3837, telefax (202) 260-2039. The complete announcements can be accessed on the Internet from the EPA home page menus: <<http://www.epa.gov/OER>>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In its Request for Applications (RFA) the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites research grant applications in the following areas of special interest to its mission: (1) Endocrine Disruptors, (2) Role of Interindividual Variation in Human Susceptibility to Cancer, (3) Risk-based Decisions for Contaminated Sediments, in one document, and (4) Bioremediation, jointly with the Department of Energy, National Science Foundation, and the Office of Naval Research, in a second document.

The RFAs provide relevant background information, summarize EPA's interest in the topic areas, and describe the application and review process.

#### Contacts for Research Topics of Interest

##### *Endocrine Disruptors*

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##### *Role of Interindividual Variation in Human Susceptibility to Cancer*

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##### *Risk-Based Decisions for Contaminated Sediments*

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##### *Bioremediation*

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#### West Virginia Division of Environmental Protection: Partial Program Adequacy Determination of State Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Permit Program

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency Region III.

**ACTION:** Notice of Tentative Determination on the West Virginia Division of Environmental Protection Application for a Partial Program Adequacy Determination, Public Hearing and Public Comment Period.

**SUMMARY:** Section 4005(c)(1)(B) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) of 1984, requires States to develop and implement permit programs to ensure that municipal solid waste landfills (MSWLFs) which may receive hazardous household waste or small quantity generator waste will comply with the revised Federal MSWLF Criteria (40 CFR Part 258). RCRA Section 4005(c)(1)(C) requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to determine whether States have adequate "permit" programs for MSWLFs, but does not mandate issuance of a rule for such determinations. On January 26, 1996, EPA published in the Federal Register a proposed State/Tribal Implementation Rule (STIR) that provides procedures by which EPA will approve, or partially approve, State/Tribal landfill permit programs. The EPA intends to approve adequate State/Tribal MSWLF permit programs as applications are submitted. Thus, these approvals are not dependent on final promulgation of the STIR. Prior to the final promulgation of STIR, adequacy determinations will be made based on the statutory authorities and requirements. In addition, States/Tribes may use the proposed STIR as an aid in interpreting these requirements. The EPA believes that early approvals have an important benefit. Approved State/Tribal permit programs provide interaction between the State/Tribe and the owner/operator regarding site-specific permit conditions. Only those owners/operators located in States/Tribes with approved permit programs can use the site-specific flexibility provided by Part 258 to the extent the State/Tribal permit program allows such flexibility. EPA notes that regardless of the approval status of a State/Tribe and the permit status of any facility, the federal landfill criteria will apply to all permitted and unpermitted MSWLF facilities.