

and to handle it in accordance with the FIFRA Information Security Manual. In addition, Geologics Corporation is required to submit for EPA approval a security plan under which any CBI will be secured and protected against unauthorized release or compromise. No information will be provided to this contractor until the above requirements have been fully satisfied. Records of information provided to this contractor will be maintained by the Project Officers for this contract in the EPA Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.

All information supplied to Geologics Corporation by EPA for use in connection with this contract will be returned to EPA when Geologics Corporation has completed its work.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Transfer of data.

Dated: May 7, 1998.

Richard D. Schmitt,

Acting Director, Information Resources and Services Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared April 27, 1998 Through May 01, 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 10, 1998 (63 FR 17856).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-COE-E35084-NC Rating EO2, Randleman Lake and Dam Project, Construction, Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority (PTRWA), Deep River, Guilford and Randolph Counties, NC.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objection to the proposed water supply reservoir, because hazardous materials present in the groundwater would potentially

contaminate this water with chlorinated solvents and the abandoned Seaboard Chemical Plant would be situated in the reservoir pool and buffer zone. These sites are undergoing remediation studies by the North Carolina DEHNR. EPA requested that the COE grant its Section 404 permit only on condition that DEHNR guarantee that the Lake would be suitable for its intended purpose, i.e., water supply; and that any on-going remediation studies be completed prior to construction.

ERP No. D-COE-E36176-FL Rating EC2, C-51 West End Flood Control Project, Implementation To Improve the Level of Flood Control, Central and Southern Florida Project, Palm Beach County, FL.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concern about the efficacy of the proposed stormwater treatment area, as well as the potential long-term environmental consequences of this proposal. EPA suggested that additional data needs to be collected/evaluated to determine the significance of these issues.

ERP No. D-COE-K36123-CA Rating EC2, South Sacramento County Streams Investigation, Proposed to Increase Flood Protection, Non-Federal Sponsor, Sacramento Waste Water Treatment Plant and along portions of Morrison, Elder, Unionhouse and Florin Creeks, Sacramento County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding air quality mitigation, which may be required by the Corps' upcoming conformity determination, reflected in the draft EIS. EPA urged the Corps to finalize the project's conformity review prior to completion of the final EIS. EPA also expressed concern that the draft EIS did not discuss potential cumulative impacts to the Morrison Creek watershed, particularly impacts associated with sand and gravel mining that is subject to Corps regulatory jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act Section 404. EPA is concerned that the draft EIS did not address pollution prevention mechanisms to the extent recommended in guidance to Federal agencies by the Council on Environmental Quality.

ERP No. D-FRC-B03006-00 Rating EO2, Portland Natural Gas Transmission System (PNCTS)/Maritimes Phase I Joint Facilities Project, NPDES Permit, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Dracut, MA; Wells, ME and NH.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objections to the pipeline proposal from the standpoint of growth inducing impacts and the absence of a planning policy and decision-making process (or guidance) for the evaluation

of proposed tie-ins to the pipeline. EPA requested additional information concerning impacts to wetlands containing significant amphibian breeding habitat and impacts of the pipeline to existing and potential wellhead protection areas. EPA also questioned FERC's rationale for analyzing the Phase I Joint Facilities project independent of the other portions of a larger pipeline facility throughout New England.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-BLM-G67003-NM, Little Rock Open-Pit Mine Project, Construction and Operation, Plan of Operations Approval, and several Permits Issuance, Grant County, NM.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS has been completed and the project found to be satisfactory.

ERP No. F-DOA-G31002-TX, Bexar-Medina-Atascosa Counties Water Conservation Plan, Renovation and Installation, Funding, Medina Lake, Bexar, Medina and Atascosa Counties, TX.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS has been completed and the project found to be satisfactory.

ERP No. F-FHW-B59000-RI, Newport Marine Facilities Project, To Develop the Marine Mode of the Intermodal Gateway Transportation Center, Selected siting in various locations within the City of Newport, Towns of Middletown and Portsmouth, Funding, COE Section 404 Permit and US Coast Guard Permit, Aquidneck Island, RI.

Summary: EPA had no additional comments regarding the proposed action.

ERP No. F-FRC-B05184-ME, Lower Penobscot River Basin Hydroelectric Project, Application for Licensing for three hydroelectric project: Basin Mills (FERC. NO. 10981), Stillwater (FERC. No. 2712) and Milford (FERC. No. 2534), Penobscot County, ME.

Summary: EPA supported the FERC staff's recommendation not to construct the Basin Mills dam and believes that the staff recommendation is an appropriate outcome to the NEPA process given the serious direct, indirect and commutative environmental impacts associated with dam construction and the inconsistency of the proposal with the public interest and state and federal regulations. Additionally, EPA agreed with FERC staff recommendations to implement various mitigation proposals for the Veazie, Orono, Milford and Stillwater projects.

ERP No. F-FRC-B05189-ME, Kennebec River Basin Hydroelectric

Projects, Changes in Operations and Minor Construction, Licensing of 11 Hydroelectric Projects, (FERC Project Nos. 2671, 2555, 2613, 2556, 2329, 2557, 2325, 2559, 11433, 2552 and 2389), Kennebec, Somerset and Piscataquis Counties, ME.

Summary: EPA supported the FERC staff's recommendation to retire the Edwards project and remove the dam. EPA continued to disagree, however, with FERC's interpretation of the baseline condition, the approach to a specific Clean Water Act Section 401 issue, and the scope of analysis of the EIS.

ERP No. F-FRC-B08003-ME, Granite State Gas Transmission, Construction and Operation of a Liquefied Natural Gas Facility, Permits and Approvals, In the Town of Wells, York County, ME.

Summary: EPA had no objection to the proposed project, EPA did raise concerns regarding potential impacts to wildlife habitat, design of the groundwater monitoring program, and the range of alternatives considered in the FEIS.

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Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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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 May 04, 1998 Through May 08, 1998. Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 980148, Final EIS, USN, CA, Naval Medical Center Oakland, Disposal and Reuse, Implementation, in the City of Oakland, Alameda County, CA, Due: June 01, 1998, Contact: Gary Munekawa (650) 244-3022.

This EIS was inadvertently omitted from the 05-01-98 **Federal Register**. The official 30 days NEPA review period is calculated from 05-01-98.

EIS No. 980162, Final Supplement, APH, Logs, Lumber and Other Unmanufactured Wood Articles Importation, Improvements to the existing system to Prohibit Introduction of Plant Pests into the United States, Due: June 15, 1998,

Contact: Jack Edmundson (301) 734-8565.

EIS No. 980163, Final EIS, USN, NV, Fallon Naval Air Station (NAS) Range Training Complex, Withdrawal of Federally Administered Public Lands for Range Safety and Training Purposes, Great Basin, City of Fallon, Churchill County, NV, Due: June 15, 1998, Contact: Sam Dennis (650) 244-3007.

EIS No. 980164, Draft EIS, FHW, WA, Cross-Base Highway Project, New Roadway Construction between I-5 at the Thorne Lane Interchange and WA-7 at 176th Street South, Major Investment Study (MIS), COE Section 404 Permit, Pierce County, WA, Due: June 29, 1998, Contact: Jim Leonard (360) 753-9408.

EIS No. 980165, Final EIS, COE, CA, South Sacramento County Streams Investigation, Proposed to Increase Flood Protection, Non-Federal Sponsor, Sacramento Waste Water Treatment Plant and along portions of Morrison, Elder, Unionhouse and Florin Creeks, Sacramento County, CA, Due: June 15, 1998, Contact: Jane Rinck (916) 557-6715.

EIS No. 980166, Draft EIS, NPS, UT, Capitol Reef National Park, Implementation, General Management Plan, Development Concept Plan, Emery, Garfield, Sevier and Wayne Counties, UT, Due: July 01, 1998, Contact: Charles V. Lundy (435) 425-3791.

EIS No. 980167, Final EIS, FHW, WV, Merrick Creek Connector Improvements Project, between US 60 to WV-2 also a New Interchange at I-64, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Cabell County, WV, Due: June 19, 1998, Contact: David E. Bender (304) 347-5928.

EIS No. 980168, Draft EIS, FHW, NM, I-25/I-40 Interchange and Adjacent Sections of I-25 and I-40, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue to Comanche Road and Carlise Boulevard to South Street, Reconstruction, Funding and Right-of-Way Acquisition, Bernalillo County, NM, Due: June 29, 1998, Contact: Geg Rawling (505) 820-2022.

EIS No. 980169, Draft EIS, AFS, WA, Plum Creek Checkerboard Access Project, To Grant Permanent Easements, Cle Elum and Naches Ranger Districts, Wenatchee National Forest, Kittitas County, WA, Due: June 29, 1998, Contact: Floyd Rogalski (509) 674-4411.

EIS No. 980170, Draft EIS, USN, MD, VA, DE, Patuxent River Complex Project, Increased Flight and Related Ground Operations in Test Area, Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) Chesapeake Bay,

Patuxent River, Several Counties, MD, DE and VA, Due: June 29, 1998, Contact: Sue Evans (888) 276-5201.

EIS No. 980171, Draft EIS, COE, TX, Dallas Floodway Extension, Flood Damage Reduction and Environmental Restoration, Trinity River Basin, Dallas County, TX, Due: June 29, 1998, Contact: Gene T. Rice, Jr. (817) 978-2110.

EIS No. 980172, Final Supplement, COE, CA, Sacramento River Bank Protection Project, Implementation of Streambank Protection for the Lower American River between RM-0 and 13.7, Updated Information, City of Sacramento, Sacramento County, CA, Due: June 15, 1998, Contact: Matt Davis (916) 557-6708.

EIS No. 980173, Final EIS, COE, CA, San Pedro Creek Section 205 Flood Control Project, Construction, Flood Protection, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits and Permits Approval, San Mateo County, CA, Due: June 15, 1998, Contact: Scott Holmes (415) 977-8670.

EIS No. 980174, Final EIS, FAA, MN, Dual Track Airport Planning Process, Construction and Expansion, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, Twin Cities, Hennepin and Dakota Counties, MN, Due: June 15, 1998, Contact: Glen Orcutt (612) 713-4354.

EIS No. 980175, Final EIS, FHW, CA, CA-37 Highway Improvement, Napa River Bridge to the existing Freeway Section of CA-37 that begins near Diablo Street, Funding and US Army COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, Vallejo, Solano County, CA, Due: June 15, 1998, Contact: John R. Schultz (916) 498-5041.

EIS No. 980176, Draft EIS, FHW, MD, US-301 Transportation Study, Improvements from US 301 North of US 301/MD-5 Interchange at T.B. (Thomas Brooke) near Brandywine to US 50 in Bowie, Northern Corridor Tier I, Prince George's County, MD, Due: June 30, 1998, Contact: George Frick (410) 962-4440.

EIS No. 980177, Draft EIS, DOE, NM, Los Alamos National Laboratory Continued Operation Site-Wide, Implementation, Los Alamos County, NM, Due: July 18, 1998, Contact: Corey Cruz (800) 898-6623.

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