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 FR dated April 6, 2007 (72 FR 17156).

Draft EISs

EIS No. 20070033, ERP No. D–FTA–C54010–00, Access to the Region’s Core Project, To Increase Trans-Hudson Commuter Rail Capacity. Improve System Safety and Reliability between Secaucus Junction Station in NJ and midtown Manhattan, Funding, Hudson County, NJ and New York County, NY.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about impacts to wetlands and air quality. EPA recommends that FTA provides more information on cumulative impacts as well as a wetlands mitigation plan.

Rating EC2.


Summary: EPA does not object to the proposed project. Rating LO.


Summary: EPA does not object to the proposed project. However, EPA did request that NMFS clarify questions pertaining to water quality, contaminants, and human health. Rating LO.

Final EISs


Improvements to the Surface Transportation Network, TIP Project Nos. U2579 and U–2579A, Forsyth County, NC. (This EIS #20070037 and EIS #20070058 are combined in a single document.)

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns about impacts to streams, terrestrial forest habitat, and impacts to migratory birds. EPA recommends that the Record of Decision disclose planned mitigation for these impacts.

EIS No. 20070106, ERP No. F–FRC–H03002–00, Rockies Express Western Phase Project, Construction and Operation for the Natural Gas Pipeline Facilities: Rockies Express (CP06–354–000), TransColorado (CP06–401–000) and Overthrust (CP06–423–000), CO, WY, NE, KS, MO and NM.

Summary: EPA does not object to the proposed project, but recommends additional consideration be given to the potential invasive species transfer via hydrostatic testing.


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Environmental Impacts Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed through pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9


Amended Notices


EIS No. 20070103, Draft EIS, FHW, NY, Kosciszusko Bridge Project, Propose Rehabilitation or Replacement a 1.1 mile Segment Brooklyn-Queens Expressway (~278) from Morgan Avenue in Brooklyn and the Long Island Expressway (1495) in Queens, Kings and Queens Counties, NY, Comment Period Ends: 6/15/2007, Contact: Robert Arnold, 518–431–4127. Revision of FR Notice Published
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–8313–6]

Notice of Open Meeting, Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB), Workshop on Environmental Management Systems

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection Agency’s Environmental Financial Advisory Board will hold an open meeting of its Environmental Management Systems Project Workgroup.

EFAB is chartered with providing analysis and advice to the EPA Administrator and EPA program offices on issues relating to environmental finance. The purpose of this meeting is for the EFAB to gather information and ideas with respect to how professionals in the areas of commercial banking/debt, insurance, and equity investment view and/or use a corporation’s environmental information such as Environmental Management Systems (EMSs) in their work. The day will be limited to five minutes per member of the public wishing further information for the SAB to consider.

The meeting is open to the public with limited seating available on a first come first served basis. Due to building security requirements, all members of the public who wish to attend the meeting must register in advance no later than Wednesday, June 6, 2007.

DATES: June 12, 2007 from 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To register for the workshop or to obtain further information, contact Vanessa Bowie, Director, Environmental Finance Staff, U.S. EPA, at 202–564–5186 or bowie.vanessa@epa.gov. For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Vanessa Bowie at 202–564–5186 or bowie.vanessa@epa.gov. To request accommodation of disability, please contact Vanessa Bowie, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.


Joseph Dillon, Director, Office of Enterprise Technology and Innovation.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–8313–9]

Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of a Public Teleconference of the Science Advisory Board; Environmental Economics Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA’s Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office is announcing a public teleconference of the SAB Environmental Economics Advisory Committee (EEAC) to discuss its draft advisory report to EPA regarding issues in valuing mortality risk reduction.

DATES: The teleconference will be held from 1 p.m.–4 p.m. Eastern time on June 4, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information regarding the public teleconference and call-in number may contact Dr. Holly Stallworth, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office by telephone/voice mail at (202) 343–9867, or via e-mail at stallworth.holly@epa.gov.

The EPA mailing address is: U.S. EPA, Science Advisory Board (1400F). 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. General information about the SAB, as well as any updates concerning the public teleconference announced in this notice, may be found in the SAB Web Site at: http://www.epa.gov/sab. The technical contact for EPA’s work on valuing mortality risk reduction is Dr. Chris Dockins who may be reached at (202) 566–2286 or dockins.chris@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, notice is hereby given that the SAB Environmental Economics Advisory Committee will hold a public teleconference to discuss appropriate methods for valuing mortality risks. The SAB EEAC will be augmented by economists from the chartered Science Advisory Board as well as the Advisory Council on Clean Air Compliance Analysis. The SAB was established by 42 U.S.C. 4365 to provide independent scientific and technical advice to the Administrator on the technical basis for Agency positions and regulations. The SAB is a Federal Advisory Committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. The SAB will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

Background

The SAB EEAC has been asked to review two papers related to EPA’s issues in valuing mortality risk reduction. The first paper entitled “Report of the EPA Work Group on VSL Meta-Analyses” addresses the technical basis for Agency positions and regulations. The SAB is a Federal Advisory Committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. The SAB will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.