

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army****Corps of Engineers****Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), Skagit River Flood Damage Reduction Study, Skagit County Washington**

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

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: Seattle District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is proposing to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Skagit River Flood Damage Reduction Study. This study was requested by Skagit County, Washington because of significant flooding on the Skagit River. Skagit County will provide fifty percent of the funding for this study. An EIS is being prepared because of the potential for impacts on environmental resources, particularly salmonid habitat, and the intense public interest already demonstrated in addressing the flooding problems of the Skagit River. The study is expected to take approximately four years to complete.

DATES: Persons or organizations wishing to submit scoping comments should do so by December 30, 1997. Public comment may also be made at the scoping meeting (date and location to be announced later). Notification of scoping meetings times and locations will be sent to all agencies, organizations and individuals on the project mailing list.

ADDRESSES: Requests for inclusion on the mailing list, future documents, and all comments on the proposed project should be sent to: Michael Scuderi, NEPA Coordinator, Seattle District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, P.O. 3755, Seattle, Washington 98124-2255, ATTN: CENWS-EN-PL-ER, telephone (206) 764-3479, FAX (206) 764-4470, or e-mail Michael.R.Scuderi@usace.army.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact General questions concerning the proposed action and the Draft EIS can be directed to: Michael Scuderi, Study Environmental Coordinator (see address above) or Forest Brooks, Project Manager, Seattle District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, P.O. 3755, Seattle, Washington 98124-2255, ATTN: CENWS-EN-PL-CP, telephone (206) 764-3456, FAX (206) 764-4470, or e-mail Forest.C.Brooks@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The purpose of the Skagit River Feasibility Flood Control study is better identify the Skagit River flood problems and opportunities that exist to relieve flooding and reduce flood damages, and to develop a flood damage reduction plan that fits Federal law and policy, and is within the capability of the local sponsor to support their required share of the project costs. The Skagit River Basin is located in northwestern Washington state and encompasses 3,140 square miles. The major cities on the Skagit River delta, Mt. Vernon, Burlington, and Sedro Woolley, lie about 60 miles north of Seattle. The study area for the feasibility study will be the Skagit River floodplain downstream of Concrete (river mile 54), with prime emphasis on the Skagit River delta west of Sedro Woolley (river mile 22). Authority for this study is contained in Section 209 of the 1962 Flood Control Act, Pub. L. 87-874. That section authorized a comprehensive study of Puget Sound, Washington and adjacent Waters, including tributaries, in the interest of flood control, navigation, and other water uses and related land resources.

Alternatives

In the reconnaissance phase for the Skagit Study, the Corps identified two alternative courses of action for further analysis in the feasibility study:

(1) No Action. Allow the current levee system to remain in place without a major system wide upgrade. Individual diking districts would continue to operate, maintain, and repair the existing levee system.

(2) Construct a coordinated levee improvement project that would provide a higher level of flood protection (100-year or greater) for the Burlington and Mt. Vernon urban areas through a system of new and raised levees with overflow sections at critical locations in rural areas designed to overtop without failure (during 25-year or greater events). Sections of the rural levees would also be upgraded to provide a uniform level of protection in rural areas.

Variations to alternative 2 will be examined in detail during the feasibility study and additional alternatives may be created for comparison purposes.

The study could be expanded to include environmental restoration opportunities if a suitable non-Federal sponsor wished to provide funding for considering these elements as part of the Skagit Study.

Scoping

Public involvement will be sought during scoping, plan formulation, and preparation of the EIS in accordance with NEPA procedures. A public scoping process has been started: (1) to clarify which issues appear to be major public concerns, (2) to identify any information sources that might be available to analyze and evaluate impacts, and (3) to obtain public input on the range and acceptability of alternatives. This Notice of Intent formally commences the scoping process under NEPA. As part of the scoping process, all affected Federal, State and local agencies, Indian Tribes, and other interested private organizations, including environmental groups, are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS. Comments are requested concerning issues of concern, project alternatives, potential mitigation measures, probable significant environmental impacts, and permits or other approval that may be required by any project.

The following key areas have been identified so far to be analyzed in depth in the draft EIS:

- (1) Flooding Characteristics (existing and with any project)
- (2) Impacts to Fish Habitat
- (3) Impacts to Riparian Habitat
- (4) Impacts to Wetlands
- (5) Impacts to Cultural Resources

Scoping Meeting

Opportunity to comment on the planned study will also be available at the study scoping meeting which has yet to be scheduled. Details of the meeting time and location will be announced in the local media. Notices will be sent to all agencies, organizations and individuals on the mailing list.

Availability of Draft EIS

The Corps expects to complete preparation of the draft EIS and have review copies of its available by May 2001.

James M. Rigsby,

Colonel, Corps of Engineers, District Engineer.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Navy, DOD****Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive Patent License; Prime Capital Group, Inc.**

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant

to the Prime Capital Group, Inc., a revocable, nonassignable, exclusive license in the United States to practice the Government owned invention described in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/670,909 entitled "Non-Thermal Process for Annealing Crystalline Materials," filed June 6, 1996, in the fields of all steps related to manufacture of semiconductors and related devices.

Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license has 60 days from the date of this notice to file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any. Written objections are to be filed with the Office of Naval Research, ONR 00CC, Ballston Tower One, 800 North Quincy Street Arlington, Virginia 22217-5660, telephone (703) 696-4001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. R.J. Erickson, Staff Patent Attorney, Office of Naval Research, ONR 00CC, Ballston Tower One, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia 22217-5660, telephone (703) 696-4001.

Dated: November 13, 1997.

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LCDR, JAGC, USN, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of the Navy

ACTION: Notice to Alter a System of Records

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy proposes to alter a record system in its inventory of system of records notices subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

DATES: The action will be effective without further notice on December 22, 1997 unless comments are received that would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Department of the Navy, PA/FOIA Policy Branch, Chief of Naval Operations (N09B30), 2000 Navy Pentagon, Washington, DC 20350-2000.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Doris Lama at (202) 685-6545 or DSN 325-6545.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The complete inventory of the Department of the Navy's record system notices for records systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal**

Register and are available from the address above.

The proposed system report, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, was submitted on November 12, 1997, to the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to paragraph 4c of Appendix I to OMB Circular No. A-130, 'Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals,' dated February 8, 1996 (February 20, 1996, 61 FR 6427).

The specific changes to the record system being altered are set forth below followed by the notice, as altered, published in its entirety.

Dated: November 17, 1997.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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SYSTEM NAME:

Family Advocacy Program System (May 3, 1996, 61 FR 19910).

CHANGES:

SYSTEM IDENTIFIER:

Delete entry and replace with 'N01752-1'.

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SYSTEM LOCATION:

Delete entry and replace with 'Navy Case Files: Family Service Center, Family Advocacy Center, and/or Medical Treatment Facilities at the local naval activity that services the local beneficiaries. Official mailing addresses for naval activities are published as an appendix to the Department of the Navy's compilation of systems of records notices.

Marine Corps Family Advocacy Program Records: Marine Corps installations with a Family Service Center. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Department of the Navy's compilation of records notices.

Navy Central Registry: Commanding Officer, Naval Medical Management Information Center, 8901 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20889-5066.

Marine Corps Central Registry: Commandant of the Marine Corps; Head, Family Advocacy Program (MHF-25), Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, 2 Navy Annex, Washington, DC 20380-1775.

Navy Centralized Child Sexual Abuse Case Files: Chief of Naval Personnel (Pers-661), 2 Navy Annex, Washington, DC 20370-6610.'

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED IN THE SYSTEM:

Delete entry and replace with 'All beneficiaries entitled to care at Navy medical and dental facilities whose abuse or neglect is brought to the attention of appropriate authorities.

All beneficiaries reported for abusing or neglecting such victims.

Victims/offenders not associated with the Department of the Navy and who are not generally entitled to care at Navy medical and dental facilities.'

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Delete entry and replace with 'Navy Family Advocacy Case Files:

(a) Victim's file consists of risk assessment which includes the following forms: incident report, eligibility decision, demographics, safety assessment, safety response, risk focused assessment reports (DOMAINS I, II, IV, V, VI, VII), risk assessment matrix, risk assessment summary, risk assessment findings, intervention plan, and Case Review Committee presentation; video/audio tapes of contact with victim; case notes about victim; Family Advocacy Program generated correspondence regarding abuse or neglect of victim; Original copy of DD Form 2486; Privacy Act Statement signed by victim; contacts with children who are not victims of abuse or neglect, and other supporting data assembled relevant to the abuse or neglect and generated by FAP staff that are specific to the victim.

(b) Offender's file consists of assessment with offender; demographics; video-audio tapes of contacts with offender; case notes on contacts with offender; case notes about offender; risk focused assessment report Domain III (alleged offender characteristics); Family Advocacy Program (FAP) generated correspondence regarding offender; Privacy Act Statement signed by offender; and other supporting data assembled relevant to the abuse or neglect and generated by the FAP staff that are specific to the offender.

(c) Documentation generated outside of the Family Advocacy Program (Naval Criminal Investigative Service reports; local police reports; Base Security Incident Complaint Reports; psychiatric and substance abuse evaluations; treatment reports; copies of pertinent medical entries; Child Protective Service reports; shelter reports; photographs; correspondence generated outside the Family Advocacy Program; and other supporting data assembled relevant to the abuse or neglect and generated outside the FAP that are specific to either the victim(s) or