alleged failure to meet a mandatory deadline under section 202(i)(2)(B) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 7521(i)(2)(B), which concerns a study and report to Congress regarding whether EPA should require further reductions in emissions from light-duty vehicles and light-duty trucks. The proposed partial consent decree provides, in part, that ''[n]o later than July 15, 1998, the Administrator shall sign a letter transmitting a report to Congress containing the results of the study described by CAA section 202(i)(1) and (2), 42 U.S.C. 7521(i)(1) and (2). Within five business days thereafter, EPA shall deliver to Congress such letter and report.''

For a period of thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the proposed consent decree from persons who were not named as parties or intervenors to the litigation in question. EPA or the Department of Justice may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed partial consent decree if the comments disclose facts or considerations that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Act. Unless EPA or the Department of Justice determine, following the comment period, that consent is inappropriate, the final partial consent decree will establish a deadline for specific actions under section 202(i)(2)(B) of the Act.

A copy of the proposed partial consent decree was lodged with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia for February 27, 1998. Copies are also available from Phyllis J. Cochran, Air and Radiation Division (2344), Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 260–7606. Written comments should be sent to Michael J. Horowitz at the address above and must be submitted on or before April 13, 1998.

Dated: March 6, 1998.

Scott C. Fulton,

Acting General Counsel.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–5977–3]

Proposed Settlement Agreement, Clean Air Act Citizen Suit; Consent Decree Setting Deadlines for Issuance of Regulations or Control Techniques Guidelines Under CAA Section 183(e)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 113(g) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (the ''Act''), 42 U.S.C. 7413(g), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (the ''EPA'') hereby gives notice of a proposed consent decree, which EPA lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Columbia on February 20, 1998, to address a lawsuit filed by the Sierra Club. The Sierra Club filed this lawsuit pursuant to section 304(a) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 7604(a), to address EPA's alleged failure to meet a mandatory deadline under section 183(e) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 7511b(e), which concerns issuance of rules or control techniques guidelines to reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds from consumer or commercial products. The proposed consent decree provides, in part, the EPA shall issue either rules or control techniques guidelines for certain categories of consumer or commercial products as follows: (1) August 15, 1998, for consumer products; (2) August 15, 1998, for autobody refinishing coatings; (3) August 15, 1998, for architectural coatings; (4) December 1, 1998, for wood refinishing coatings; (5) December 1, 1998, for aerospace coatings; and (6) December 1, 1998, for shipbuilding and ship repair coatings.

For a period of thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, EPA will accept written comments relating to the proposed consent decree from persons who were not named as parties or intervenors to the litigation in question. EPA or the Department of Justice may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed consent decree if the comments disclose facts or considerations that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Act. Unless EPA or the Department of Justice determines, following the comment period, that consent is inappropriate, the final consent decree will establish deadlines for specific actions under section 183(e) of the Act.

EPA lodged a copy of the proposed consent decree with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia on February 20, 1998. Copies are also available from Phyllis J. Cochran, Air and Radiation Law Office (2344), Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 260–7606. Written comments should be sent to Geoffrey L. Wilcox at the address above and must be submitted on or before April 13, 1998.

Dated: March 6, 1998.

Scott C. Fulton,

Acting General Counsel.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER–FRL–5489–7]

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 March 02, 1998 through March 06, 1998

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 980063, DRAFT EIS, FHW, WA, A–104/Edmonds Crossing Project, Connecting Ferries, Bus and Rail, Funding, NPDESs Permit, COE Section 10 and 404 Permit, City of Edmonds, Snohomish County, WA, Due: April 27, 1998, Contact: Gene Fong (360) 753–2120.

EIS No. 980064, FINAL EIS, AFS, UT, Spruce Ecosystem Recovery Project, Implementation, Dixie National Forest, Cedar City Ranger District, Iron County, UT, Due: April 13, 1998, Contact: Ronald S. Wilson (435) 865–3200.

EIS No. 980065, DRAFT EIS, FHW, MO, MO–50/West-Central Corridor Location Study, Transportation Improvements, Sedallia to St. Martins, Pettis, Cooper, Morgan and Moniteau and Cole Counties, MO, Due: April 27, 1998, Contact: Don Newman (573) 636–7104.

EIS No. 980066, DRAFT EIS, COE, WV, Bluestone Lake Dam Safety Assurance Project, Modifications to withstand the Probable Maximum Flood, (PMF) Huntington District, Summer County, WV, Due: April 27, 1998, Contact: A. Benjamin Borda (304) 529–5712.

EIS No. 980067, DRAFT EIS, AFS, VT, Sugarbush Ski Resort Project,

Improvements and Development, Special-Use-Permit, Green Mountain National Forest, Rochester Range District, Fayston and Warren, Washington County, VT, Due: April 27, 1998, Contact: Bob Bayer (802) 362–2307.

EIS No. 980068, FINAL EIS, NPS, AS, National Park of American Samoa, Implementation, General Management Plan, Islands of Tutulla, Ta'u and Ofu, Territory of American Samoa, Due: April 13, 1998, Contact: Alan Schmierer (415) 427–1441.

EIS No. 980069, DRAFT EIS, COE, MD, Ocean City, Maryland and Assateaque Island Project, Implementation, Vicinity Water Resources Feasibility Study, Town of Ocean City, Worcester County, MD, Due: April 27, 1998, Contact: Michele A. Bistang (410) 962–4934.

Dated: March 10, 1998.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER–FRL–5489–8]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared February 23, 1998 Through February 27, 1998 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 11, 1997 (62 FR 16154).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D–AFS–E65050–MI Rating EC2, Porter Creek Recreational Lake and Complex, Implementation, Homochitto National Forest, Homochitto Ranger District, Franklin County, MI.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about loss of floodplain resources and water quality problems from potential sewage discharge.

ERP No. D–AFS–L65297–AK Rating EC2, Indian River Timber Sales(s) Project, Implementation, Tongass National Forest, Chatham Area, Sitka and Hoonah Ranger Districts, COE Section 10 and 404 Permit, NPDES and Coast Guard Bridge Permit, Chichagof Island, AK.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with mitigation strategies and made recommendations for improving those strategies. EPA recommended that all log transfer facilities be designed and operated in a manner that allows for direct transfer of logs from land to barge. EPA also recommended that the project area watershed analysis, dive report and wetland delineation be included in the final EIS.

ERP No. D–FHW–C40142–NY Rating EC2, S–20/Broadway (Transit Road to Lancaster East Village Line) Reconstruction, Funding, COE Section 10 and 404 Permit, in the Villages of Depew and Lancaster, Erie County, NY.

Summary: EPA requested that the final EIS provide air quality analysis which demonstrates that Phase II will conform to the state implementation plan as well as a commitment to characterize and plan for the disposal of contaminated waste. EPA also requests that the final EIS address mitigation for adverse effects to historic or cultural resources.

ERP No. D–FHW–K40229-HI Rating EO2, Saddle Road (HI–200) Improvements between Mamalahoa Highway HI–190) to Milepost 6 near Hilo, Funding, NPDES and COE Section 404 Permit, Hawaii County, HI.

Summary: EPA Region 9 raised environmental objections to the build alternative. EPA suggested that other alternatives be examined and raised concerns with the alternatives analysis, impacts to water resources, and indirect and cumulative effects of the project.

ERP No. D–USA–C11014–NY Rating EC2, Seneca Army Depot Activity Disposal and Reuse, Implementation, Seneca County and the City of Geneva, Ontario County, NY.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about ground water contamination remediation, and impacts to wetlands and cultural resources.

ERP No. D–USA–E11042–AL Rating EC2, Fort McClellen (Main Post) Disposal and Reuse, Implementation, Calhoun, Cleburne, Randolph, Clay, Talledega, St. Clair, Etowah and Cherokee Counties, AL.

Summary: EPA has environmental concerns with the preferred alternative based on the unknowns associated with its potential environmental impacts. Additional information will need to be developed to determine the actual long-term consequences of this more intensive reuse option.

ERP No. D–USN–K11083–CA Rating EC2, Hunters Point (Former) Naval Shipyard Disposal and Reuse, Implementation, City of San Francisco, San Francisco County, CA.

SUMMARY: EPA requested additional information on project description, alternatives land use compatibility, air quality cumulative impacts, hazardous wastes and environmental justice analysis. In particular, we are concerned by a general lack of specificity in the draft EIS/EIR.

ERP No. D-USN-K11086-CA Rating EC2, US Pacific Fleet F/A 18 E/F Aircraft for Development of Facilities to Support Basing on the West Coast of the United States, Possible Installations are (1) Lemoore Naval Air Station and (2) El Centro Naval Air Facility, Fresno, King and Imperial Counties, CA.

SUMMARY: EPA expressed environmental concerns that the proposed project and DEIS was developed without consideration of Executives Orders that require pollution prevention, energy efficiency, water conservation, hazardous waste minimization, and solid waste reduction and recycling. EPA expressed concerns that air mitigation measures required under EPA's general conformity rule are conceptual in nature and lack definitiveness.

ERP No. DA-FHW-L40049-OR Rating EC2, West 11th Avenue—Garfield Street (West Eugene Parkway) Highway Project, Florence—Eugene Highway (OR–126) New Alignment, Comparison of the Originally Approved Design and a New Modified Design, Funding, Lane County, OR.

SUMMARY: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding alternative analysis and their rejection since it appeared some had reduced environmental impacts especially to rare wet prairie meadows. Also, there is insufficient information to determine whether the design of wildlife crossings proposed for mitigation will accommodate all species frequenting the area.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-CGD-C50012–00 Staten Island Bridges Program—Modernization and Capacity Enhancement Project, Construction and Operation, Funding, Right-of-Way Grant, COE Section 404 Permit and NPDES Permit, Staten Island, NY and Elizabeth, NJ.

SUMMARY: Based on EPA review of the final EIS, and with the understanding that EPA will continue to provide input to the interagency mitigation group regarding pending