

Memorandum of Agreement between parties to ensure continuous protection is provided.

Note 7: For performance of RG, it may be more advantageous in some circumstances to have a railroad police officer, railroad employees (trained) other than police, or instructed personnel (trained), which could be contract security firm personnel, ride in a separate motor vehicle paralleling the train, rather than on the train. The railroad has the opinion to decide which is more secure.

Note 8: When carrier has identified areas, which are known trouble spots, shipments will be routed to avoid these areas or, if unavoidable, be expedited through these areas.

Item 180—MTMC Emergency Notification Numbers

1. The following toll-free (800) MTMC Hotline telephone numbers are for commercial transportation notification only. These numbers are to be used for reporting:

a. The holding of DOD shipments that cannot be delivered because the shipper or consignee cannot be adequately identified (astray freight).

b. In-transit serious accidents, incidents, delays or other emergencies involving DOD shipments.

2. Carriers located within the geographical jurisdiction of MTMC Easter Area Command shall telephone the following toll-free numbers to report:

Accidents, Incidents, Delays, or Other Emergencies—(800) 524-0331.

3. Carriers located within the geographical jurisdiction of MTMC Western Area Command shall telephone the following toll-free numbers to report:

Accidents, Incidents, Delays, or Other Emergencies—(800) 435-4566.

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Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Proposed Randleman Lake, Guilford and Randolph Counties, NC

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority (PTRWA) has applied for a Department of the Army permit to discharge fill material for the construction of a dam to impound water to form Randleman Lake. The dam would be about 15 miles south of the city of Greensboro, North Carolina, and

would be located on the Deep River, a tributary of the Cape Fear River.

Projected regional water demands indicate that existing water supplies are inadequate for future needs and that water shortages will occur shortly after the year 2000. The proposed lake would meet the projected water supply needs of the PTRWA member governments for approximately 50 years.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about the proposed action and DEIS can be answered by: Mr. John C. Meshaw, Environmental Resources Section; or Mr. E. David Franklin, Regulatory Branch, both at the U.S. Army Engineer District, Wilmington, Post Office Box 1890, Wilmington, North Carolina 28402-1890; telephone: (910) 251-4175 or (910) 251-4952, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Construction of the dam for Randleman Lake will require a permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, as amended, for the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States and their contiguous wetlands. The project would inundate 121 acres of jurisdictional wetlands and approximately 28 miles of rivers and streams.

1. The proposed 6,000-acre project would consist of a 3,000-acre lake and a 3,000-acre perimeter buffer strip. Randleman Lake would be constructed at the same dam site and conservation pool elevation which was authorized by the U.S. Congress in 1968 for the proposed Federal Randleman Lake multipurpose reservoir. Three major aspects of the currently proposed project which are different from the previously proposed Federal project include the following:

a. The project purpose is water supply only, not multipurpose.

b. Land requirements total approximately 6,000 acres rather than 10,000 acres.

c. Treated wastewater from the Highpoint Eastside Wastewater Treatment Plant would be released directly into the upstream portion of the lake rather than discharging through a sewer bypass to a point downstream from Randleman dam.

2. Alternatives to the proposed project include other water supply reservoirs, purchase of water from other municipalities, development of groundwater wells, water conservation, a combination of groundwater wells with a smaller reservoir, and no action. Other reservoir sites considered include Upper Deep River Lake, Altamahaw Lake, and a combination of two smaller

sites at Benaja Lake and Polecat Creek Lake.

3. Public and agency review and input for the proposed project have been ongoing since 1988. An environmental impact statement (EIS) was prepared by the State of North Carolina in order to satisfy the requirements of the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act and North Carolina General Statutes 162A-7 and 153-285 concerning the use of the power of eminent domain and the interbasin transfer of water. The State's Draft EIS was circulated for review in July 1989; a public hearing was conducted on February 6, 1991; and the State's Final EIS was published on October 23, 1991. Subsequently, issues and concerns were discussed at an interagency scoping meeting conducted January 22, 1992, and at a meeting with the Deep River Citizens Association on February 25, 1992.

a. The public involvement program will continue through public announcements, letters, report review periods, telephone conversations, and meetings. All private interests and Federal, State, and local agencies having an interest in the project are hereby notified that their participation is invited.

b. The significant issues to be addressed in the DEIS are the impacts of the project on wetlands, hydrology, water quality, aquatic resources, fish and wildlife habitat, cultural resources, transportation, and the social and economic conditions of the project area.

c. The lead agency for this project is the U.S. Army Engineer District, Wilmington. Cooperating agency status has not been assigned to, nor requested by, any other agency.

d. The DEIS is being prepared in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and will address the project's relationship to all other applicable Federal and State laws and Executive Orders.

4. No formal scoping meetings are planned at this time, but based on the responses received, meetings may be held with specific agencies or individuals as required.

5. The Draft EIS is currently scheduled for distribution to the public in fall 1996.

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