

Realignment Commission recommended the closure of Savanna Army Depot Activity (SVDA).

The FEIS evaluates the environmental impacts of the disposal and subsequent reuse of the 13,062 acres. Alternatives examined in the FEIS include encumbered disposal of the property, unencumbered disposal of the property, and no action. Encumbered disposal refers to transfer or conveyance of property having restrictions on subsequent use as a result of any Army-imposed or legal restraint. Under the no action alternative, the Army would not dispose of property but would maintain it in caretaker status for an indefinite period.

While disposal of SVDA is the Army's primary action, the FEIS also analyzes the potential environmental effects of reuse as a secondary action by means of evaluating intensity-based reuse scenarios. The Army's preferred alternative for disposal of SVDA property is encumbered disposal, with encumbrances pertaining to unexploded ordnance, wetlands, historical resources, threatened and endangered species, utilities dependencies, easements, and remedial activities.

The Draft EIS was made available for public review and comment. A notice of availability (NOA) of the Draft EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on February 7, 1997 (62 FR 5825). The Army conducted a public meeting on March 6, 1997, to receive public input on the Draft EIS. Display advertisements informing the public were taken out in three area newspapers.

DATES: The public review period for this FEIS ends August 29, 1997.

COPIES: The FEIS is available for review at the Savanna Public Library, Galena Public Library, and Hanover Public Library. A copy of the FEIS may be obtained by writing to Mr. Glen Coffee at the Corps of Engineers, Mobile District (ATTN: CESAM-ED-E), 109 St. Joseph Street, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001 or by facsimile at (334) 694-2727.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Corps of Engineers

Draft Jennings Randolph Lake Master Plan 1997 Update And Integrated Environmental Impact Statement

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

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the 1995 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 103-316, 108 Stat. 1701, dated 26 August 1994), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, has prepared the Draft Jennings Randolph Lake Master Plan 1997 Update and Integrated Environmental Impact Statement (EIA) to address potential future development at, and to update the NEPA documentation for the operation of, Jennings Randolph Lake, Garrett County, Maryland and Mineral County, West Virginia. The public review and comment period for the Draft Master Plan and integrated EIS will begin on July 31, 1997, and will end on September 16, 1997. Jennings Randolph Lake is located on the North Branch of the Potomac River, approximately 8 miles upstream of Bloomington, Maryland, and approximately 5 miles north of Elk Garden, West Virginia. The dam is a multi-purpose project authorized for flood protection, water quality, recreation, and water supply. The original Master Plan for Jennings Randolph Lake was completed in 1973. The current update reevaluates the assets, needs, and potential of the project. The 1997 Master Plan Update reflects changes that have occurred to the site, in the region, in recreation trends, and in Corps policy in the years since the original Master Plan was completed. The purpose of the update is to provide a guide for the use and development of natural and constructed resources on Corps fee-owned lands at Jennings Randolph Lake. The Master Plan is the basic document guiding Corps responsibilities pursuant to Federal laws to preserve, conserve, restore, maintain, manage, and develop the project lands, waters, and associated resources. The document also updates the existing environmental documentation for project operations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information or copies of the report may be obtained by calling Ms. Lacy Evans at (410) 962-6018. Requests for copies of the Draft Report and Integrated EIS may be mailed to District Engineer ATTN: CENAB-OP-TR (Evans), U.S.

Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore, MD 21203-1715, or by sending an e-mail message to lacy.e.evans@ccmail.nab.usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Master Plan has been prepared in accordance with Engineering Regulation (ER) 1130-2-550, dated November 1996. This regulation prescribes "an overall land and water management plan, resource objectives, and associated design and management concepts" that provides the "best possible combination of response to regional needs, resource capabilities and suitabilities, and expressed public interests and desires consistent with authorized project purpose." Additional, as specified in the regulation, the Master Plan contributes to "providing qualities, characteristics, and potentials of the project;" and exhibits "consistency and compatibility and with national objectives and other state and regional goals and programs."

The decision to implement the proposed future development at Jennings Randolph Lake is based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activities on the environment, as well as public interest. Factors being considered include regional economics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural resources, flood hazards, fish and wildlife resources, flood plain management, land use, recreation, water supply, water quality, aesthetics, energy needs regional and local infrastructure, hazardous and toxic materials, public health and safety, food and fiber production and the general needs and welfare of the people.

Comments on the Draft Master Plan and Integrated EIS document from the public and from Federal, state, and local agencies and officials will be considered in the decision to implement the Master Plan at the project, and will be incorporated into the final Environmental Impact Statement. A public meeting will be held on Thursday, August 14, 1997, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the Mineral County Health Center, Harley O. Staggers Sr. Drive, Keyser, West Virginia. The public meeting will focus on discussing the Draft Master Plan and Integrated EIS.

This Notice of Availability is being sent to organizations and individuals known to have an interest in the Master Plan Update. Please bring this notice to the attention of any other individuals with an interest in this matter. Copies of the Draft Jennings Randolph Lake Master Plan 1997 Update and Integrated EIS are available for review at the following locations:

Keyser/Mineral County Public Library,
105 North Main Street, Keyser, West
Virginia
Fort Ashby Public Branch Library, Fort
Ashby, West Virginia
Piedmont Library, Childs Avenue,
Piedmont, West Virginia
Allegheny Mountain Top Public
Library, Mount Storm, West Virginia
Cumberland Public Library, 31
Washington Street, Cumberland,
Maryland
Garrett County Public Library, 6 North
2nd Street, Oakland, Maryland
Westernport Public Library, 66 Main
Street, Westernport, Maryland
Frostburg Library, 90 East Main Street,
Frostburg, Maryland
La Vale Library, 815 National Highway,
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DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Notice of Commission Meeting and Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Basin Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 6, 1997. The hearing will be part of the Commission's regular business meeting which is open to the public and scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Harbor Room of the University of Delaware's Virden Center at 700 Pilottown Road, Lewes, Delaware.

An informal conference among the Commissioners and staff will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the same location and will include a U.S. Geological Survey presentation on a regional pilot for integrated environmental monitoring and related research in the mid-Atlantic region; a presentation on the Delaware Estuary Program's monitoring plan; a discussion of proposed amendments to the Commission's Administrative Manual—Rules of Practice and Procedure and a Flow Management Technical Advisory Committee status report.

In addition to the subjects listed below which are scheduled for public hearing at the business meeting, the Commission will also address the following: Minutes of the June 25, 1997 business meeting; announcements; General Counsel's report; report on Basin hydrologic conditions; consideration of Jefferson Township Sewer Authority Docket No. D-97-6 CP and public dialogue.

The subjects of the hearing will be as follows:

Applications for Approval of the Following Projects Pursuant to Article 10.3, Article 11 and/or Section 3.8 of the Compact

1. *Reed's Sod Farms D-81-44 Renewal* 3

An application for the renewal of a ground water withdrawal project, formerly approved under the name of Stewart L. Reed, Jr., to supply up to 20 million gallons (mg)/30 days of water to the applicant's supplemental irrigation system from Well No. 1. Commission approval on December 11, 1991 was limited to five years. The applicant requests that the total withdrawal from all wells remain limited to 20 mg/30 days. The project is located in Washington Township, Mercer County, New Jersey.

2. *Schuylkill County Municipal Authority D-90-49 CP (Revision 2)*

A project to increase the applicant's existing exportation of surface water from 0.6 million gallons per day (mgd) to 1.0 mgd. The project will provide 0.225 mgd to a site spanning portions of Foster, Butler and Cass Townships just east of Interstate Route 81 in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The project includes a new Pennsylvania Department of Transportation safety/rest area and the proposed Schuylkill Highridge Business Park. The project service area is situated in the Delaware River Basin (DRB) near the ridge line and exportation will be via discharge of wastewater to the Schuylkill County Municipal Authority wastewater treatment plant located in Gordon, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania in the Susquehanna River Basin (SRB). All of the exportation water sources are provided by the applicant's two existing water supply storage reservoirs, Kaufman Reservoir and Mount Laurel Reservoir (formerly known as Mud Run Reservoir). Kaufman Reservoir is located on Kaufman Run, a tributary of Mud Run, in New Castle Township; Mount Laurel Reservoir is located nearby on Mud Run, also in New Castle Township, all in the DRB in Schuylkill County. No increase in allocation from the two reservoirs is required to provide the increased exportation.

3. *Evesham Township Municipal Utilities Authority D-95-62 CP*

A project to upgrade and expand the applicant's 1.5 mgd Woodstream sewage treatment plant (STP) average monthly design capacity to 1.7 mgd. The STP will continue to serve a portion of

Evesham Township by providing secondary biological treatment utilizing the contact stabilization activated-sludge process and tertiary treatment with rapid sand filtration. The project will include improvement and expansion of the existing facilities and the addition of ammonia nitrogen removal facilities. The STP is located just north of Greentree Road on the east bank of the South Branch Pennsauken Creek, to which the STP will continue to discharge, in Evesham Township, Burlington County, New Jersey.

4. *Richland Township Water Authority D-96-44 CP*

An application for approval of a ground water withdrawal project to supply water to the applicant's distribution system from existing Well Nos. 1 and 2, from acquired Well No. 3 (formerly Judd Associates, Inc. Well No. RC-1), from acquired Well Nos. 4 and 5 (formerly Walnut Bank Water Company Well Nos. WB-2 and WB-3), and to increase the existing total withdrawal limit of 20.13 mg/30 days to 29.3 mg/30 days. The project is located in Richland Township, Bucks County, in the Southeastern Pennsylvania Ground Water Protected Area.

5. *Borough of Washington D-97-4 CP*

A discharge project to upgrade and expand the applicant's existing 0.85 mgd STP to 1.5 mgd. The proposed STP will provide advanced secondary biological treatment with the sequencing batch reactor activated sludge treatment process. The STP will continue to serve the Borough and portions of Washington Township, Warren County, New Jersey and, after ultraviolet disinfection, discharge to Pohatcong Creek via a new outfall extension; the existing discharge to Shabbecong Creek, approximately 350 feet upstream of the new discharge, will be eliminated. The project STP is situated just south of Route 57 near the eastern boundary of the Borough of Washington on the south bank of Pohatcong Creek.

6. *Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission D-97-5 CP*

An application for approval of a ground water withdrawal project to supply up to 335 mg/30 days of water to the applicant's distribution system from 14 existing wells and new Well No. Browning Road 3A, and to reduce the existing withdrawal limit from all wells to 335 mg/30 days. The project is located in Merchantville Borough and Pennsauken Township, Camden County, New Jersey.