

logging methods in high risk watersheds, and recommends greater use of helicopter or skyline logging systems in order to minimize potential impacts to water resources.

EPA also recommend utilizing the results of water quality monitoring performed by other agencies in evaluating the environmental benefits of the final project design.

EIS No. 20050269, ERP No. F-AFS-K65279-CA, Freds Fire Restoration Project, To Reduce Long-Term Fuel Loading for the Purpose of Reducing Future Fire Severity and Resistance to Control, Eldorado National Forest, El Dorado County, CA

Summary: EPA has no objections to the project as described in the FEIS.

EIS No. 20050272, ERP No. F-NRS-L39060-OR, Williamson River Delta Restoration Project, To Restore and Maintain the Ecological Functions of the Delta, Williamson River, Klamath County, OR.

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

EIS No. 20050364, ERP No. F-FHW-H40183-00, Council Bluffs Interstate System Improvements Project, Transportation Improvements, Missouri River on I-80 to east of I-480 Interchange, Tier 1, Pottawattamie County, IA and Douglas County, NE.

Summary: EPA has no objections to the proposed project.

EIS No. 20050372, ERP No. F-AFS-K65282-AZ, Pickett Lake and Padre Canyon Allotments Cattle Grazing Management, Authorization and Implementation, Coconino National Forest, Mormon Lake Ranger District, Coconino County, AZ.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns about the impacts of grazing on impaired meadow and grassland soils, and the sufficiency of wetlands vegetation protection necessary for successful pronghorn fawning.

EIS No. 20050402, ERP No. F-FHW-J40163-UT, Iron County Transportation Corridors, Construction from Station Road 56 to Exit 51 on Interstate 15, Funding and Right-of-Way Grant, Southwest of the Cedar City Limits, Iron County, UT.

Summary: EPA has no objections to the proposed project.

Dated: October 25, 2005.

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6668-7]

Environmental Impacts Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepal/>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements
Filed October 17, 2005 Through October 21, 2005

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 20050439, Final EIS, COE, MS, Enhanced Evaluation of Cumulative Effects Associated with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Permitting Activity for Large-Scale Development in Coastal Mississippi, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, and Mississippi Counties, MS, Wait Period Ends: 12/27/2005, Contact: Dr. Susan I. Rees 251-694-4141.

EIS No. 20050440, Final EIS, SFW, AK, Alaska Peninsula and Becharof National Wildlife Refuges, Revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan, Implementation, AK, Wait Period Ends: 11/28/2005, Contact: Peter Wikoff 907-786-3837.

EIS No. 20050441, Draft EIS, COE, AK, Delong Mountain Terminal Project, Proposed Construction and Operation of Navigation Improvements, Northwest Arctic Borough, AK, Comment Period Ends: 12/27/2005, Contact: Guy McConnell 907-753-2614.

EIS No. 20050442, Draft EIS, NOA, WV, Canaan Valley Institute Office Complex, Proposes to Construct: Offices, Classrooms, Laboratories, 250-Seat Auditorium, Parking Facilities, Outdoor Classrooms and Interpretive Areas, U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, Southeast of the Towns of Davis and Thomas, Tucker County, WV, Comment Period Ends: 12/12/2005, Contact: Dr. Bruce B. Hicks 301-713-3318.

EIS No. 20050443, Final EIS, FHW, 00, US-159 Missouri River Crossing Project, Rehabilitation or Replacement of the Missouri River Bridge at Rulo, Funding and U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, Richardson County, NE and Holt County, MO, Wait Period Ends: 11/28/2005, Contact: Ed Kosola 402-437-5973.

EIS No. 20050444, Final Supplement, FTA, VA, Norfolk Light Rail Transit System, from the western terminus near Eastern Virginia Medical Center through Downtown Norfolk to an eastern terminus at Newtown Road

and Kempsville Road, Funding, U.S. COE Section 404 Permit, USCGD Bridge Permit, City of Norfolk, VA, Wait Period Ends: 11/28/2005
Contact: Patricia Kampf 215-656-7100.

EIS No. 20050445, Draft EIS, NPS, SD, Badlands National Park/North Unit General Management Plan, Implementation, Jackson, Pennington and Shananon Counties, SD, Comment Period Ends: 12/27/2005, Contact: William Supernaugh 605-433-5281.

EIS No. 20050446, Draft EIS, USN, 00, Undersea Warfare Training Range (USWTR), Installation and Operation, Preferred Site (in the Cherry Point Operating Area) and the Alternate Sites (within the Virginia Capes and Jacksonville Operating Areas), NC, VA and FL, Comment Period Ends: 12/12/2005, Contact: Keith Jenkins 757-322-4046.

EIS No. 20050447, Final EIS, FHW, OH, Eastern Corridor Multi-Modal (Tier 1) Project, to Implement a Multi-Modal Transportation Program between the City of Cincinnati and Eastern Suburbs in Hamilton and Clermont Counties, OH, Wait Period Ends: 11/28/2005, Contact: Dennis A. Decker 614-280-6896.

EIS No. 20050448, Draft EIS, BLM, MT, Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Blaine, Chouteau, Fergus and Phillips Counties, MT, Comment Period Ends: 01/26/2005, Contact: Jerry Majerus 406-538-1924.

EIS No. 20050449, Final EIS, USN, FL, Navy Air-To-Ground Training at Avon Park Air Force Range, To Conduct Air-To-Ground Ordnance Delivery and Training, Fleet Forces Command's Fleet Readiness Training Program (FRTP), Polk and Highland Counties, FL, Wait Period Ends: 11/28/2005, Contact: Will Sloger 843-820-5797.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 20050334, Final EIS, DOE, MT, South Fork Flathead Watershed Westslope Cutthroat Trout Conservation Program, Preserve the Genetic Purity of the Westslope Cutthroat Trout Population, Flathead National Forest, Flathead River, Flathead, Powell and Missoula Counties, MT, Wait Period Ends: 12/12/2005, Contact: Colleen Spiering 503-230-5756. Revision of FR Notice Published on 08/19/2005: Reopened the Wait Period from 09/19/2005 to 12/12/2005.

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Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) or Superfund, Section 104(k); and CERCLA Section 104(d); “Discounted Loans” Under Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grants”

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of the availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to an October 17, 2005 Memorandum signed by Thomas P. Dunne, Acting Assistant Administrator of EPA’s Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) grantees may provide discounted loans in certain situations. RLF grants are awarded to eligible entities provided in section 104(k)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), to capitalize RLF’s for brownfields cleanup. RLF grantees can use their EPA grant funds for loans and subgrants, as well as other eligible activities.

The Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response provides this policy in response to interest by RLF grantees awarded under CERCLA section 104(k) in issuing discounted loans as part of their RLF programs. Such loans were provided for in earlier policies that applied to Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund (BCRLF) grants awarded under CERCLA section 104(d). BCRLF grants were awarded starting FY1997 to FY2002, prior to the passage of the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act (Brownfields Law). Several BCRLF grantees made discounted loans under CERCLA section 104(d) policies, thereby achieving cleanup goals. However, with the signing of the Brownfields Law, new RLF grants, awarded under 104(k) from FY2003 forward, were left with no provision for the use of discounted loans. This policy meets this need, giving RLF grantees additional options to achieve cleanup goals, in keeping with prudent lending practices.

ADDRESSES: Mailing addresses for U.S. EPA Regional Offices and U.S. EPA

Headquarters are provided in the Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund and Cleanup Grants. Obtaining Proposal Guidelines: The proposal guidelines are available via the Internet: <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>. Copies of the Proposal Guidelines will also be mailed upon request. Requests should be made by calling the U.S. EPA Call Center at the following numbers: Washington, DC Metro Area at 703-412-9810, Outside Washington, DC Metro at 1-800-424-9346, TDD for the Hearing Impaired at 1-800-553-7672.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Call Alison Evans at the U.S. EPA’s Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Office of Brownfields Cleanup and Redevelopment, (202) 566-2777.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This policy supersedes all previous memorandums and/or policies that address this practice for these grantees. It applies to:

- RLF grants awarded under CERCLA section 104(k),
- BCRLF grants originally awarded under CERCLA section 104(d) that have transitioned to section 104(k) as provided in section 104(k)(3)(D), and,
- BCRLF grants awarded under CERCLA section 104(d) that have not transitioned.

RLF grantees may offer discounted loans (also called “principal forgiveness”) under the following conditions:

I. Borrowers for Discounted Loans

RLF grantees may offer discounted loans to those entities provided in CERCLA section 104(k)(1) including states, political subdivisions, and others, as well as nonprofit organizations.¹ Private, for-profit entities are not eligible for discounted loans.

II. Conditions for Individual Discounted Loans

For an individual loan, the amount of principal discounted may be any percentage of the total loan amount up to 30 percent, provided that the total amount of the principal forgiven shall not exceed \$200,000. For example, a

¹For the purposes of the brownfields grant program, EPA will use the definition of nonprofit organizations contained in Section 4(6) of the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999, Public Law 106-107, 31 U.S.C. 6101, Note. The term “nonprofit organization” means any corporation, trust, association, cooperative, or other organization that is operated mainly for scientific, educational, service, charitable, or similar purpose in the public interest; is not organized primarily for profit; and uses net proceeds to maintain, improve, or expand the operation of the organization.

loan of \$600,000 may be discounted at 30 percent, resulting in \$180,000 in principal forgiven. However, a loan of \$800,000, could only be discounted at 25 percent, resulting in \$200,000 in principal forgiven (any discount above 25 percent, in this case, would result in more than \$200,000 in principal forgiven, which is not provided for under this policy). In addition to these terms, a discounted loan may not be used in combination with a subgrant at a single site.

III. Conditions for RLF Grant Management When Discounted Loans Are Employed

For an RLF grant budget as a whole, the total dollar amount of principal forgiven through discounted loans plus the amount subgranted shall not exceed a total of 40% of RLF grant funds awarded.

Background

On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. This act amended the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act to authorize Federal financial assistance for brownfields revitalization, including grants for assessment, cleanup, and job training.

Funding for the brownfields grants is authorized under section 104(k) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9604(k). Eligibility for brownfields assessment and revolving loan fund grants is limited to “eligible entities” as defined in section 104(k)(1) of CERCLA. These include a General Purpose Unit of Local Government; Land Clearance Authority or other quasi-governmental entity that operates under the supervision and control of, or as an agent of, a general purpose unit of local government; Governmental Entity Created by State Legislature; Regional council or group of general purpose units of local government; Redevelopment Agency that is chartered or otherwise sanctioned by a state; State; Indian Tribe other than in Alaska; and Alaska Native Regional Corporation, Alaska Native Village Corporation, and Metlakatla Indian Community. Eligibility for brownfields cleanup grants is limited to “eligible entities” and nonprofits.

In addition, Intertribal Consortia, other than those composed of ineligible Alaskan tribes, are eligible to apply for the brownfields assessment, revolving loan fund, and cleanup grants. Coalitions of eligible governmental