

calculations, and how good is the available data?

○ What methods can be used to determine reserve zones?

(2) *Optimal transmission switching:*

■ Simple optimal DC transmission switching appears to represent a potentially solvable technical problem using existing computational resources if transmission operators optimize only a small number of transmission switch positions. It is less clear whether transmission switching model formulations that include realistic representations of reliability requirements are solvable. What is the performance of these more complex model formulations?

■ What additional computational impediments, if any, exist to implementing optimal transmission switching over a small number of switches while maintaining reliability?

■ What steps toward optimal transmission switching might be taken over the next 5 to 10 years?

(3) *AC optimal power flow modeling:*

■ What is the current state of computational capability with respect to dependably solving AC optimal power flow problems, including analysis of power system reliability?

■ Discussions during previous conferences have centered on concerns that current system data quality might not allow for an AC optimal power flow model to be properly formulated and solved. What are the specific data concerns, and what needs to be done to address them?

■ What steps toward use of AC optimal power flow modeling might be taken over the next 5 to 10 years?

(4) *Adaptive and dynamic transmission ratings:*

■ Previous presentations examined the use of post-contingency analysis when determining transmission ratings, including consideration of availability of ramping capability. How can (or have) adaptive transmission ratings been implemented?

■ Previous presentations also examined how transmission ratings might be updated in real time in response to ambient conditions. How have such dynamic transmission ratings been implemented?

■ What are the data or computational challenges associated with implementing adaptive or dynamic transmission ratings?

While the topics suggested above are largely forward-looking, we also encourage proposals for presentations on best practices and other analyses of current operations with respect to these and related topics.

The technical conference will be held in the Commission Meeting Room at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. All interested participants are invited to attend, and participants with ideas for relevant presentations are invited to nominate themselves to speak at the conference.

Speaker nominations must be submitted on or before April 27, 2012 through the Commission's Web site<sup>2</sup> by providing the proposed speaker's contact information along with a title, abstract, and list of contributing authors for the proposed presentation. Proposed presentations should be closely related to the topics discussed above. Speakers and presentations will be selected to ensure relevant topics and to accommodate time constraints.

Although registration is not required for general attendance by U.S. citizens, we encourage those planning to attend the conference to register through the Commission's Web site.<sup>3</sup> We will provide printed nametags for those who register on or before June 20, 2012.

Due to new security procedures, we strongly encourage attendees who are not citizens of the United States to register for the conference by June 1, 2012, in order to avoid any delay associated with being processed by FERC security.

Following the conferences, a comment date will be set for the filing of post-conference comments.

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<sup>2</sup> The speaker nomination form is located at <https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/real-market-6-25-12-speaker-form.asp>.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Environmental Impacts Statements; Notice of Availability

*Responsible Agency:* Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7146 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements  
Filed 03/19/2012 Through 03/23/2012  
Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

#### Notice

Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA's comment letters on EISs are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html>.

*EIS No. 20120080, Revised Final EIS, USACE, FL, Central and Southern Florida Project, Broward County Water Preserve Areas, Updates Resulting from Policy Changes that occurred since 2007 Civil Works Board Approval, South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, (CERP), Broward County, FL, Review Period Ends: 04/30/2012, Contact: Angela E. Dunn 904-232-2108.*

*EIS No. 20120081, Draft EIS, USFWS, AK, Izembek National Wildlife Refuge Land Exchange/Road Corridor,*

Proposed Land Exchange for the Purpose of Construction of a Road between Communities of King Cove and Cold Bay, USACE Section 10 and 404 Permits, AK, *Comment Period Ends*: 05/18/2012, *Contact*: Stephanie Brady 907-786-3357.

*EIS No. 20120082, Final EIS, USFS, OR*, Snow Basin Vegetation Management Project, Proposal to Implementing Commercial Harvest of Timber, Post Harvest Non-commercial Thinning, Whitman Ranger District, Wallowa-Whitman Forest, Baker County, OR, *Review Period Ends*: 04/30/2012, *Contact*: Dea Nelson 541-523-6391.

*EIS No. 20120083, Final Supplement, BLM, NV*, Upper Las Vegas Wash Conservation Transfer Area (CTA), Propose to Establish a Final Boundary, Implementation, Clark County, NV, *Review Period Ends*: 04/30/2012, *Contact*: Gayle Marrs-Smith 702-515-5156.

*EIS No. 20120084, Final EIS, USFS, FL*, City of Tallahassee Southwestern Transmission Line Project, Proposes to Construct, Operate and Maintain a New Overhead 230-kilovolt (kV), Electric Transmission Line, Special-Use-Permit (SUP), Apalachicola National Forest (ANF), Leon County, FL, *Review Period Ends*: 04/30/2012, *Contact*: Harold Shenk 850-926-3561.

*EIS No. 20120085, Final EIS, USN, WA*, Trident Support Facilities Explosives Handling Wharf (EHW-2), New Information, Construction and Operating, Naval Base Kitsap Bangor, Silverdale, WA, *Review Period Ends*: 04/30/2012, *Contact*: Christine Stevenson 360-396-0080.

*EIS No. 20120086, Draft EIS, DOE, CO*, Granby Pumping Plant Switchyard—Windy Gap Substation Transmission Line Rebuild, To Replace Existing Transmission Line with Double Circuit Transmission, Grand County, CO, *Comment Period Ends*: 05/29/2012, *Contact*: Jim Hartman 720-962-7255.

*EIS No. 20120087, Draft EIS, USFS, OR*, Eden Ridge Timber Sales, Implementation, Powers Ranger District, Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, Coos County, OR, *Comment Period Ends*: 05/14/2012, *Contact*: Wesley Crum 541-439-6200.

*EIS No. 20120088, Second Draft EIS (Tiering), FHWA, IL*, TIER 2—Elgin O'Hare—West Bypass, Extending the Planning Period from 2030 to 2040, Federal Approvals and Funding, Cook and DuPage Counties, IL, *Comment Period Ends*: 05/14/2012, *Contact*: Norman Stoner 217-492-4600.

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway

Administration and the Federal Aviation Administration are Joint Lead agencies for this project.

*EIS No. 20120089, Final EIS, USFS, CA*, Greys Mountain Ecological Restoration Project, Proposed Forest Management Treatments to Reduce Fire Hazard and Restore Forest Health, Sierra National Forest, Bass Lake Ranger District, Madera and Mariposa Counties, CA, *Review Period Ends*: 04/30/2012, *Contact*: Burt Stalter 559-887-2218 ext. 3208.

*EIS No. 20120090, Draft EIS, USAF, AK*, Modernization and Enhancement of Ranges, Airspace, and Training Areas in the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex, AK, *Comment Period Ends*: 06/07/2012, *Contact*: Mark Peterson 808-449-1078.

The U.S. Army and the U.S. Air Force are Joint Lead agencies for this project.

*EIS No. 20120091, Second Draft Supplement, BLM, AK*, National Petroleum Reserve -Alaska (NPR-A) Integrated Activity Plan, To Determine Appropriate Management for BLM-Administrated Lands in the NPR-A, North Slope Borough, AK, *Comment Period Ends*: 05/29/2012, *Contact*: Jim Ducker 907-271-3130.

*EIS No. 20120092, Final EIS, USACE, LA*, Louisiana Coastal Area Barataria Basin Barrier Shoreline Restoration, To Restore the Barrier Shoreline Ecosystem and Significantly Reduce the Loss of Estuarine and Freshwater Wetlands, Caminada Headland in Lafourche and Jefferson Parishes and Shell Islands in Plaquemines Parish, LA, *Review Period Ends*: 04/30/2012, *Contact*: Dr. William P. Klein, Jr. 504-862-2540.

#### Amended Notices

*EIS No. 20110440, Revised Draft EIS, USFS, ID*, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, Land Management Plan, Revises the 1987 Forest Plan, Implementation, Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Benewah, and Shoshone Counties, ID and Pend Oreille County, WA, *Comment Period Ends*: 05/07/2012, *Contact*: Mary Farnsworth 208-765-7223. Revision to FR Notice Published 01/13/2012; Extending Comment Period from 04/4/2012 to 05/07/2012.

*EIS No. 20110441, Revised Draft EIS, USFS, MT*, Kootenai National Forest Land Management Plan, Revises the 1987 Forest Plan, Implementation, Lincoln, Sanders, Flathead Counties, MT and Bonner and Boundary Counties, ID, *Comment Period Ends*: 04/04/2012, *Contact*: Paul Bradford 406-293-6211.

Revision to FR Notice Published 01/06/2012; Extending Comment Period from 04/04/2012 to 05/07/2012.

*EIS No. 20120028, Draft EIS, USACE, CA*, Clearwater Program, To Meet the Wastewater Management Needs of the Joint Outfall System (JOS) Through the Year 2050, Near San Pedro, Section 404 Permit, Los Angeles County, CA, *Comment Period Ends*: 04/10/2012, *Contact*: Dr. Aaron O. Allen 805-585-2148.

Revision to FR Notice Published 2/10/2012; Comment Period Ends 04/10/2012.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9650-8]

### Draft NPDES General Permit for Discharges From the Oil and Gas Extraction Point Source Category to Coastal Waters in Texas (TXG330000)

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposal of NPDES General Permit Renewal.

**SUMMARY:** EPA Region 6 today proposes a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit regulating discharges from oil and gas wells in the Coastal Subcategory in Texas and in the Stripper Subcategory which discharge into coastal waters in Texas.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by May 14, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** *Comments should be sent to:* Ms. Diane Smith (6WQ-NP), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733.

Comments may also be submitted via EMAIL to the following address: [smith.diane@epa.gov](mailto:smith.diane@epa.gov).

### Public Meeting/Public Hearing Information

A public meeting and a public hearing on the proposed permit will be held at the times and place below. The meeting will include a presentation on the proposed permit followed by the opportunity for questions and answers. The public hearing will be held in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 124.12. At the public hearing, any person may submit oral or written