
SECTION 2

Publication of Draft Environmental Impact Statement



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ABSTRACT

The proposed action is either the development of a Light Rail Transit facility or a Busway/Bus Rapid Transit facility for the Central Corridor, a transportation corridor that extends approximately 11 miles between downtown Minneapolis and downtown St. Paul, Minnesota.

The proposed action considers two build alternatives, University Avenue LRT and University Avenue Busway/BRT. The proposed alternatives include the 11 mile transit guideway with stations. The DEIS also evaluates the Baseline Alternative, which includes programmed and planned transportation improvements in the Central Corridor.

The DEIS evaluates the impacts of the Baseline, University Avenue LRT and the University Avenue Busway/BRT Alternatives in the areas such as: land use, neighborhoods, community facilities, economic impacts, parklands, property acquisition and displacement, visual and aesthetic, cultural resources, safety and security, environmental justice, soils, hazardous materials, air quality, noise and vibration, ecology and habitat, water quality and floodplains, energy and transportation impacts. The analysis also considers the capital and operating costs for each of the Alternatives. Mitigation measures to reduce anticipated impacts are detailed in the DEIS.

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A 45-day period has been established for comments on this document. Comments may be submitted in writing or may be made orally at the public hearing(s). Written comments should be submitted directly to Mr. Stephen L. Morris at the address above by June 5, 2006. Information on the public hearing(s) can also be obtained from Mr. Morris.

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publication in the **Federal Register** or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable. The display of OMB control numbers in certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

Abstract: Section 3010 of Subtitle C of RCRA, as amended, requires any person who generates or transports regulated waste or who owns or operates a facility for the treatment, storage, or disposal (TSD) of regulated waste to notify EPA of their activities, including the location and general description of activities and the regulated wastes handled. The facility is then issued an EPA Identification number. The facilities are required to use the Notification Form (EPA Form 8700-12) to notify EPA of their hazardous waste activities. EPA needs this information to determine the universe of persons who generate, handle, and manage these regulated wastes; assign EPA Identification Numbers; and ensure that these regulated wastes are managed in a way that protects human health and the environment, as required by RCRA, as amended.

EPA enters notification information submitted by respondents into the EPA National data base and assigns EPA Identification Numbers. EPA uses the information primarily for tracking purposes, and secondarily for a variety of enforcement and inspection purposes. In addition, EPA uses this information to identify the universe of regulated waste generators, handlers, and managers and their specific regulated waste activities. Finally, EPA uses this information to ensure that regulated waste is managed properly, that statutory provisions are upheld, and that regulations are adhered to by facility owners or operators.

Section 3007(b) of RCRA and 40 CFR part 2, subpart B, which defines EPA's general policy on public disclosure of information, both contain provisions for confidentiality. However, the Agency does not anticipate that businesses will assert a claim of confidentiality covering all or part of the Notification of Regulated Waste Activity. If such a claim were asserted, EPA must and will treat the information in accordance with the regulations cited above. EPA also will assure that this information collection complies with the Privacy Act of 1974 and OMB Circular 108.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 hours per response for the initial notification, and 1 hour per response for any subsequent notifications. Burden means the total

time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 55,915.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.
Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 100,307 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$9,690,000, includes \$0 annualized capital costs and \$235,000 annualized O&M costs and \$9,455,000 annual labor costs.

Changes in the Estimates: There is an increase of 4,057 hours in the total estimated burden currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved ICR Burdens. This increase is due to adjustments in the estimate of the number of respondents submitting subsequent notifications. Prior to this renewal, EPA did not have a consistent mechanism in place to track subsequent notifications from state to state. The information from the current database shows that the number of respondents submitting subsequent notifications was underestimated in the past.

Dated: April 10, 2006.

Oscar Morales,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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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 the **Federal Register** dated April 7, 2006 (71 FR 17845).

Draft EISs

EIS No. 20050410, ERP No. D-COE-E34031-FL, Central and Southern Florida Project, Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, Implementation, Everglades Agricultural Area Storage Reservoirs, Palm Beach County, FL.

Summary: EPA is fully supportive of the construction and operation of Everglades Agricultural Area Storage Reservoirs as a vital Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan component. However, EPA expressed environmental concerns about water quality, and requested that the Final EIS include additional water quality documentation, modeling and monitoring.
Rating EC1.

EIS No. 20050448, ERP No. D-BLM-J65455-MT, Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Blaine, Chouteau, Fergus and Phillips Counties, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential impacts to water quality and aquatic habitat wildlife habitat and ecosystem processes, historic and cultural resources.
Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20050462, ERP No. D-IBR-K39095-CA, South Delta Improvements Program, To Improve Water Quality, Water Conveyance, and Fish Habitat Conditions, Central Valley Project, U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, South Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, Several Counties, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about effects of Stage 1 on implementation of Clean Water Act Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) measures to improve water quality, and recommended establishment of a water quality monitoring and assessment program and that increased export pumping not be initiated until after the stage 2 operations decision.
Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20050538, ERP No. D-AFS-K65295-CA, Horse Heli Project, Harvest Merchantable Timber, Thin Stands, Treat Fuels, and Conduct Associated Activities, Klamath

National Forest, Oak Knoll Ranger District, Siskiyou County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about the potential for cumulative effects to the watershed, including non-target species and aquatic resource.

Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20060014, ERP No. D-NPS-F61023-OH, Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, General Management Plan Amendment, Implementation, Dayton, OH.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about impacts to air quality, water quality, and wetlands, and requested additional information be included in the Final EIS.

Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20060015, ERP No. D-AFS-K65297-CA, Kirkwood Mountain Resort, Proposed 2003 Mountain Master Development Plan, Implementation, Eldorado National Forest, Amador, Alpine and EL Dorado Counties, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about cumulative effects to the watershed and impacts to water resources, air quality, as well as traffic, and noise.

Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20060027, ERP No. D-AFS-K65298-CA, Kings River Project, Proposal to Restore Historical Pre-1850 Forest Conditions, Implementation, High Sierra Ranger District, Sierra National Forest, Fresno County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns because the proposed action increases the potential for adverse impacts to aquatic and late successional forest species, including a trend towards federal listing for the Federal candidate Yosemite toad.

Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20050516, ERP No. DS-SFW-F64005-00, Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, Comprehensive Conservation Plan, A New Alternative E: Modified Wildlife and Integrated Public Use, Implementation, MN, WI, IL and IA.

Summary: EPA does not object to the proposed action.

Rating LO.

EIS No. 20060025, ERP No. DS-AFS-F65034-WI, Northwest Howell Vegetation Management Project, New Information to Address Inadequate Disclosure of the Cumulative Effects Analysis for Six Animal and Two Plant Species, Eagle River-Florence

Ranger District, Chequamegon-Nicole National Forest, Florence and Forest Counties, WI.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concern about cumulative impacts from pesticide use, invasive species, disturbance during nesting and breeding seasons, and fragmentation to wildlife, and their habitat.

Rating EC2.

Final EISs

EIS No. 20060003, ERP No. F-AFS-J65425-00, Black Hills National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan Phase II Amendment, Proposal to Amend the 1997 Land and Resource Management Plan, Custer, Fall River, Lawrence, Meade and Pennington Counties, SD and Crook and Weston Counties, WY.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns about adverse impacts to water quality, impacts from runoff and soil erosion, and to fish and wildlife habitat.

EIS No. 20060021, ERP No. F-AFS-J65356-UT, Quitchupah Creek Road Project, Public Road Construction to Provide Access from UT-10 to the Acord Lakes Road, Application for Right-of-Way Grant, Fishlake National Forest, Sevier County Special Services District (SSD), Sevier and Emery Counties, UT.

Summary: The final EIS did include a monitoring plan and additional mitigation measures to address objections raised by EPA with erosion and impacts to water quality, but EPA continues to have concerns with the potential impacts to water quality from both the old roads and new roads from this project.

EIS No. 20060031, ERP No. F-NPS-B65012-ME, Schoodic General Management Plan Amendment, Implementation, Acadia National Park, ME.

Summary: EPA does not object to the proposed project.

EIS No. 20060033, ERP No. F-FRA-K53011-CA, Los Angeles Union Station Run-Through Tracks Project, Pedestrian Access Improvements, Connectivity and Increase the Capacity, City Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, CA.

Summary: EPA continues to express environmental concerns about particulate matter less than 2.5 microns in diameter (PM_{2.5}) and requested mitigation to reduce these diesel-related emissions.

EIS No. 20060057, ERP No. F-NPS-F65047-OH, Fallen Timbers

Battlefield and Fort Miamis National Historic Site, General Management Plan, Implementation, Lucas County, OH.

Summary: The Final EIS addresses the recommendations EPA made on reducing the spread of invasive plants species and the use of native plants in landscape design, therefore, EPA has no objections to the proposed project.

EIS No. 20060070, ERP No. F-AFS-L65465-OR, Tamarack Quarry Expansion Project, Secure a Long-Term Economical Source of Rock Material to Use for Highway and Road Maintenance, Mt. Hood National Forest, Clackamas County, OR.

Summary: EPA does not object to the proposed project.

EIS No. 20060079, ERP No. F-FHW-F40417-WI, WI-83 Highway Improvements, County NN in Mukwonago to WI-16 in Hartland, Funding and U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, Waukesha County, WI.

Summary: EPA continues to express environmental concerns that wetland impacts have not been adequately mitigated and requested that addition mitigation be provided.

EIS No. 20060087, ERP No. F-AFS-F65059-IL, Shawnee National Forest Trails Designation Project, Phase 1, Designation, Construction and Maintenance for Trail System within Four Watershed: Eagle Creek, Big Grand Pierre Creek, Lusk Creek and Upper Bay Creek, Hidden Springs Ranger District, Gallatin, Hardin, Johnson, Pope and Saline Counties, IL.

Summary: The Final EIS adequately addressed EPA's concerns with trail density standards, seasonal and wet-weather closures, and the impacts to water quality; therefore, EPA does not object to the proposed project.

EIS No. 20060092, ERP No. F-AFS-J65417-MT, Frenchtown Face Ecosystem Restoration Project, Maintenance and Improvement of Forest Health, Risk Reduction of Damage Insects and Disease, Lolo National Forest, Ninemile Ranger District, Missoula, MT.

Summary: EPA continues to express environmental concerns about potential adverse impacts from roads, OHV use, grazing and oil and gas development to water quality, aquatic resources and the protection of unique cultural and natural resources.

EIS No. 20060130, ERP No. F-COE-K40260-CA, Adoption-CA-905 Freeway or Tollway Construction Project Route Location, Adoption and

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Construction, Otay Mesa Port of Entry to I-805, Funding and U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, San Diego County, CA.

Summary: EPA continues to express environmental concerns about impacts to waters of the U.S., and requested additional avoidance and minimization of water impacts.

EIS No. 20060030, ERP No. FA-COE-F28000-IL, Sugar Creek Municipal Water Supply, Updated Information, Proposed New 1172 Acre Water Supply Reservoir, Construction, COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, City of Marion, Williamson and Johnson Counties, IL.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about water quality impacts, cumulative and indirect impacts, and costs, and suggested that these issues be addressed prior to issuance of a Record of Decision.

EIS No. 20050553, ERP No. FS-STB-J53005-00, Powder River Basin Expansion Project, New Information, Addressing Four Environmental Issues Remanded by the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals, Finance Docket No. 33407—Dakota, Minnesota, Eastern Railroad, SD, WY and MN.

Summary: EPA continues to express environmental concerns about aquatic resource/wetland impacts and the proposed mitigation strategies.

Dated: April 18, 2006.

Robert W. Hargrove,
Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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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 04/10/2006 through 04/14/2006 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 20060134, Final EIS, SFW, CA, Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP), Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains Trails Plan, Issuance of Incidental Take Permit, Riverside County, CA. Wait Period Ends: 05/22/2006,

Contact: Vicki Campbell 916-414-6464.

EIS No. 20060135, Final EIS, FHW, OH, US-24 Transportation Project, Improvements between Napoleon to Toledo, Funding, Lucas and Henry Counties, OH. Wait Period Ends: 05/22/2006, Contact: Mark Vonder Embse 614-280-6854.

EIS No. 20060136, Draft EIS, AFS, AK, Kenai Winter Access Project, Develop a Winter Access Management Plan for 2006/2007 Winter Season, Implementation, Seward Ranger District, Chugach National Forest, Located on the Kenai Peninsula in Southcentral, AK. Comment Period Ends: 06/05/2006, Contact: Sharon Randall 907-743-9497.

EIS No. 20060137, Draft EIS, AFS, WI, Twentymile Restoration Project Area, Restore Northern Hardwood Forests to an Uneven-aged Condition, Great Divide Ranger District, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, Ashland and Bayfield Counties, WI. Comment Period Ends: 06/05/2006, Contact: Debra Proctor 715-634-4821.

EIS No. 20060138, Draft EIS, BLM, CA, United States Gypsum Expansion/Modernization Project, Expand and Upgrade Plaster City Plant to Increase Wallboard Production Capacity with Related Increases in Water Supply, Right-of-Way Grant, Imperial County, CA. Comment Period Ends: 06/20/2006, Contact: Linda Self 760-337-4426.

EIS No. 20060139, Final EIS, AFS, CA, Southern California National Forests Land Management Plans, Revision of the Angeles, Cleveland, Los Padres, and San Bernardino National Forests Land Management Plans, Implementation, San Bernardino, Riverside, and San Diego Counties, CA. Wait Period Ends: 05/22/2006, Contact: Ron Pugh 858-524-0150.

EIS No. 20060140, Final EIS, FHW, KS, Adoption—Kansas Highway 10 (commonly Known as South Lawrence Trafficway), Relocation, Issuance of U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, Lawrence City, Douglas County, KS. Wait Period Ends: 05/31/2006, Contact: Wendall L. Meyer 785-228-2544.

Department of Transportation's, Federal Highway Administration, has adopted the Corp of Engineers's, FEIS #20030010, filed 01/07/2003. FHW was not a Cooperating Agency on the above FEIS. Under Section 1506.3(b) of the CEQ Regulations, the FEIS must be Recirculated for a 30-day Wait Period.
EIS No. 20060141, Draft EIS, AFS, WI, Boulder Project, Timber Harvesting, Vegetation and Road Management,

U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, Lakewood-Laona Ranger District, Oconto and Langlade Counties, WI. Comment Period Ends: 06/05/2006, Contact: Paul Sweeney 715-276-6333.

EIS No. 20060142, Final EIS, AFS, ID, Sixshooter Project, To Reduce the Threats of Insect Infestation and Wildfire, Sixmile and West Fork Creek, Boise National Forest, Emmett Ranger District, Gem County, ID. Wait Period Ends: 05/22/2006, Contact: Scott Godfrey 208-365-7000.

EIS No. 20060143, Draft EIS, NPS, MA, Cape Cod National Seashore (CACO) Hunting Program, General Management Plan, Implementation, Barnstable County, MA. Comment Period Ends: 06/19/2006, Contact: George E. Price, Jr. 508-349-3785.

EIS No. 20060144, Final EIS, FHW, IN, US-31 Improvement from Plymouth to South Bend, Running from Southern Terminus at US-30 to Northern Terminus at US-20, Marshall and St. Joseph Counties, IN. Wait Period Ends: 05/22/2006, Contact: Larry Neil 317-226-7480.

EIS No. 20060145, Final EIS, COE, PA, Allegheny and Ohio Rivers Commercial Sand and Gravel Dredging Operations, Granting and Extending Permits for Continuance of Dredging and U.S. Army COE Section 10 and 404 Permits Issuance, PA. Wait Period Ends: 05/22/2006,

Contact: Scott Hans 412-395-7154.
EIS No. 20060146, Draft EIS, UAF, HI, Hickam Air Force Base and Bellows Air Force Station, 15th Airlift Wing, Housing Privatization Phase II, To Transfer the Remaining Housing Units, and Associated Infrastructure to Selected Offeror, O'ahu, HI. Comment Period Ends: 06/05/2006, Contact: Ron Lanier 808-449-1584 x238.

EIS No. 20060147, Draft EIS, FTA, MN, Central Corridor Project, Develop a Light Rail Facility or a Busway/Bus Rapid Transit Facility, 11 miles between downtown Minneapolis and downtown St. Paul, Minnesota, Twin Cities Metropolitan Area, MN. Comment Period Ends: 06/05/2006, Contact: Marisol Simon 312-353-3789.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 20060122, Draft EIS, BIA, WA, Cowlitz Indian Tribe Trust Acquisition and Casino Project, Take 151.87 Acres into Federal Trust and Issuing of Reservation Proclamation, and Approving the Gaming Development and Management Contract, Clack County, WA.



April 24, 2006



DRAFT EIS AVAILABLE

The Alternatives Analysis/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (AA/DEIS) documenting the impacts of constructing transit improvements along the Central Corridor between downtown Saint Paul and downtown Minneapolis, Minnesota is available. The alternatives are bus rapid transit or light rail transit operating generally along University and Washington Avenues.

The AA/DEIS is being distributed to agencies on the document review list and other interested parties. Information on the AA/DEIS and other corridor information will be available at www.centralcorridor.org

A public comment period is expected to start on April 21, 2006, after publication in the Federal Register and end on June 5, 2006. A locally preferred alternative will then be selected for preliminary engineering and development of a Final EIS. Public hearings on the DEIS will be held during the week of May 22, 2006. The hearings will include an open house period with information on the transit alternative impacts along the corridor. Details of those hearings will be publicized when they are finalized in the next week to ten days. All comments received during the comment period will be considered for inclusion in the Final EIS. Comments may be directed to:

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Public Hearing Information:

- Monday, May 22, 6:30 PM, Radisson Metrodome, 615 Washington Ave SE, Minneapolis
An open house for questions and answers will precede the hearing from 5-6:30 PM
- Wednesday, May 24, 8 AM, Minnesota History Center, 345 West Kellogg Blvd, St. Paul
An open house for questions and answers will precede the hearing at 7:30 AM
- Wednesday, May 24, 6:30 PM, Central High School, 275 N Lexington Pkwy, St. Paul
An open house for questions and answers will precede the hearing from 3:30 to 6:30 PM

FINAL EIS AVAILABLE

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposal by UPM/Blandin Paper to expand operations at their paper mill in Grand Rapids, Itasca County, Minnesota.

The Final EIS responds to timely substantive comments on the Draft EIS, provides information in addition to that contained in the Draft EIS, and corrects errors in the Draft EIS. Together, the Final EIS and Draft EIS comprise the complete EIS, which documents the analysis of potential impacts associated with the installation of a completed new paper manufacturing line, modification of existing paper manufacturing line, and shutdown of another existing paper manufacturing line at the Grand Rapids paper mill.

The DNR will accept comments on the Final EIS during the public review and comment period that concludes at 4:30 PM on Monday, May 8, 2006.

Minnesota Rules part 4410.2800, subpart 4 requires the EIS to be found adequate if it: