

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[ER-FRL-6686-8]

**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 6, 2007 (72 FR 17156).

**Draft EISs**

*EIS No. 20070033, ERP No. D-FTA-C54010-00, Access to the Region's Core Project, To Increase Trans-Hudson Commuter Rail Capacity, Improve System Safety and Reliability between Secaucus Junction Station in NJ and midtown Manhattan, Funding, Hudson County, NJ and New York County, NY.*

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns about impacts to wetlands and air quality. EPA recommends that FTA provides more information on cumulative impacts as well as a wetlands mitigation plan. Rating EC2.

*EIS No. 20070078, ERP No. D-NPS-C61011-NY, Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, General Management Plan, Implementation, Oyster Bay, Nassau County, NY.*

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

*EIS No. 20070097, ERP No. D-NOA-A91075-00, Programmatic—Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program (MMHSRP), Day-to-Day Operation on Stranding, Response, Rehabilitation, Release, and Disentanglement Activities.*

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

However, EPA did request that NMFS clarify questions pertaining to water quality, contaminants, and human health. Rating LO.

**Final EISs**

*EIS No. 20070057, ERP No. F-FHW-E40763-NC, Winston-Salem Northern Beltway, ( Eastern Section) U.S. 52 south to I-40 Business and I-40 Business south to U.S. 311, Improvements to the Surface Transportation Network, TIP Project*

Nos. U2579 and U-2579A, Forsyth County, NC ( This EIS #20070057 and EIS #20070058 are combined in a single document.)

*Summary:* EPA continues to have environmental concerns about impacts to streams, terrestrial forest habitat, and impacts to migratory birds. EPA recommends that the Record of Decision disclose planned mitigation for these impacts.

*EIS No. 20070106, ERP No. F-FRC-H03002-00, Rockies Express Western Phase Project, Construction and Operation for the Natural Gas Pipeline Facilities: Rockies Express (CP06-354-000), TransColorado (CP06-401-000) and Overthrust (CP06-423-000), CO, WY, NE, KS, MO and NM.*

*Summary:* EPA does not object to the proposed project, but recommends additional consideration be given to potential invasive species transfer via hydrostatic testing.

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[ER-FRL-6686-7]

**Environmental Impacts 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 Filed through pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9

*EIS No. 20070176, Draft EIS, AFS, CO, Spruce Creek Project, Proposed Timber Harvest, Temporary Road Construction, Thinning of Sub-Merchantable Trees, Enhancement of Asper and Whitebark Pine, Cascade Ranger District, Boise National Forest, Valley County, ID, Comment Period Ends: 6/25/2007, Contact: Keith Dimmett, 208-382-7400.*

*EIS No. 20070177, Draft EIS, AFS, OR, Spears Vegetation Management Project, Proposal to Use Commercial Timber Harvest, Precommercial Thinning, Prescribed Fire, Grapple Piling and Hand Piling in the Mark Creek Watershed and Veaqie Creek Subwatershed, Lookout Mountain Ranger District, Ochoco National Forest, Crook and Wheeler Counties, OR, Comment Period Ends: 6/25/*

2007, Contact: Katherine Farrell, 541-416-6500.

*EIS No. 20070178, Final EIS, AFS, 00, Kootenai National Forest Invasive Plant Management, Proposes to Manage Noxious Weed and Invasive Plant Species, Lincoln Sanders, Flathead Counties, MT and Bonner and Boundary Counties, ID, Wait Period Ends: 6/11/2007, Contact: John Gubel, 406-283-7774.*

*EIS No. 20070179, Final Supplement, AFS, WA, School Fire Salvage Recovery Project, To Clarify Definitions of Live and Dead Trees, Implementation, Pomeroy Ranger District, Umatilla National Forest, Columbia and Garfield Counties, WA, Wait Period Ends: 6/11/2007, Contact: Dean R. Millett, 509-843-1891.*

*EIS No. 20070180, Final EIS, NOA, 00, Programmatic—Steller Sea Lion and Northern Fur Seal Research, Proposal to Disburse Funds and Issue Permit for Research, AK, WA, OR and CA, Wait Period Ends: 6/11/2007, Contact: P. Michael Payne, 301-713-2289.*

*EIS No. 20070181, Draft EIS, FHW, VT, Middlebury Spur Project, Improvements to the Freight Transportation System in the Town of Middlebury in Addison County to the Town of Pittsford in Rutland County, VT, Comment Period Ends: 6/29/2007, Contact: Kenneth Sikora, Jr., 802-828-4423.*

*EIS No. 20070182, Final EIS, COE, MD, Masonville Dredged Material Containment Facility, New Information, New Source of Dike Building Material from the Seagirt Dredging Project within the Patapsco River, Funding, Baltimore, MD, Wait Period Ends: 6/11/2007, Contact: Jon Romeo, 410-962-6079.*

**Amended Notices**

*EIS No. 20070080, Draft EIS, NIG, CA, Graton Rancheria Casino and Hotel Project, Transfer of Land into Trust, Implementation, Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria (Tribe), Sonoma County, CA, Comment Period Ends: 6/4/2007, Contact: Brad Mehaffy, 202-632-7003. Revision of FR Notice Published 3/9/2007: Extending Comment Period from 5/14/2007 to 6/4/2007.*

*EIS No. 20070103, Draft EIS, FHW, NY, Kosciuszko Bridge Project, Propose Rehabilitation or Replacement a 1.1 mile Segment Brooklyn-Queens Expressway (-278) from Morgan Avenue in Brooklyn and the Long Island Expressway (1495) in Queens, Kings and Queens Counties, NY, Comment Period Ends: 6/15/2007, Contact: Robert Arnold, 518-431-4127. Revision of FR Notice Published*