

ERP No. D-FHW-K40357-CA Rating LO, CA-101/Cuesta Grade Highway Improvements, 1.1 mile north of Reservoir Canyon Road to the Cuesta Grade Overhead, Funding and Permit Issuance, San Luis Obispo County, CA.

Summary: EPA lacked objections to the alternatives and the impacts analysis contained in the draft EIS.

ERP No. D-FHW-L40200-OR Rating EC2, U.S. 101/Oregon Coast Highway Reconstruction, Pacific Way in the City of Gerhart to Dooley Bridge in the City of Seaside, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Clatsop County, OR.

Summary: EPA's review has revealed concerns regarding wetlands and water quality. Additional information on this project has been requested for inclusion in the final EIS.

ERP No. D-FRC-K05054-NV Rating No Comment, Blue Diamond South Pumped Storage Hydroelectric (FERC. No. 10756) Project, Issuance of License for Construction, Operation and Maintain, Right-of-Way Grant and Possible COE Section 404 Permit, Clark County, NV.

Summary: Due to the federal furlough of December 18, 1995 through January 5, 1996, the Environmental Protection Agency did not review this EIS.

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ERP No. F-BLM-K67025-NV, Cortez Pipeline Gold Deposit Project, Development, Construction and Operation of an Open-Pit Mine, Plan of Operations Approval, Right-of-Way Grants and COE Section 404 Permit, Lander County, NV.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-FHW-L50009-WA, Elliott Bridge No. 3166 Replacement, from WA-169 (Renton-Maple Valley Highway) across the bridge to the intersection of 154th Place S.E., Funding, U.S. CGD Bridge Permit and Section 404 Permit, Cedar River, City of Renton, King County, WA.

Summary: EPA believed the final EIS addresses the major concerns raised previously and therefore has no objection to the actions as proposed.

Dated: May 14, 1996.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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Availability of FY 95 Grant Performance Reports for Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency [EPA].

ACTION: Notice of availability of grantee performance evaluation reports.

SUMMARY: EPA's grant regulations [40 CFR 35.150] require the Agency to evaluate the performance of agencies which receive grants. EPA's regulations for regional consistency [40 CFR 56.7] require that the Agency notify the public of the availability of the reports of such evaluations. EPA recently performed end-of-year evaluations of eight state air pollution control programs [Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Florida Department of Environmental Regulation, Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection, Mississippi Bureau of Pollution Control, North Carolina Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and Tennessee Department of Conservation and Environment], and 16 local programs [Knox County Department of Air Pollution Control, Tn—Chattanooga-Hamilton County Air Pollution Control Bureau, Tn—Memphis-Shelby County Health Department, Tn—Nashville-Davidson County Metropolitan Health Department, Tn—Jefferson County Air Pollution Control District, Ky—Western North Carolina Regional Air Pollution Control Agency, NC—Mecklenburg County Department of Environmental Protection, NC—Forsyth County Environmental Affairs Department, NC—Palm Beach County Public Health Unit, FL—Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission, FL—Dade County Environmental Resources Management, FL—Jacksonville Air Quality Division, FL—Broward County Environmental Quality Control Board, FL—Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management, FL—City of Huntsville Department of Natural Resources, AL—Jefferson County Department of Health, AL]. These audits were conducted to assess the agencies' performance under the grants made to them by EPA pursuant to Section 105 of the Clean Air Act. EPA Region 4, has prepared reports for the twenty-four agencies identified

above and these 105 reports are now available for public inspection.

ADDRESSES: The reports may be examined at the EPA's Region 4 office, 345 Courtland Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30365, in the Air, Pesticides, and Toxics Management Division.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Thomas, (404) 347-3555 vmx4180, at the above Region 4 address, for information concerning States of Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Georgia, and local agencies. Vera Bowers, (404) 347-3555 vmx4178, at the above Region 4 address, for information concerning the States of Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and local agencies.

Dated: May 9, 1996.

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Acting Regional Administrator.

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Receipt of a Notification to Conduct Small-Scale Field Testing of a Genetically Engineered Microbial Pesticide

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has received from Dupont Agricultural Products of Delaware a notification (352-NMP-U) of intent to conduct small-scale field testing involving a baculovirus *Autographa californica* Multiple Nuclear Polyhedrosis Virus (AcMNPV) which has been genetically engineered to express a synthetic gene which encodes for an insect-specific toxin from the venom of the scorpion *Leiurus quinquestriatus hebraeus*. Dupont intends to test this microbial pesticide on cotton and cabbage in seven states. Target pests for these field trials include: the cabbage looper (*Trichoplusia ni*), the tobacco budworm (*Heliothis virescens*), the cotton bollworm (*Helicoverpa zea*), the beet armyworm (*Spodoptera exigua*) and the diamondback moth (*Plutella xylostella*). The Agency has determined that the application may be of regional and national significance. Therefore, in accordance with 40 CFR 172.11 (a), the Agency is soliciting public comments on this application.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted to EPA by June 17, 1996.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments to: Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field