

wetlands, and threatened and endangered species was requested. In addition, EPA considers the discussion of alternatives, mitigation, and secondary impacts to be deficient.

ERP No. D-ICC-C52003-00, Rating EC2, Long Island Ferry Service Operations, Connecticut to Long Island, License Application, NY and CT. SUMMARY: EPA is concerned that the proposed ferry operations may cause adverse impacts to water quality, wetlands, and environmentally sensitive areas. Accordingly, EPA requested additional information in the final EIS regarding mitigation of these issues.

ERP No. D-SFW-L64033-AK, Rating LO, Kanuti Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, Comprehensive Conservation Mgmt. Plan, Arctic Circle, AK. SUMMARY: EPA expressed no objections to the proposed action as described in the draft EIS. EPA offered assistance in developing and reviewing the water resources management plan described in the draft EIS.

Final EIS's

ERP No. F-AFS-J67005-MT, Jardine Joint Venture Gold Mine Project, Permit Approval, Gallatin Nat'l Forest, 404 Permit, MT. SUMMARY: The final EIS responded to EPA concerns on the draft EIS. EPA offers its assistance to the lead agency in their monitoring and oversight activities on this project.

ERP. No. F-BPA-L04500-00, Direct Service Industry Options on Reducing Load Fluctuations and Revenue Uncertainty, ID, MT, OR, and WA. SUMMARY: EPA made no formal comments. EPA reviewed the final EIS and found the project to be satisfactory.

Regulations

ERP No. ERP No. R-FAA-A52180-00, 14 CFR Part 36, Noise Standards for Helicopters in the Normal, Transport, and Restricted Categories (Docket No. 24929) (51 FR 7878). SUMMARY: EPA believes that the proposed rule will not provide any reduction in the present or future helicopter fleet. EPA suggested that to provide noise relief and protection that the regulation be revised to: (1) Set a date beyond which stage 1 helicopters may no longer be introduced into the fleet; (2) define stage 2, for consistency, as the existing International Civil Aviation Organization standard; and (3) designate a stage 3 standard which is 4 decibels below the proposed standards and which becomes effective 5 years after the effective date of the rule.

ERP No. R-FDA-A25038-00, 21 CFR Parts 172, 175, 176, 177, 179, and 181, Proposed Uses of Vinyl Chloride Polymers (Docket No. 84N-0334) (51 FR

4177). SUMMARY: Based on current evidence, EPA identified no strong reasons for not proceeding with the proposed action. However, EPA expressed concerns about the environmental uncertainties surrounding: (1) The plasticizers used with vinyl chloride polymers, and (2) the extent to which vinyl chloride polymers contribute to the emission of dioxins and furans from municipal solid waste incinerators.

Amended Notices

The following reviews should have appeared in the FR Notices published on May 2, 1986 and June 13, 1986, respectively.

ERP No. F-FHW-D40134-MD, MD-26 Improvement, Eldersburg to Randallstown, Right-of-Way Acquisition, MD. SUMMARY: The final EIS addressed EPA's previous concerns adequately.

ERP No. FS-FHW-A42009-MD, Nat'l Freeway/US 48 Gap Completion, Wolfe Mill to M.V. Smith Road, Construction, 404 Permit, MD. SUMMARY: The final EIS addressed all of EPA's previously raised concerns. EPA suggested construction impacts be monitored and mitigated, if needed.

Dated: June 17, 1986.

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Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement; Wastewater Treatment Facilities, Columbus, OH

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region V.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed upgrading and expansion of the Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and the total phase out of the Jackson Pike WWTP.

Purpose: In accordance with section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and section 511(c) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), EPA has identified a need to prepare a supplemental EIS and therefore issues this Notice of Intent pursuant to 40 CFR 6.108, 6.404, 6.511, 1501.7 and 1502.9.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO BE PLACED ON THE PROJECT MAILING LIST CONTACT: Ms. Rita M. Derbas, Environmental Planning Section, USEPA, Region V, 230 S. Dearborn St.,

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SUMMARY: Description of Proposed Action.

NEED FOR ACTION

In June 1979, an EIS was prepared on a 1976 Facilities Plan which had recommendations to upgrade and use both the Southerly and Jackson Pike WWTP's for treating the Columbus wastewater. In December 1984, and September 1985, newly revised Facilities Plans were submitted which proposed the upgrade and expansion of Southerly and the total phase out of the Jackson Pike WWTP. Since the newly proposed submittals represent substantial changes from the 1979 EIS, a supplemental EIS is needed to evaluate the new alternative and identify the most cost-effective and environmentally acceptable wastewater treatment alternative for the Columbus Planning area.

Alternatives

- Divert Jackson Pike flows to Southwesterly WWTP and provide advanced treatment at Southwesterly and Southerly
- Divert Jackson Pike flows to Southwesterly WWTP; pump Southerly effluent to Southwesterly; provide advanced treatment to all flows at Southerly.
- EIS recommendation based on a 1979 Facilities Plan: upgrading and improving the existing facilities at Jackson Pike and Southerly WWTP to meet NPDES permit limits on the Scioto River is both cost-effective and environmentally acceptable.
- The City's proposed action based on a 1985 Revised Facilities Plan: upgrade and expand the Southerly WWTP and totally phase out the Jackson Pike WWTP to meet NPDES permit limits on the Scioto River.

Scoping:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region V, will hold a public scoping meeting on Tuesday, July 22, 1986 at 1:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the City of Columbus City Hall, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 90 W. Broad St. Columbus, Ohio. Details of the history of the project and proposed changes will be presented. The public is invited to attend and identify issues that should be addressed in the EIS.

Estimated Date of DEIS Release

March 6, 1987

Responsible Official

Valdas Adamkus, Regional Administrator.