

documented the environmental consequences of acquiring and using flows specified in the SJRA.

The purpose of the Proposed Project/Action is to supplement, under Paragraph 8 of the SJRA, the water provided by the SJRA that has been analyzed in the 1999 FEIS/EIR. The supplemental water consists of up to 47,000 acre-feet from the Tuolumne and Merced Rivers to provide full Vernalis Adaptive Management Plan (VAMP) test flow conditions at Vernalis during "double step years" for water years 2001 through 2010. This supplemental water may also assist Reclamation in meeting the Anadromous Fish Restoration Plan, Bay-Delta flow objectives as required by State Board Decision 1641, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's 1995 Biological Opinion for Delta Smelt.

The Proposed Project/Action area includes the Tuolumne, Merced, Stanislaus, and San Joaquin Rivers and related reservoirs and water districts in the counties of Tuolumne, Merced, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Mariposa, and Calaveras.

**DATES:** No decision will be made on the Proposed Project/Action until at least 30 days after the release of the Final SEIS/EIR. After the 30-day waiting period, Reclamation will be preparing a Record of Decision which will state the action to be implemented and the factors leading to the agency's decision.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Final SEIS/EIR may be requested from Mr. John Burke, Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region, 2800 Cottage Way, MP-410, Sacramento, CA 95825-1898, (916) 978-5556, or Mr. Dan Fuels, SJRGA, 200 Capitol Mall, Suite 900, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 449-3957.

See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for locations where copies of the Final SEIS/EIR are available for public inspection.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John Burke, Reclamation, at (916) 978-5556 [TDD (916) 978-5608]; or Mr. Dan Fuels, SJRGA, at (916) 449-3957.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The SJRA was established to provide a level of protection equivalent to the San Joaquin River flow objectives contained in the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) 1995 Water Quality Control Plan for the lower San Joaquin River and San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary (Delta). A key part of the SJRA is the VAMP which is a scientifically based adaptive fishery management plan to help determine the relationships between flows, exports, and other factors on fish survival in this region of the Delta. The SWRCB adopted pertinent provisions of the SJRA on

December 29, 1999, and issued its Revised Water Right Decision 1641 (D-1641) containing these provisions on March 15, 2000. D-1641 approved implementation of the VAMP through December 31, 2011.

The 1999 FEIS/EIR was prepared in January 1999 by the SJRGA and Reclamation to meet CEQA and NEPA requirements to address environmental impacts associated with acquiring water to meet the flow objectives in the SJRA. This document addressed the need for up to 110,000 acre-feet to meet a 31-day spring pulse flow target in the San Joaquin River at Vernalis. The SJRA allows for willing sellers among the SJRGA to sell Reclamation additional water when the spring pulse flow target exceeds 110,000 acre-feet. The 1999 FEIS/EIR prepared for the SJRA acknowledged the need for this additional water from willing sellers in some water years but did not address the environmental impacts associated with acquiring this supplemental water.

The purpose of the Final SEIS/EIR is to update and supplement analyses presented in the 1999 FEIS/EIR to address the acquisition of up to 47,000 acre-feet of water annually during the 2001 through 2010 water years.

Copies of the Final SEIS/EIR are available for public inspection and review at the following locations:

- San Joaquin River Group Authority, 400 Capitol Mall, Suite 900, Sacramento, California 95814; telephone: (916) 449-3957
- Bureau of Reclamation, Denver Office Library, Building 67, Room 167, Denver Federal Center, 6th and Kipling, Denver, Colorado 80225; telephone: (303) 445-2072
- Bureau of Reclamation, Public Affairs Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825-1898; telephone: (916) 978-5100
- Natural Resources Library, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Main Interior Building, Washington, DC 20240-0001

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

#### Potholes Reservoir Resource Management Plan, Grant County, WA

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of review and comment period.

**SUMMARY:** A Notice of Availability and Public Hearing was published in the **Federal Register** on February 6, 2001 (66 FR 9094-9095). This notice extends the period for review and comment from March 27, 2001, to April 27, 2001.

Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), prepared a draft environmental impact statement (Draft EIS) to document the analysis of four alternatives, including the No Action Alternative, for resource management in the Potholes Reservoir Study area. The alternatives respond differently to the issues and concerns identified during project planning. The Preferred Alternative is Alternative B, which balances the management agencies' and public's long-term vision for Potholes Reservoir and recognizes the need to protect the natural and cultural environment while supporting the overall recreational interest of the visitors.

**DATES:** Written comments on the Draft EIS must be received no later than April 27, 2001 at the address listed in **ADDRESSES** section below.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the Draft EIS should be submitted to Mr. Jim Blanchard, Bureau of Reclamation, Ephrata Field Office, 32 C Street, Box 815, Ephrata, WA 98823; or by fax (509) 754-0239.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from public disclosure, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public disclosure in their entirety.

See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for locations where copies of the Draft EIS are available for public review and inspection.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information, or to obtain a copy of the Draft EIS, contact Mr. Jim Blanchard at (509) 754-0239, extension 226.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of developing a RMP for Potholes Reservoir is to balance the

resource protection and conservation objectives with the rising demand for increased recreation opportunities, visitor facilities, and support services.

#### Review and Inspection of the Draft EIS

Copies of the Draft EIS are available for public review and inspection at the following locations:

- Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Department of the Interior, Room 7455, 18th and C Streets, NW, Washington, D.C.
- Bureau of Reclamation, Pacific Northwest Regional Office, 1150 North Curtis Road, Suite 100, Boise, Idaho.
- Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Columbia Area Office, 1917 Marsh Road, Yakima, Washington.
- Bureau of Reclamation, Ephrata Field Office, 32 C Street, Box 815, Ephrata, WA.

#### Libraries

- Bridgeport Community Library, Bridgeport WA.
- Des Moines Library, 21620 11th Avenue S., Des Moines, WA.
- Coulee City Community Library, Coulee City, WA.
- East Wenatchee Community Library, 271 9th Street NE, East Wenatchee, WA.
- Ephrata Public Library, 45 Alder NW, Ephrata, WA.
- Moses Lake Public Library, 418 E. 5th Avenue, Moses Lake, WA.
- Royal City Community Library, Royal City, WA.
- Soap Lake Community Library, Soap Lake, WA.
- Wenatchee Public Library, 310 Douglas Street, Wenatchee, WA.

#### Internet

The Draft EIS is also available on the Internet at <http://www.pn.usbr.gov/>

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

#### Petitions for Modification

The following parties have filed petitions to modify the application of existing safety standards under section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977.

##### 1. Highland Mining Company

[Docket No. M-2001-001-C]

Highland Mining Company, 1951 Barrett Court, P.O. Box 1990,

Henderson, Kentucky 42419-1990 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1905(a) (dispensing of diesel fuel) to its Highland Mine (I.D. No. 15-02709) located in Union County, Kentucky. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to allow underground diesel fueled vehicles to be refueled from a surface diesel fuel storage tank. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

##### 2. Kentucky May Mining Company

[Docket No. M-2001-002-C]

Kentucky May Mining Company, P.O. Box 462, Stanville, Kentucky 41659 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.503 (permissible electric face equipment; maintenance) and 30 CFR 18.41(f) (plug and receptacle-type connectors) to its Genesis Mine No. 1 (I.D. No. 15-17452) located in Knott County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use a permanently installed spring-loaded device on mobile battery-powered equipment instead of using padlocks, to prevent unintentional loosening of battery plugs from battery receptacles and to eliminate the hazards associated with difficult removal of padlocks during emergency situations. The petitioner asserts that application of the existing standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners and that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

##### 3. Eagle Coal Company, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2001-003-C]

Eagle Coal Company, Inc., P.O. Box 399, Lovely, Kentucky 41231 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.503 (permissible electric face equipment; maintenance) and 30 CFR 18.41(f) (plug and receptacle-type connectors) to its No. 18 Mine (I.D. No. 15-18307) located in Martin County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use a permanently installed spring-loaded device on mobile battery-powered equipment instead of using padlocks, to prevent unintentional loosening of battery plugs from battery receptacles and to eliminate the hazards associated with difficult removal of padlocks during emergency situations. The petitioner asserts that application of the existing standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners and that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same

measure of protection as the existing standard.

##### 4. Long Fork Development, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2001-004-C]

Long Fork Development, Inc., P.O. Box 480, Lovely, Kentucky 41231 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.503 (permissible electric face equipment; maintenance) and 30 CFR 18.41(f) (plug and receptacle-type connectors) to its No. 5 Mine (I.D. No. 15-18279) located in Martin County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use a permanently installed spring-loaded device on mobile battery-powered equipment instead of using padlocks, to prevent unintentional loosening of battery plugs from battery receptacles and to eliminate the hazards associated with difficult removal of padlocks during emergency situations. The petitioner asserts that application of the existing standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners and that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

##### 5. Taurus Coal Company, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2001-005-C]

Taurus Coal Company, Inc., P.O. Box 480, Lovely, Kentucky 41231 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.503 (permissible electric face equipment; maintenance) and 30 CFR 18.41(f) (plug and receptacle-type connectors) to its No. 8 Mine (I.D. No. 15-18239) located in Johnson County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use a permanently installed spring-loaded device on mobile battery-powered equipment instead of using padlocks, to prevent unintentional loosening of battery plugs from battery receptacles and to eliminate the hazards associated with difficult removal of padlocks during emergency situations. The petitioner asserts that application of the existing standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners and that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

##### 6. Coalburg Enterprises, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2001-006-C]

Coalburg Enterprises, Inc., P.O. Box 399, Lovely, Kentucky 41231 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.503 (permissible electric face equipment; maintenance) and 30 CFR 18.41(f) (plug and receptacle-type connectors) to its No. 1 Mine (I.D. No. 15-17559) located in Martin County,