

Environmental Protection Agency, the National Park Service and the Delaware River Basin Commission.

b. Significant issues to be addressed in the EIS regarding the proposed project include:

1. Loss of 250 acres of tidal freshwater wetlands within impoundment area;
2. Impact of project construction and operation on water quality and flood storage capacity;
3. Fish and wildlife habitat impacts, including endangered species;
4. The effect of nearby hazardous waste sites and Interstate 95 on water quality;
5. Disposal of excavated materials;
6. Mitigation plans; and
7. Water supply alternatives to the proposed action.

c. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District and the U.S. Environmental protection Agency, Region III have executed a Cooperating Agency Agreement for the development of this EIS. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, through this agreement, has committed to play an active role in the scoping process, the performance of appropriate field investigations, the development of portions of the Draft and Final EIS's, primarily those related to water quality and hazardous waste issues, and the development of responses to comments received on those sections of the DEIS.

4. A Public Workshop/Scoping Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 11, 1996, in the Clayton Hall Conference Center on the University of Delaware's North Campus in Newark, Delaware. The conference center will open at 6 pm for informal viewing of project displays and documents and discussions with appropriate agency representatives. This formal meeting will begin at 7 pm.

5. It is estimated that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be made available to the public in the Spring of 1997.

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## Corps of Engineers

### Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for a Proposed Flood Control Project on the Bolles Canal in Palm Beach County, Florida

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers intends to prepare a General Reevaluation Report (GRR) for the Bolles Canal flood control study (between the Miami and Hillsborough Canals). A Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared for the project.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Therese Fretwell, (904) 232-3271, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, Florida 32232-0019.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

a. The study of possible flood control measures for the Bolles Canal is authorized under the Flood Control Act of 1948. Subsequently, the Flood Control Act of 1954 authorized the construction of S-171 and S-172 within the Bolles Canal for the protection of the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA); however, these structures were not constructed. The process of preparing the General Reevaluation Report will allow the Corps to reformulate and/or modify plans for flood control in this study area. In July 1986, the Jacksonville District requested and received concurrence to reactivate and improve Bolles Canal as an authorized part of the C & SF Project. This decision was based on South Florida Water Management's (SFWMD) conclusion that the total capacity of private pump stations discharging into Bolles Canal was much greater than present Canal capacity. Increasing the capacity of the Bolles Canal may significantly enhance the effectiveness of the Stormwater Treatment Areas (STA's). Thus, in a letter dated 5 October 1994, SFWMD requested that the Jacksonville District pursue a multi-objective study for improvements to the Bolles Canal. The project will involve channel improvements and modifications, and levee and structural improvements and construction. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has determined that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) should be prepared in order to satisfy requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

b. Scoping: The scoping process as outlined by the Council on Environmental Quality will be utilized to involve Federal, State, and local agencies; and other interested persons and organizations. A scoping letter will be sent to interested Federal, State, and local agencies requesting their comments and concerns regarding the issues they think should be included in the EIS. Interested persons and organizations wishing to participate in the scoping process should contact the Corps of Engineers at the above

mentioned address. Environmental considerations will include potential presence of historical or archaeological resources, aesthetics, wetlands, ecosystems, water quality, water supply, endangered and threatened species and wildlife habitats and values. Public meetings will be held in the future; exact dates, times and locations will be published in local papers.

c. It is estimated that the DEIS will be available to the public by January 1998. Gregory D. Showalter,  
*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## Corps of Engineers

### Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Report (DEIS/R) for the Port of Hueneme Feasibility Study, Port Hueneme, California

**AGENCY:** Los Angeles District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** To date, deep draft vessels entering the Port of Hueneme Entrance Channel, have to limit the amount of cargo product that can be brought into the harbor for berthing due to existing shallow bottom depths. In order to increase the cargo efficiency of product delivery, a plan has been developed to deepen the existing channel from the -35 foot contour depth to a depth of -40 to -45 feet mean lower low water. Approximately 1 million cubic yards of material would be dredged for disposal. Disposal options include offshore, near/onshore and upland sites. Potential disposal sites have not been identified at this time. Project figures are available by contacting the below individual and address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions concerning the proposed action and DEIS/R can be answered by Mr. Russell L. Kaiser, Environmental Planning Section, at (213) 894-0247, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 2711, Los Angeles, California, 90053.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

1. *Proposed Action:* The proposed action would reduce some of the current limit and cargo product restrictions that can be brought into the harbor for berthing due to existing shallow depths.

2. *Alternatives:* Although no alternatives have been developed to date, as part of the process, a full array of alternatives would be developed for further analyses. The proposed plan, viable project alternatives, and the "no action" plan will be carried forward for