

guarantee of a private sector loan in support of the sale or loan terms lease, to certain eligible countries, of U.S. defense articles, services, or design and construction services. The completed form will enable the department to determine whether the proposed transaction meets statutory guidance for program implementation.

*Affected Public:* Business or Other For-Profit.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Mr. Peter N. Weiss.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Weiss at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

*DOD Clearance Officer:* Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: March 31, 1997.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

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**Defense Science Board Task Force Advanced Modeling and Simulation for Analyzing Combat Concepts in the 21st Century**

**ACTION:** Notice of advisory committee meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Science Board Task Force on Advanced Modeling and Simulation for Analyzing Combat Concepts in the 21st Century will meet in closed session on April 21-22, 1997 at USACOM, JTASC, 116 Lakeview Parkway, Suffolk, Virginia.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting the Task Force will address modeling and simulation capabilities required for analyzing concepts for 21st century military combat operations. These capabilities should encompass the breadth of warfare from strategic to individuals fighting afoot for all phases of military operations (Air, Land, Sea, Information, Communications).

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, P.L. No. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II, (1994)), it has been determined that this DSB Task Force meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (1) (1994), and that accordingly this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: April 1, 1997.

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**Department of the Army**

**Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Relocation of the U.S. Army Military Police School and the U.S. Army Chemical School to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), the Army has prepared an FEIS for the directed relocation of the U.S. Army Chemical School and U.S. Army Military Police School from Fort McClellan, Alabama, to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. The relocation is part of the approved 1995 Base Closure and Realignment actions mandated by the Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-510), and subsequent actions in compliance with this law. Therefore, the FEIS focuses on alternative methods of implementing these BRAC actions at Fort Leonard Wood. The FEIS describes the proposed action which involves the relocation of military mission activities, construction of support facilities, and relocation of personnel to Fort Leonard Wood.

Alternatives considered for realignment of the BRAC training missions include the: No. Action Alternative; Relocate Current Practice (RCP) Alternative; Optimum Training Method (OPTM) Alternative; and the Environmentally Preferred Training Method (EPTM) Alternative. Alternatives considered for providing required support facilities include the No Action Alternative, and three land use and facility siting implementation alternatives. The final element of the planned action, realignment of associated personnel, is considered in the context of a: No Action Alternative; and Total Early, Total Late, and Phased Move Alternatives. The Army has

identified their Preferred Action in the FEIS which includes implementation of the OPTM Alternative for realigning training missions, the Combined Headquarters and Instruction Land Use and Facility Plan Alternative to provide required support facilities, and the Phased Move Alternative to relocate personnel from Fort McClellan.

Based on the analysis included in this FEIS, adverse impacts that would occur as a result of implementing the Army's proposed BRAC actions at Fort Leonard Wood include: A reduction of air quality as a result of fog oil obscuring training; training activities and tree clearing that result in a "may effect" finding to Federally listed threatened and endangered species; the potential for loss of soil resources and accelerated erosion resulting from BRAC construction projects; the release of unburned fuel that could impact soil and water resources at the expedient flame range; and human health risks for trainers and military students involved with obscure training. Beneficial impacts include increased operational efficiency and training effectiveness associated with the collocation of the Engineer School, the Military Police School and the Chemical School; short-term economic gains associated with BRAC construction activities; and long-term economic gains associated with the transfer of the Chemical School and Military Police School missions to Fort Leonard Wood.

**FEIS Distribution and Waiting Period**

Copies of the FEIS have been forwarded to Federal, State and local agencies; organizations; and individuals who provided substantive comments on the Draft EIS, or who previously requested a copy of the FEIS. These copies were distributed prior to, or simultaneously with, the filing of this Notice of Availability for the FEIS with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Copies of the FEIS are available for review at the following public and other libraries: Kinderhook Regional Library, Lebanon, Missouri; Kinderhook Regional Library, Waynesville, Missouri; Rolla Public Library, Rolla, Missouri; Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri; St. Louis County Library, Main Branch, St. Louis, Missouri; Clarke Engineer School Library, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; Texas County Library, Houston, Missouri; Daniel Boone Regional Library, Columbia, Missouri; Missouri River Regional Library, Jefferson City, Missouri; Springfield-Greene County Library, Springfield, Missouri; and Fisher Library, Fort McClellan, Alabama. Following a 30-day post-filing

waiting period, the Department of the Army will complete a Record of Decision (ROD).

**Questions and Requests for FEIS**

Questions regarding the FEIS, or a request for a copy of the document may be directed to Mr. Alan Gehrt at the Kansas City District, Corps of Engineers, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64106-2896; phone: (816) 983-3142 or Telefax: (816) 426-2142.

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**Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers**

**Intent To Prepare a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement [SEIS] for Remaining Construction of Main Stem Mississippi River Levees between Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and Head of Passes, Louisiana**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Corps of Engineers is undertaking the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project in order to provide flood protection from the "project flood." As part of that project, the Corps has proposed enlarging levees and constructing berms and other appurtenances to provide that level of flood protection. The enlargement of remaining levees and appurtenant features within the boundaries of the Lower Mississippi Valley Division of the Corps would result in the loss of bottom-land hardwoods and forested wetlands and would have impacts on waterfowl and fisheries habitat. In order to determine the impacts of this element

of the project, the Corps intends to prepare a SEIS. That SEIS will include an evaluation of the no-action alternative, completion of the original project plan, and alternative plans that incorporate various design features that reduce negative environmental impacts.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marvin Cannon (telephone (601) 631-5437), CELMK-PD-Q, 4155 Clay Street, Vicksburg, Mississippi 39180-3435.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Mississippi River and Tributaries Project was authorized by Congress in 1928. The project is designed to control a "project flood" with a discharge of 3 million cubic feet per second in the alluvial valley of the lower Mississippi River. A final Environmental Impact Statement for this project was filed with the Council on Environmental Quality on 8 April 1976.

1. Proposed Action: The proposed action is construction of the Mississippi River Mainline Levee Enlargement and Berm Construction Feature of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project on the Mississippi River between Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and Head of Passes, Louisiana. As currently proposed, the recommended plan would include the use of some or all of the following alternative mitigation measures—avoiding significant resources, using relief wells to reduce the amount of borrow area and replace berms, using hydraulic dredges to obtain dredged material from the river for berm construction to reduce the amount of borrow area, using construction measures that allow either reforestation of lands or creation of high quality fisheries, reforesting some lands, and purchasing and reforesting agricultural lands.

2. Alternatives: Preliminary alternatives that will be evaluated include no-action, completion of the original plan, and a plan that incorporates environmental design

features and results in no net losses to significant resources in the project area.

3. a. Public scoping meetings will be held at various locations within the project area. Initial public scoping meetings will be held in May or June 1997. The public will be notified of each of these meetings in advance. The studies will analyze impacts to significant environmental resources such as impacts to bottom-land hardwoods, wetlands, migratory birds, bats, water quality, endangered species, waterfowl, and fisheries. Public meetings to present the results of these studies and a recommended plan of action are scheduled to be held in February 1998 while the draft SEIS is under review by the public. In addition, workshops will be conducted to discuss issues, inform interested parties of the progress of the studies, and afford additional opportunity for public input. These workshops will be scheduled as needed and where most convenient for the analysis being conducted.

b. The draft SEIS is scheduled for public review in February 1998.

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**Department of the Army Corps of Engineers**

**Grant of Exclusive Licenses**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 37 CFR 404.7(b)(1)(i), announcement is made of prospective exclusive licenses of the following foreign patent applications, each entitled "Concrete Armor Unit to Protect Coastal and Hydraulic Structures and Shorelines."

Country	Application No.	Filed
Peoples Republic of China .....	94192851.9 .....	Aug. 17, 1994.
Indonesia .....	P-941654 .....	Sep. 30, 1994.
Republic of Korea .....	95-703936 .....	Aug. 17, 1994.
Republic of China .....	83108468 .....	Sep. 14, 1994.
Malaysia .....	PI9402596 .....	Sep. 29, 1994.
Argentina .....	333,588 .....	Sep. 20, 1995.
Brazil .....	PCT/US94/ 09263.	May 27, 1996.
Chile .....	1518-95 .....	Oct. 3, 1995.
Ecuador .....	SP-95-1552 .....	Oct. 13, 1995.
France .....	(EP) 94926514.4 .....	Aug. 17, 1994.
Italy .....	(EP) 94926514.4 .....	Aug. 17, 1994.
Monaco .....	(EP) 94926514.4 .....	Aug. 17, 1994.
United Kingdom .....	(EP) 94926514.4 .....	Aug. 17, 1994.
Portugal .....	(EP) 94926514.4 .....	Aug. 17, 1994.