

The Corps began early scoping with federal and state agencies in June 1995. EPA, the FWS, the NMFS, and MMS will be cooperating federal agencies for the EIS. State agencies, the North Slope Borough, Borough residents, and the general public will be contacted during the scoping process. A third-party contractor will prepare the EIS under direction by the Corps; the contractor is expected to be identified by December 1, 1995.

Significant issues that have been identified for the DEIS include oil spill risk and spill response plans, effects on bowhead whale migration and subsistence hunting of whales and other marine mammals, effects on denning polar bears and human interactions with polar bears, discharge of wastes from the facility that may affect air and water quality and marine food chains, navigation, and bird strikes on structures. The Corps is inviting comments from the public, agencies (Federal, State and local), Native interests, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed activities.

Scoping meetings are tentatively planned for the following dates and locations:

Barrow, Alaska—late-January or February 1996

Nuiqsut, Alaska—late-January or February 1996

Anchorage, Alaska—late-January or February 1996

Fairbanks, Alaska—late-January or February 1996

Further information about these public meetings will be published locally and can be obtained by contracting the Corps as described above.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Mississippi River Sediment Nutrient and Freshwater Redistribution Feasibility Study; Louisiana

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a DEIS.

SUMMARY: This study will investigate the Federal involvement in the redistribution of Mississippi River flows at various locations between the Old River Control Structure and Head of Passes. River water will provide

sediments, nutrients, and freshwater to offset wetlands loss resulting from subsidence and saltwater intrusion.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions concerning the proposed study can be answered by Mr. Tim Axtman, (504) 862-1921, and questions concerning the DEIS can be answered by Mr. Michael Saucier, (504) 862-2525, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Planning Division (CELMN-PD), P.O. Box 60267, New Orleans, Louisiana 70160-0267.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Authority

This study is being funded as specified in the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act (CWPPRA, PL 101-646). At the direction of the CWPPRA Task Force, the study is being led and managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Members of the Task Force are the Secretary of the Army who serves as chairman, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, Secretary of the Interior, and the Governor of Louisiana. The other members of the Task Force will provide input to the proposed study.

2. Proposed Action

The objective of this study is the maximization of the available resources of the Mississippi River for use in creation, restoration, protection, and enhancement of coastal wetlands in Louisiana.

3. Alternatives

Alternatives for addressing wetland loss will include, but are not limited to, freshwater diversion through siphons over the river levee, freshwater diversion through structures built in the river levee, sediment diversion through structures built in the river levee, and freshwater and sediment diversion through crevasse construction in the natural river bank. These alternatives will be compared to the No-Action alternative.

4. Public Involvement and Scoping

a. Three scoping meetings will be held within the study area to identify the desires of the public. Members of the CWPPRA Task Force Environmental Work Group will participate as facilitators in the scoping meetings, organized by the Corps of Engineers. Participants in the scoping meetings will be requested to make comments on alternatives, significant issues, or impacts of alternatives for inclusion in the DEIS. Comments received as a result of this process will be compiled and

analyzed, and a Scoping Document summarizing the results will be made available to all participants.

b. Significant issues to be addressed in the DEIS currently include: extent of wetland loss under current conditions and if no remedial action is taken, environmental benefits of proposed alternatives, relocations required, and effects on fish and wildlife, endangered species, cultural resources, recreation, and socio-economic concerns.

c. The U.S. Department of the Interior will provide a Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Report to accompany the DEIS. Coordination will be maintained with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service concerning endangered and threatened species. We will prepare a Section 404(b)(1) evaluation for review by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and other interested parties. Coordination will be maintained with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the State Historic Preservation Officer. The Louisiana Department of Natural Resources will be consulted regarding consistency with the State's Coastal Resources Program. Application for a State Water Quality Certificate will be made with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.

d. A 45-day public review period will be allowed so that all interested agencies, groups, and individuals will have an opportunity to review and comment on the DEIS.

5. Meeting Schedule

The public will be informed of the dates and locations of the scoping meetings when scheduled. A public meeting will be held during the review period to receive comments on the DEIS.

6. Availability

The DEIS is scheduled to be available to the public in November 1997.

Dated: October 30, 1995.

Kenneth H. Clow,

Colonel, U.S. Army, District Engineer.

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Department of the Navy

Notice of Public Hearing for Draft Environmental Impact Statement on Realignment to Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton, CA

Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508) implementing procedural provisions of the National

Environmental Policy Act, the Marine Corps has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for realignment of Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton, California.

A public hearing to inform the public of the DEIS findings and to solicit comments will be held on December 1, 1995, beginning at 6 pm, in the Fallbrook Community Center, located at 341 Heald Lane, Fallbrook, California 92028.

The public hearing will be conducted by the Marine Corps. Federal, State, and local agencies and interested parties are invited and urged to be present or represented at the hearing. Oral statements will be heard and transcribed by a stenographer; however, to assure accuracy of the record, all statements should be submitted in writing. All statements, both oral and written, will become part of the public record on this study. Equal weights will be given to both oral and written statements.

In the interest of available time, each speaker will be asked to limit their oral comments to five minutes. If longer statements are to be presented, they should be summarized at the public hearing and submitted in writing either at the hearing or mailed to the address listed at the end of this announcement. All written statements must be postmarked by December 17, 1995, to become part of the official record.

The DEIS has been distributed to various Federal, State, and local agencies, elected officials, and civic associations and groups. A limited number of single copies are available at the address listed at the end of this notice.

In accordance with the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 and the specific base closure and realignment decisions approved by the president and accepted by Congress in September 1995, the proposed action is the realignment of Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton. The proposed action relocates aircraft and associated assets from MCAS Tustin and MCAS El Toro, which are closing, to MCAS Camp Pendleton.

Alternatives considered in the DEIS include: no action, development alternatives (alternative site configurations) at MCAS Camp Pendleton, and use of other military installations. The proposed action will have impacts on noise, endangered species, cultural assets, and air quality.

Additional information concerning this notice may be obtained by contacting Chief Warrant Officer Harry Roberts or Mr. Bruce Shaffer, Base

Closure and Realignment Office, Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, Santa Ana, CA 92709, telephone (714) 726-3383.

By direction of the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Dated: November 20, 1995.

Kim G. Weirick,

Assistant Head, Land Use and Military Construction Branch Facilities and Services Division, Installations and Logistics Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Disposition of Surplus Highly Enriched Uranium Draft Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy is announcing an extension until January 12, 1996 of the comment period for the Disposition of Surplus Highly Enriched Uranium Draft Environmental Impact Statement (draft HEU EIS).

DATES: The Notice of Availability and invitation to comment on the draft HEU EIS was originally published in the Federal Register on October 27, 1995 [60 FR 55021]. In response to requests from the public, the Department is extending the close of the comment period for the draft HEU EIS from December 11, 1995 to January 12, 1996.

ADDRESSES AND FURTHER INFORMATION: Copies of the draft HEU EIS and requests for information should be directed to: Office of Fissile Materials Disposition (MD-4), Attention: HEU EIS, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20585, 1-800-820-5134. Written comments on the draft HEU EIS should be mailed to the following address: DOE—Office of Fissile Materials Disposition, P.O. Box 23786, Washington, DC 20026-3786. Comments may also be submitted orally (to a recording machine) or by fax to 1-800-820-5156.

For information on the DOE National Environmental Policy Act process, contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-4600 or leave a message at 1-800-472-2756.

Issued in Washington, DC, November 15, 1995.

Gregory P. Rudy,

Acting Director, Office of Fissile Materials Disposition.

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Environmental Management Advisory Board

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Advisory Board.

DATE AND TIMES: Thursday, November 30, 1995, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

PLACE: U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 1E-245, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-4400.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James T. Melillo, Executive Director, Environmental Management Advisory Board, EM-5, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-4400. The Internet address is: James.Melillo@em.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board. The purpose of the Board is to provide the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management (EM) with advice and recommendations on issues confronting the Environmental Management Program and the Programmatic Environmental Management Impact Statement, from the perspectives of affected groups and State and local Governments. The Board will help to improve the Environmental Management Program by assisting in the process of securing consensus recommendations, and providing the Department's numerous publics with opportunities to express their opinions regarding the Environmental Management Program.

Tentative Agenda

Thursday, November 30, 1995

8:30 a.m. Co-Chairmen Open Public Meeting, Mr. Alvin Alm and Mr. Douglas Costle

8:35 a.m. Opening Remarks, Mr. Thomas Grumbly, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management

9:30 a.m. Presentation and Board Discussion of the Environmental Management Strategic Plan, Mr. James Werner, Director, Office of Strategic Planning & Analysis