

ecological risk, and impacts to waters of the U.S. EPA recommended additional information in the FEIS regarding pit water quality predictions, mitigation, reclamation and bonding, and inclusion of the waste rock sampling and disposal plan and a demonstration of compliance with the Clean Water Act section 404(b)(1) guidelines.

ERP No. D-FRC-E08020-00 Rating EO2, Gulfstream Natural Gas System Project, Construction and Operation, To Provide Natural Gas Transportation Service, AL, MS and FL.

*Summary:* EPA is concerned that the Gulfstream proposal would impact forested wetlands and marine hard "live" bottoms along the proposed pipeline route. Hard bottoms are essentially "unmitigatable". EPA also suggested that only one of the two competing alignments across the Gulf of Mexico (separate EISs) should be potentially certificated by FERC (Gulfstream vs. Buccaneer) or only one larger joint effort with modification and further mitigation.

ERP No. DR-BLM-K65213-NV Rating LO, Black Rock Desert area. Minor issues were raised concerning construction of fee collection stations and monitoring for OHV impacts.

*Summary:* EPA expressed a lack of objections to BLM's preferred management plan for the Black Rock Desert area. Minor issues were raised concerning construction of fee collection stations and monitoring for OHV impacts.

ERP No. DR-FAA-K51037-CA Rating EC2, Metropolitan Oakland International Airport (MOIA), Airport Development Plan (ADP), Reevaluation of the Forecasts and Planning Assumptions in the ADP, Airport Layout Plan Approval, Funding and COE section 404 and 10 Permits Issuance, Port of Oakland, Alameda County, CA.

*Summary:* EPA expressed concerns on cumulative noise, air quality and wetland impacts; impacts to areas regulated under section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act; and environmental justice impacts. EPA also expressed concern with the narrow range of alternatives and requested that one alternative eliminated from consideration be analyzed in detail.

#### Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-E65052-KY Daniel Boone National Forest, Implementation, Salvage Harvest Due to 1998 Storm Damage Timber, McCreary and Pulaski County, KY.

*Summary:* EPA remains concerned about degradation of the Rock Creek and Marsh Creek waterways from erosion

and siltation associated with road building and forestry activities in these areas. Adherence to Best Management Practices and preventing use of off-highway vehicles in these areas should be vigorously implemented and strictly monitored to ensure that water quality and in-stream habitat are fully protected.

ERP No. F-BIA-K65223-CA Cortina Integrated Solid Waste Management Project, Development and Operation, Approval of Land Lease Cortina Indian Rancheria of Wintin Indians, Colusa County, CA.

*Summary:* The Final EIS addressed the concerns raised by EPA on the Draft EIS. EPA requested that commitments and mitigation measures in the FEIS be reflected in BIA's Record of Decision. Because the project is on tribal land, EPA noted its continuing regulatory and/or permit role under several federal laws, including the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

ERP No. F-NPS-J61102-00 Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway Winter Use Plan, Implementation, Fremont County, ID, Gallatin and Park Counties, MT and Park and Teton Counties, WY.

*Summary:* EPA's review has concluded that the preferred alternative for this project would adequately remedy the on-going significant impacts to environmental resources and human health in these Parks. The document provides a reasonable range of alternatives and discloses, in detail, the environmental effects of each alternative.

ERP No. F-SFW-K99029-NV Clark County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan, Issuance of a Permit to Allow Incidental Take-of-79 Species, Clark County, NV.

*Summary:* No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. FS-COE-K32046-CA Port of Los Angeles Channel Deepening Project, To Improve Navigation and Disposal of Dredge Material for the Inner Harbor Channels, Los Angeles County, CA.

*Summary:* EPA's review found the Final Supplemental EIS to be generally responsive to concerns EPA raised on the Draft Supplemental EIS. EPA provided comments on toxic air contaminants (hazardous air pollutants) associated with the project and the suitability of dredged materials for aquatic or ocean disposal. EPA asked the Corps to explore the feasibility of reasonable mitigation measures for reducing emissions of air toxics.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6612-7]

### Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

*Responsible Agency:* Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or [www.epa.gov/oeca/ofa](http://www.epa.gov/oeca/ofa).

Weekly Receipt of Environmental Impact Statements filed November 6, 2000 through November 9, 2000 pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 000381, Final EIS, BOP, CA, Lassen County Federal Correctional Institution (FCI), Construction and Operation, To House Median-Security Inmates and Federal Prison Camp, Possible Site is Southwest Site, Lassen County, CA, Due: December 18, 2000, Contact: David J. Dorworth (202) 514-6470.

EIS No. 000382, Final EIS, SFW, CA, Trinity River Mainstem Fishery Restoration, To Restore and Maintain the Natural Production of Anadromous Fish, Trinity and Humboldt Counties, CA, Due: December 18, 2000, Contact: George Guillen (707) 822-7201.

EIS No. 000383, Draft EIS, BLM, NM, Sierra and Otero Counties Resource Management Plan Amendment and Federal Fluid Minerals Leasing and Development, Implementation, Sierra and Otero Counties, NM, Due: February 20, 2001, Contact: Tom Philips (505) 525-4377.

EIS No. 000384, Draft Supplement, FHW, CO, Colorado Forest Highway 80, Guanella Pass Road (also known as Park County Road 62, Clear Creek County Road 381 and Forest Development Road 118), Additional Alternative includes Rehabilitation, Light Reconstruction and Full Construction, Funding, Clear Creek and Park Counties, CO, Due: January 16, 2001, Contact: Richard Cushing (303) 716-2138.

EIS No. 000385, Final EIS, COE, NB, Sand Creek Watershed Restoration Project, To Develop Environmental Restoration, City of Wahoo, Saunders County, NB, Due: December 18, 2000, Contact: Kevin Mayberry (402) 221-4020.

EIS No. 000386, Final EIS, COE, CA, Murrieta Creek Flood Control and

Protection, Implementation, Riverside County, CA, Due: December 18, 2000, Contact: Timothy Smith (213) 452-3854.

EIS No. 000387, Final EIS, AFS, MT, Rocky Mountain Front Mineral Withdrawal, Implementation, Helena and Lewis and Clark National Forests, Great Falls, MT, Due: December 18, 2000, Contact: Rick Prausa (406) 791-7720.

EIS No. 000388, Draft EIS, FHW, PA, NY, US Route 15 Improvement Project, from PA-6015, section G-20 and G-22 Tioga County, Pennsylvania and PIN 6008.22.123 Steuben County, New York (US Route 15 between PA Route 287 and Presho, New York, Funding and COE section 404 Permit, Tioga County, PA and Steuben County, NY, Due: January 31, 2001, Contact: James A. Cheatham (717) 221-3461.

EIS No. 000389, Final EIS, BLM, CA, Imperial Project, Open-Pit Precious Metal Mining Operation Utilizing Heap Leach Processes, Updated Information concerning "Endangered, Rare or Threatened" Biological Resources, Plan of Operations and Reclamation Plan Approvals, Right-of-Way Grants, Conditional Use/U.S. COE Permits, El Centro Resource Area, Desert District, Due: December 18, 2000, Contact: Glen R. Miller (760) 337-4400.

EIS No. 000390, Final EIS, AFS, Forest Service Roadless Area Conservation, Implementation, Proposal to Protect Roadless Areas, Due: December 18, 2000, Contact: Scott Conroy (703) 605-5299.

#### Amended Notices

EIS No. 000376, Final EIS, AFS, ID, Goose Creek Watershed Project, Harvesting Timber and Improve Watershed, Payette National Forest, New Meadows Ranger District, Adams County, ID, Due: December 8, 2000, Contact: Kimberly Brandel (208) 347-0300.

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EIS No. 000377, Final EIS, COE, MO, Chesterfield Valley Flood Control Study, Improvement Flood Protection, City of Chesterfield, St. Louis County, MO, Due: December 8, 2000, Contact: Deborah Foley (314) 331-8485.

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EIS No. 000379, Final EIS, COE, WA, Programmatic EIS—Green/

Duwamish River Basin Restoration Program, Capitol Improvement Type Program and Ecological Health, King County, WA, Due: December 8, 2000, Contact: Patrick Cagney (206) 764-6577.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6903-5]

### Request for Applications, Ecology and Oceanography of Harmful Algal Blooms Program

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notification of financial assistance for project assistance.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that the participating agencies are soliciting research proposals of up to 3 years duration, and depending on appropriations up to 5 years for multidisciplinary regional studies, for the Ecology and Oceanography of Harmful Algal Blooms (ECOHAB) program. This program provides support for research on algal species whose populations may cause or result in deleterious effects on ecosystems and human health. Studies of the causes of such blooms, their detection, effects, mitigation, and control in U.S. coastal waters, are solicited. This document details the requirements for applications for research support that will be considered by the Federal research partnership.

**DATES:** The deadline for proposals is January 31, 2001, by 3:00 PM, EST.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit the original and twenty copies of your proposal to Coastal Ocean Program Office, N/SCI2, SSMC#3, 9th Floor, Room 9752, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. The required forms for applications with instructions are accessible on the Internet at <http://es.epa.gov/ncerqa/rfa/forms/downlf.html>. Forms may be printed from this site.

The complete announcement program can be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/ncerqa>, under "announcements."

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**AWARDS:** Final selection of awardees by the participating agencies will be determined on the basis of peer and panel recommendations, applicability of the proposed effort to the interests and objectives of an agency, and the availability of funds. It is anticipated that each award will be made through and be administered by a single agency; however, several agencies may participate in providing assistance to individual components of multi-institutional projects. Applicants recommended for funding may be requested to resubmit their proposals and modify their budgets and/or work plans to comply with special requirements of the particular agency supporting their awards. Awards will be subject to the terms and conditions of the sponsoring agency.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Technical Information: Dr. Kevin Sellner, ECOHAB Coordinator, COP Office, 301-713-3338/ext 127, EMail: [ksellner@cop.noaa.gov](mailto:ksellner@cop.noaa.gov). Administrative Information: Dr. Robert E. Menzer, EPA/NCER, (202) 564-6849, EMail: [menzer.robert@epa.gov](mailto:menzer.robert@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Program Goals and Topic Areas

The National Center for Environmental Research/Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); the Coastal Ocean Program, and the Office of Protected Resources, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)/Department of Commerce; the Directorate for Geosciences, Division of Ocean Sciences/National Science Foundation (NSF); the Office of Naval Research (ONR)/Department of Defense; and the Office of Earth Science/National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) are cooperating in an opportunity for investigators to propose activities to address three primary areas in the national problem of HABs. For the first area, proposals are sought for individual studies or small interdisciplinary efforts that address gaps in general knowledge related to the nature of HAB phenomena. These studies should address fundamental ecological and oceanographic questions related to HABs. The second area of interest is the prevention, control, and mitigation of HABs and their impacts. The purpose of this area is to encourage research into key questions on the underlying mechanisms involved with HABs and their control and accompanying ecosystem impact, without necessarily being limited to particular study regions. The third