

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Intent: Designation of an Expanded Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site (ODMDS) off Charleston, South Carolina**AGENCY:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4.**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the designation of an expanded ODMDS off Charleston, South Carolina.

Purpose: EPA has the authority to designate ODMDSs under Section 102 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. 1401 *et seq.*). It is EPA's policy to prepare a National Environmental Policy Document for all ODMDS designations (63 FR 58045, October 1998).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, TO SUBMIT COMMENTS, AND TO BE PLACED ON THE PROJECT MAILING LIST CONTACT: Mr. Gary W. Collins, EPA Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, phone 404-562-9393, email: collins.garyw@epa.gov.

SUMMARY: EPA in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Charleston District (USACE) intends to prepare an EA to evaluate the proposed designation of an expanded ODMDS offshore Charleston, South Carolina. An EA will provide the environmental information necessary to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with expanding the ODMDS.

Need for Action: The USACE has requested that EPA evaluate and designate an expanded ODMDS. The study area includes an area approximately 7.18 square miles in size, for the disposal of dredged material from the proposed harbor deepening dredging at Charleston Harbor (4.04 square miles are within the current ODMDS and 3.14 square miles are outside the current ODMDS). The size of an expanded ODMDS will be based on capacity computer modeling results, and will be refined throughout the study phase.

Alternatives: The following proposed alternatives have been tentatively defined.

1. No action.
2. Expansion of the existing Charleston ODMDS. Expand the existing disposal zone and ODMDS to the north, south and east.

Scoping: EPA is requesting written comments from federal, state, and local governments, industry, non-governmental organizations, and the

general public on the range of alternatives considered, specific environmental issues to be evaluated, and the potential impacts of the alternatives. Scoping comments will be accepted for 60 days, beginning with the date of this Notice.

Estimated Date of Draft EA Release: May 2014.

Responsible Official: Gwendolyn Keyes Fleming, Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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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 12/17/2012 Through 12/21/2012 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>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As of October 1, 2012, EPA will not accept paper copies or CDs of EISs for filing purposes; all submissions on or after October 1, 2012 must be made through e-NEPA. While this system eliminates the need to submit paper or CD copies to EPA to meet filing requirements, electronic submission does not change requirements for distribution of EISs for public review and comment. To begin using e-NEPA, you must first register with EPA's electronic reporting site—https://cdx.epa.gov/epa_home.asp
EIS No. 20120394, Draft EIS, USFS, OR, Tollgate Fuels Reduction Project, Umatilla National Forest, Walla Walla Ranger District, Umatilla and Union Counties, OR, *Comment Period Ends:* 02/13/2013, *Contact:* Kimpton Cooper 509-522-6009.

EIS No. 20120395, Draft EIS, USFS, CA, AP Loblolly Pine Removal and Restoration Project, Andrew Pickens Ranger District, Sumter National Forest, Oconee County, CA, *Comment*

Period Ends: 02/13/2013, *Contact:* Victor Wyant 864-638-9568.

EIS No. 20120396, Final Supplement, USACE, CA, Folsom Dam Modification Project Approach Channel, Providing New or Additional Information on the Design and Means to Construct the Auxiliary Spillway Approach Channel, Placer and El Dorado Counties, CA, *Review Period Ends:* 01/29/2013, *Contact:* Tyler Stalker 916-557-5107.

EIS No. 20120397, Final EIS, BLM, AK, National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska (NPR-A) Integrated Activity Plan, North Slope Borough, AK, *Review Period Ends:* 01/29/2013, *Contact:* Serena Sweet 907-271-4543.

EIS No. 20120398, Final EIS, NPS, WI, Ice Age Complex at Cross Plains General Management Plan, Implementation, Ice Age National Scenic Trail, Dane County, WI, *Review Period Ends:* 02/26/2013, *Contact:* John Madden 608-441-5610.

EIS No. 20120399, Draft EIS, USACE, CA, Feather River West Levee Project, To Reduce Flood Risk in the Sutter Basin, Sutter and Butte Counties, CA, *Comment Period Ends:* 02/13/2013, *Contact:* Jeff Koschak 916-557-6994.

EIS No. 20120400, Draft EIS, USACE, CA, Encinitas-Solana Beach Coastal Storm Damage Reduction Project, San Diego County, CA, *Comment Period Ends:* 02/26/2013, *Contact:* Lawrence Smith 213-452-3846.

EIS No. 20120401, Final EIS, DOE, MA, RI ADOPTION—Cape Wind Energy Project, Construction, Operation and Maintenance, and Decommissioning of a Electric Generation Facility, Barnstable, Nantucket and Duke Counties, MA and Washington County, RI, *Review Period Ends:* 01/29/2013, *Contact:* Matthew McMillen 202-586-7248.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has adopted the U.S. Department of the Interior's Mineral Management Service final EIS filed 1/09/2009. The DOE was not a cooperating agency for the above final EIS. Recirculation of the document is necessary under Section 1506.3(b) of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations.

Dated: December 26, 2012.

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