

TIME: 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

PROPOSED AGENDA: Receive information briefings; conduct discussions with the Commandant, staff and faculty; review results of the Process for Accreditation of Joint Education (PAJE98) and the USAWC Master's Degree Campaign Plan; plan future membership and composition of the Board of Visitors; and provide guidance regarding regional accreditation and areas for improvement in education policy.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request advance approval or obtain further information, contact Colonel Thomas D. Scott, Box 524, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA 17013 or telephone (717) 245-3907.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statement with the Committee after receiving advance approval for participation. To request advance approval or obtain further information, contact Colonel Thomas D. Scott at the above address or phone number.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Notice of Availability of Draft Decision Document and Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Plot and Green Ridge Local Flood Protection Projects Within the City of Scranton, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania

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

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, is initiating a 45-day public review and comment period of the draft SEIS for the Plot and Green Ridge Flood Protection Project. The SEIS was prepared to (1) supplemental the previously completed Final Environmental Impact Statement prepared for the Scranton, Pennsylvania, Flood Protection Feasibility Study in January 1992; (2) to identify potential environmental impacts associated with the various project alternatives; and (3) to document compliance with NEPA requirements. Specifically, the SEIS identifies existing

conditions, identifies, any changed environmental conditions, re-examines previously collected data in light of new or updated methodologies, collects a new environmental data, and evaluates the feasibility of both new and previously considered potential project actions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about the proposed action and the draft SEIS can be addressed to Ms. Maria de la Torre, Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CENAB-PL-P, P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1715, telephone (410) 962-2911 or 1-800-295-1610. E-mail address: maria.e.delatorre@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. A study of the Lackawanna River was originally authorized October 1, 1986, by resolution of the House of Representatives Committee on Public Works and Transportation (House Document 702). An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was prepared by the Corps of Engineers and was completed in January 1992. This EIS evaluate the feasibility of proposed alternative solutions for providing flood protection along the Lackawanna River in Scranton, Pennsylvania. At that time, the 1992 EIS recommended structural flood protection for only the right bank, Albright Avenue area in Scranton, and not for the Plot and Green Ridge areas within Scranton. In 1996 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was directed under the 1996 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) to conduct a reevaluation of flood protection for the Plot and Green Ridge areas. Therefore, the Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, is now conducting a reevaluation and preparing a Decision Document and a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Plot and Green Ridge Flood Protection project.

2. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, is initiating a 45-day public review and comment period for the combined Decision Document and SEIS for the proposed flood protection project for the Plot and Green Ridge areas, located in the City of Scranton, Pennsylvania. The purpose of the project is to provide 100-year flood protection to the communities, consistent with the 100-year flood protection previously approved for the adjacent Park Place (Alright Avenue) community. In the Plot community, the proposed levee will be 5,690 linear feet with 210 linear feet of this being a combination levee and floodwall. In the Green Ridge community, the levee will be 7,830

linear feet with 535 linear feet of this being a combination of levee and floodwall. Other project components for each area include closure structures, interior drainage structures, realignment of utilities, minor realignment of roads, and acquisition of real estate.

3. The project is to be constructed under the authority of Section 101 of the Water Resources Development Act (ERDA) of 1992, Section 342 of WRDA 1996, and the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Acts of 1998 and 1999. The City of Scranton is the non-Federal sponsor of the project. The proposed project has an estimated cost of \$14,672,000 for the Plot area and \$19,853,000 for the Green Ridge area. A project cost-sharing agreement for the Albright Avenue project was signed in May 1998. For the current reevaluation, the Corps of Engineers' portion is estimated to be \$6,858,400 for Plot and \$11,364,350 for Green Ridge, and the City of Scranton's portion is estimated to be \$7,813,600 for Plot and \$8,488,650 for Green Ridge.

4. The Baltimore District has prepared a SEIS, which evaluates the potential impacts associated with the proposed project. Potential impacts were assessed with regard to the physical, chemical, and biological characteristics of the aquatic and terrestrial ecosystem, endangered and threatened species, hazardous, toxic and radioactive substances, aesthetics and recreation, cultural resources, and the general needs and welfare of the public. The proposed action is in full compliance with NEPA regulation 40 CFR 1500-1508, Corps of Engineers Regulation 200-2-2, the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, and all other applicable laws and regulations.

5. Any person who has an interest in the project is welcome to provide comments within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice to the address in the following paragraph. Written comments should be submitted by Monday, April 5, 1999. Comments must clearly set forth the interest that may be affected by this proposed action and the manner in which the interest may be affected.

6. Individuals who want to review the combined Draft Decision Document and SEIS may examine a copy at the Scranton Main Public Library, located on Vine Street at N. Washington Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania, and are welcome to provide input. The document has also been distributed to Federal, state, and local regulatory agencies, known interested organizations, and the Plot and Green Ridge community associations. Individuals may obtain a copy of the

document by writing to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, ATTN: CENAB-PL-P (Ms. Maria de la Torre), P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore, MD 21203-1715, or by telephone at (410) 962-2911 or 1-800-295-1610. Written comments or inquiries may also be sent by fax to Ms. de la Torre at (410) 962-4698 or by electronic mail to cenab-pl-p@usace.army.mil. The combined Decision Document and SEIS is also available on the Baltimore District's Internet website as an Adobe Acrobat file at www.nab.usace.army.mil/pbriefs/scranton/seis299.

7. A Public Meeting for the Plot community is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10, 1999, at 7 p.m., at St. Joseph's Lithuanian Church (corner of Main Avenue and Theodore Street), Scranton, Pennsylvania. A Public Meeting for the Green Ridge community is scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 1999, at 7 p.m., also at St. Joseph's Lithuanian Church. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the status of the reevaluation and related issues, and to address any comments, questions, and suggestions from the public.

Robert F. Gore,

Acting Chief, Planning Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army

Cancellation of the Notice of Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Dade County Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Project, for a Test Beach Fill Using a Foreign Source of Carbonate Sand

AGENCY: Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Cancellation notice.

SUMMARY: The Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hereby cancels its Notice of Intent to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement as published in FR, Vol. 63, No. 162, page 44850, August 21, 1998 and Vol. 63, No. 207, page 57282, October 27, 1998.

The Notice is cancelled because Congress, in the Conference Report for FY 1999 appropriations, stated that none of the funds added by Congress (in FY 1999) for the Dade County, Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Project shall be used for the acquisition of foreign source materials

for the project unless the Secretary of the Army provides written certification to the committees on Appropriations that domestic sources of material are not available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions can be forwarded to Mr. Kenneth Dugger, Environmental Branch, Planning Division, Jacksonville District, Corps of Engineers, Post Office Box 4970, Jacksonville, Florida 32232-0019, Phone: 904-232-1686.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Dated: February 8, 1999.

James C. Duck,

Chief, Planning Division.

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DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Notice of Determination Regarding the Assimilative Capacity of the Tidal Delaware River for Toxic Pollutants; Public Hearings

AGENCY: Delaware River Basin Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Commission determination and public hearings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Basin Commission will hold public hearings to receive comments on a determination that the assimilative capacity of the tidal Delaware River is being exceeded for certain toxic pollutants. This determination will authorize the Executive Director to establish wasteload allocations for specific point source discharges of these pollutants. **DATES:** The public hearings are scheduled as follows:

May 3, 1999 beginning at 1:30 p.m. and continuing until 5:00 p.m., as long as there are people present wishing to testify.

May 5, 1999 beginning at 1:30 p.m. and continuing until 5:00 p.m. as long as there are people present wishing to testify; and resuming at 6:30 p.m. and continuing until 9:00 p.m., as long as there are people present wishing to testify.

May 11, 1999 beginning at 1:30 p.m. and continuing until 5:00 p.m., as long as there are people present wishing to testify.

ADDRESSES: The May 3, 1999 hearing will be held in the Second Floor Auditorium of the Carvel State Building, 820 North French Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

The May 5, 1999 hearing will be held in the Goddard Conference Room of the

Commission's offices at 25 State Police Drive, West Trenton, New Jersey.

The May 11, 1999 hearing will be held in the Jefferson Room of the Holiday Inn at 400 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan M. Weisman, Commission Secretary, Delaware River Basin Commission, P.O. Box 7360, West Trenton, New Jersey 08628. Telephone (609) 883-9500 ext. 203.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Rationale

On October 23, 1996 the Delaware River Basin Commission amended its Comprehensive Plan, Water Code and Water Quality Regulations concerning water quality criteria for toxic pollutants, and policies and procedures to establish wasteload allocations and effluent limitations for point source discharges to the tidal Delaware River.

Specifically, water quality criteria for selected toxic pollutants were incorporated in the Comprehensive Plan and Article 3 of the Water Code and Water Quality Regulations as stream quality objectives. Article 4 of the Water Quality Regulations was amended to include policies and procedures to be used to establish wasteload allocations for those discharges containing pollutants which exceed the stream quality objectives and impact the designated uses of the river following a Commission determination that the assimilative capacity of a zone of the Delaware River is exceeded. These amendments provided a mechanism for identifying toxic pollutants which impair aquatic life and human health, and developing uniform and equitable wasteload allocations for those NPDES discharges to the tidal Delaware River which contribute to their impairment. The permitting authorities of the Basin states will utilize allocations developed by the Commission to establish effluent limitations for NPDES permittees in their jurisdiction, as appropriate.

The subject of the hearings is a proposed determination by the Commission that the assimilative capacity of the tidal Delaware River (Trenton, NJ to the head of Delaware Bay) is being exceeded for 1,2-dichloroethane, tetrachloroethene, chronic toxicity and acute toxicity. These parameters were selected based upon their mass loading to the estuary, minimal interaction with estuary sediments, and the availability of calibrated and validated water quality models that could be used to develop the wasteload allocations. This determination will authorize the