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Resumes and letters of interest may be directed to Lara P. Autry, NELAC/NELAP Director, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development, National Exposure Research Laboratory, Environmental Sciences Division, Landscape Characterization Branch (E243-05), Research Triangle Park, NC 27711 or by e-mail: autry.lara@epa.gov. Inquiries must be submitted by August 15, 2003 for consideration.

Dated: July 30, 2003.

Henry L. Longest,

Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Research and Development.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board; Notice of Charter Renewal

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

The Charter for the Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board (ELAB) has been renewed for an additional two-year period, as a necessary committee which is in the public interest, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2 section 9(c). The purpose of ELAB is to provide advice and recommendations to the Administrator of EPA on issues associated with the

systems and standards of accreditation for environmental laboratories.

It is determined that ELAB is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Agency by law.

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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 FR dated April 4, 2003 (68 FR 16511).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-J70021-SD Rating EC2, Prairie Project Area (Lower Rapid Creek Area), Multiple Resource Management Actions, Implementation, Black Hills National Forest, Mystic Ranger District, Pennington County, ID.

Summary: EPA has environmental concerns about potential soil erosion, runoff and degradation of water quality and stream habitat, stream sedimentation, and impacts to wildlife and sensitive species. EPA recommended the final EIS include measures to minimize impacts to important wildlife habitat and private property when harvesting on the Forest Service-private land interface.

ERP No. D-FHW-E40797-MS Rating LO, Airport Parkway Extension, Improvements to MS-475 from I-20 to Old Brandon Road, U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, Rankin County, MS.

Summary: EPA has lack of objections to the proposed action.

However, EPA recommends that further information regarding project description, project need and adequate mitigation be included in the FEIS.

ERP No. D-FHW-F40413-IL Rating EC2, US 20 (FAP 301) Construction Project, IL-84 north of Galena to Bolton Road northwest of Freeport, Funding, NPDES Permit and U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, Jo Davies and Stephenson Counties, IL.

Summary: EPA has environmental concerns with the proposed project relating to: (1) Karst areas and groundwater contamination, (2) impaired water impacts, (3) neotropical migrant impacts, and (4) forest impact mitigation.

ERP No. D-FHW-F40414-OH Rating EC2, Butler County, OH-63 Extension to U.S. 127 (Trenton Area Access), Construction of a Multi-Lane Limited Access, Divided Highway on New Alignment from east of OH-41/OH-63 Interchange in the City of Monroe, Funding, Butler County, OH.

Summary: EPA has environmental concerns with the proposed project regarding potential ground water contamination in a federally-designated sole source aquifer (the Great Miami/Little Miami Buried Valley Aquifer System). EPA also asks that more information be provided on wetlands mitigation and impacts to surface water.

ERP No. D-FHW-F40415-IN Rating EC2, US 31 Improvement Project (I-465 to IN-38) between I-465 North Leg and IN-38, Funding, NPDES Permit and U.S. Army Section 10 and 404 Permits Issuance, Hamilton County, IN.

Summary: EPA has environmental concerns with the preferred alternative regarding potentially adverse impacts to public drinking water supplies, forests, wetlands, streams and floodplains. EPA recommends the FEIS include specific mitigation measures to minimize and/or compensate for these impacts.

ERP No. D-FHW-G40174-TX Rating LO, Eastern Extension of the President George Bush Turnpike (PGBT) from TX-78 to I-30, New Controlled Access Tollway Construction at a New Location, Cities of Garland, Sachse, Rowlett and Dallas, Dallas County, TX.

Summary: EPA has no objections to the project as proposed. EPA recommends additional information regarding the areas of air quality and floodplain mitigation be included in the FEIS.

ERP No. D-NPS-G65086-TX Rating LO, Big Bend National Park General Management Plan, Implementation, Brewster County, TX.