

training and distribution and posting of information about pesticide hazards, as well as pesticide application information; arrangements for the supply of soap, water, and towels in case of pesticide exposure; and provisions for emergency assistance.

Prior to September 1995, the WPS information collection activities were covered under OMB ICR No. 2070-0060. In September 1995, however, OMB approved an ICR that consolidated all the WPS information collection activities under a new ICR (EPA No. 1759; OMB No. 2070-0148). The information collection activity associated with the pesticides WPS includes a voluntary program to verify that training has been provided; the WPS provisions for display of basic pesticide safety information and pesticide-specific treatment (application) information at a central location on the agricultural establishment; the provisions requiring that employers provide employees with pesticide-specific treatment (application) information in the form of oral or written (posted) notification; the provisions that require the actual training for which the verification program was established or that basic pesticide safety information be provided to employees who have not completed the full WPS pesticide safety training and before they enter a treated area; the provisions requiring that pesticide handler employers provide pesticide-specific information to agricultural employers prior to treatment, that pesticide handler employers provide notification to handler employees regarding the safe operation and repair of equipment to be used in handling activities, and that pesticide handler employers provide emergency information on pesticide treatments to employees believed to be poisoned or those treating them; and the provisions requiring that employers provide employees with notification when exceptions/exemptions to the early entry restrictions are being implemented. (The major WPS labeling program was a one-time collection and is completed. Registrants of EPA-registered products may request that the Agency amend their previously approved label. Future requests from registrants for label amendments are covered as part of routine label amendments under a separate ICR approved by OMB under 2070-0060 (EPA ICR No. 277)).

The WPS requires that agricultural employers assure that agricultural workers and pesticide handlers are trained in basic pesticide safety practices to reduce the risk of pesticide

poisoning and other injuries. The EPA Training Verification Program is intended to achieve this by requiring the issuance of safety information to workers and handlers. Upon the completion of the training, the WPS provides for the issuance of "EPA-Approved Worker Protection Standard Training Certificates" to workers and handlers to allow employers to verify that workers and handlers have received WPS safety training. The initial burden for this collection activity (24,990 burden hours) is predicted to taper off to a much lower annual burden.

Burden Statement: The annual respondent burden for providing the notifications associated with this activity is estimated to total 3,443,705 hours, including all third party WPS training and notification requirements, such as provisions requiring employers to provide employees pesticide-specific treatment (application) information in the form of oral or written notification, provisions requiring that employers assure that employees receive basic pesticide safety information or training, a voluntary program to verify training and relieve duplication of training, provisions requiring handler notification to employers regarding pesticide treatments (applications) and provision for emergency information on pesticide treatments, and provisions requiring employers to notify employees when an exception/exemption to the WPS is being implemented.

II. Request for Comments

The Agency would appreciate any comments or information that could be used to:

- (i) Evaluate whether the proposed collections of information described above are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.
- (ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimates of the burdens of the proposed collections of information.
- (iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- (iv) Minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated or electronic collection technologies or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

The Agency is particularly interested in comments and information about the burden estimates, including examples that could be used to reflect the burdens imposed. Send comments regarding these matters, or any other aspect of

these information collections, including suggestions for reducing the burdens, to the docket under ADDRESSES listed above.

III. Public Record

A record has been established for this action under docket control number "OPP-00472" (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in Rm. 1132 of the Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:

opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

The official record for this action, as well as the public version, as described above will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the address in ADDRESSES at the beginning of this document.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Information collection requests, Pesticides, and Worker protection standards.

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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 24,

1997 Through February 28, 1997
Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 970065, Draft EIS, BLM, CA, Interlakes Special Recreation Management Area Plan, Implementation, Federal and Private Lands Issues, Shasta County, CA, *Due:* April 21, 1997, *Contact:* Eric A. Morgan (916) 224-2100.

EIS No. 970066, Draft EIS, FHW, GA, Harry S. Truman Parkway, Construction from the Abercorn Street Extension (GA-204) to Derenne Avenue, COE Section 404 Permit and U.S. Coast Guard Permit, Chatham County, GA, *Due:* April 21, 1997, *Contact:* Larry R. Dreihaupt (404) 562-3630.

EIS No. 970067, Draft Supplement, BLM, MT, SD, ND, Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management on Bureau of Land Management Administered Lands, Implementation, MT, ND and SD, *Due:* May 03, 1997, *Contact:* Sandy Brooks (406) 255-2929.

EIS No. 970068, Draft EIS, GSA, CO, Denver Federal Center Master Site Plan, Implementation, City of Lakewood, Jefferson County, CO, *Due:* April 28, 1997, *Contact:* Lisa Morpurgo (303) 236-7131.

EIS No. 970069, Final EIS, BLM, NV, Denton-Rawhide Mine Expansion Project, Plan of Operation Approval, Implementation, Mineral County, NV, *Due:* April 07, 1997, *Contact:* Terri Knutson (702) 885-6156.

EIS No. 970070, Draft EIS, AFS, NH, Waterville Valley Ski Resort Project, Development of Snowmaking Water Impoundments Project, Special-Use-Permits, Dredge and Fill Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, White Mountain National Forest, Pemigewasset Ranger District, Town of Waterville Valley, Grafton County, NH, *Due:* April 21, 1997, *Contact:* Jerome E. Perez (802) 767-4261.

EIS No. 970071, Draft EIS, USA, CA, Fleet and Industrial Supply Center/Vision 2000 Maritime Development, Disposal and Reuse, Funding, NPDES Permit, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, City of Oakland, Alameda County, CA, *Due:* April 21, 1997, *Contact:* Gary J. Muneakwa (415) 244-3022.

EIS No. 970072, Final EIS, BLM, NM, Roswell Resource Area Management Plan and Carlsbad Resource Area Management Plan Amendment, Implementation, Quay, Curry, DeBaca, Roosevelt, Lincoln, Guadalupe, Chaves, Eddy, and Lea Counties, NM, *Due:* April 07, 1997, *Contact:* David Stout (505) 627-0272.

EIS No. 970073, Draft EIS, AFS, AK, Chasina Timber Sale, Harvesting Timber and Road Construction, Tongass National Forest, Craig Ranger District, Ketchikan Administrative Area, AK, *Due:* April 25, 1997, *Contact:* Norm Matson (907) 228-6273.

EIS No. 970074, Final EIS, DOE, NV, CA, Sierra Nevada Region 2004 Power Marketing Program, Implementation, 1,480 megawatts (MW) Power from the Central Valley and Washoe Project, NV and CA, *Due:* April 07, 1997, *Contact:* Jerry Toeny (916) 353-4418.

Dated: March 4, 1997.

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

Availability of EPA comments prepared February 17, 1997 Through February 21, 1997 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 5, 1996 (61 FR 15251).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-FHW-G40144-AR Rating LO, US 71 Relocation, Construction extending from US 70 in DeQueen to I-40 near Alma, AR, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Sevier, Polk, Scott, Sebastian and Crawford Counties, AR.

Summary: EPA had no objection to the selection of the preferred alternative described in the draft EIS. ERP No. D-FHW-G50008-00 Rating LO, Great River Bridge, Construction, US 65 in Arkansas to MS-8 in Mississippi, Funding, COE Section 404 Permit and US Coast Guard Bridge Permit, Desha and Arkansas Counties, AR and Bolivar County, MS.

Summary: EPA had no objection to the proposed bridged river crossing. EPA supports the selection of an alternative alignment south of Big Island as the preferred route.

ERP No. D-NPS-K65194-AS Rating LO, National Park of American Samoa,

Implementation, General Management Plan, Islands of Tutuila, Ta'u and Ofu, Territory of American Samoa.

Summary: EPA had no objection to the action, however additional clarification was requested to be included in the final EIS.

Dated: March 4, 1997.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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Meeting To Create a Successor Organization to the Grand Canyon Visibility Transport Commission

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) is announcing an organizational meeting of the successor organization to the Grand Canyon Visibility Transport Commission (Commission). The meeting will be held on March 12-13, 1997 at the Atlantis Hotel, 3800 South Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada. The meeting will begin at 9:00 am on the 12th and end at noon on the 13th.

The Commission made recommendations to EPA per Section 169B of the Clean Air Act in June, 1996. At that time the Commission determined that a successor organization was necessary to track and coordinate the implementation of its recommendations. Subsequently the Commission approved, by mail ballot, the membership and general characteristics of such an organization.

At the meeting in Reno, the new organization will adopt by-laws governing its goals, principles and operating procedures. Whereas the principal function of the organization will be to foster the implementation of the Grand Canyon Visibility Transport Commission's recommendations, it will also consider additional functions relating to air quality in the western United States.

The Commission was established by U.S. EPA on November 13, 1991 (see 56 FR 57522, November 12, 1991). All meetings are open to the public. These meetings are not subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended.

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