

that are described above, the Corporation announces its intent to enter into such negotiations with any sponsor in a manner that may require revisions to the original grant proposal.

Dated: December 15, 1998.

Kenneth L. Kloth,

General Counsel, Corporation for National and Community Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army Corps of Engineers

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Proposed Alamo Lake Reoperation and Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study, La Paz and Mohave Counties, Arizona; dated December 1998

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has prepared a Draft Alamo Lake Reoperation and Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study, La Paz and Mohave Counties, Arizona; dated December 1998. Alamo Dam is located on the Bill Williams River, on the border of Mohave and La Paz Counties, in west-central Arizona, approximately 110 miles northwest of Phoenix, Arizona. Construction of the dam and appurtenant works was completed in 1968 as a multipurpose project (flood control, water conservation and supply, and recreation) under authorization of the Flood Control Act of December 22, 1944. Since the late 1970's local, state, and federal offices, interest groups, and private parties have raised issues and concerns surrounding the operation of Alamo Dam and its impact, both upstream and downstream, upon recreation, fisheries, endangered species, and riparian habitat. In response to these concerns, the Corps of Engineers is studying the impacts of alternative water storage elevations to optimize biological and recreational benefits while still meeting the authorized project purposes.

The general planning objective guiding the development of alternatives was the balance between minimum flows needed to sustain and enhance riparian resources below the dam, and sustenance of suitable lake elevations with minimal fluctuations for reservoir resources and uses. The 1,125-foot, 1,100-foot, and 1,070-foot plans are

analyzed in consideration of all pertinent environmental resources potentially affected under these operational scenarios. This analysis is presented in the DEIS to serve as the basis for comparing the relative level of impact that each alternative would have on the environment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For further information on the Draft Feasibility Report contact Mr. Mike Smiley, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Attn: CESPL-PD-WC, 3636 N. Central Avenue, Room 740, Phoenix, Arizona 85012-1936, at (602) 640-2003; and for information on the DEIS contact Mr. Timothy Smith, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Attn: CESPL-PD-RN, P.O. Box 532711, Los Angeles CA 90053-2325, at phone (213) 452-3854, or via E-mail to: tjsmith@spl.usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Army Corps of Engineers has prepared a DEIS to assess the environmental effects associated with the Proposed Alamo Lake Reoperation and Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study, La Paz and Mohave Counties, Arizona; dated December 1998. The public will have the opportunity to comment on this analysis before any action is taken to implement the proposed action.

Scoping:

The Army Corps of Engineers conducted a scoping meeting prior to preparing the Environmental Impact Statement to aid in determining the significant environmental issues associated with the proposed action. This meeting was held in Parker, Arizona on May 6, 1998.

Individuals and agencies may present written comments relevant to the DEIS by sending the information to Mr. Timothy Smith at the address above prior to February 1, 1999. Comments, suggestions, and requests to be placed on the mailing list for announcements and for the Final EIS, should be sent to Timothy Smith, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Attn: CESPL-PD-RN, PO Box 532711, Los Angeles, CA 90053-2325, or via E-mail to: tjsmith@spl.usace.army.mil, or FAX at (213) 452-4204.

Availability of the Draft EIS

Copies of the DEIS are available from Mr. Tim Smith at the address above. Review copies are also available at the following Corps' offices:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Environmental Resources Branch, 911 Wilshire Boulevard, 14th Floor, Los Angeles, CA

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Planning Section C, 3636 N. Central Avenue, Room 740, Phoenix, Arizona 85012-1936

Dated: December 11, 1998.

John P. Carroll,

Colonel, Corps of Engineers, District Engineer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Shock Trial of the DDG 81 Flight IIA Class Destroyer

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the environmental effects of a proposal to conduct ship shock trials on the AEGIS Destroyer, WINSTON CHURCHILL (DDG 81) at a site located off the east coast or gulf coast of the United States.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1501.6, the Department of the Navy has requested that the National Marine Fisheries Service act as a cooperating agency.

A "shock trial" is necessary to evaluate the effect that shock waves, resulting from a series of underwater explosions and designed to emulate conditions encountered in combat, have when they propagate through a ship's hull. The congressionally mandated (10 USC 2366) Live Fire Test and Evaluation (LFT&E) Program requires realistic survivability testing on each new class of Navy ships, or on an existing class of ships when significant design changes that may affect ship survivability are made. A "shock trial" is part of the Navy's LFT&E program to ensure survivability. The test results provide important information that is applied to follow-on ships and is used to improve the initial ship design and enhance the effectiveness and overall survivability of the ship and crew. Shock trials have proven their value as recently as the Persian Gulf War when ships were able to survive battle damage and continue their mission because of ship design, crew survivability, and crew training lessons learned during previous shock tests.

The proposed action would subject the WINSTON CHURCHILL to no more than four explosive charges, 10,000 pounds each, while monitoring the effects on the ship. The EIS will thoroughly address reasonable alternatives to the proposed action, the existing environments of the proposed test areas, and the impact to the environment at those areas. Mayport, Florida, Pascagoula, Mississippi, and Norfolk, Virginia were chosen initially for evaluation because they effectively meet the operational criteria necessary to conduct a shock trial on a surface combatant. These criteria include: Water depth of at least 600 feet; geographic location; proximity to a Naval Station, Ship Repair Facility, Military Airbase, Ordnance Loading Station, naval ships and aircraft; sea traffic; weather and sea state; and personnel tempo requirements. The proposed shock trial is scheduled to occur over a consecutive period of four weeks between May 1, and September 1, 2001.

The EIS will analyze impacts of the proposed action on air and water quality, marine life (including marine mammals and endangered and threatened species), commercial fishing and shipping, recreation, and economic and commercial resources.

DATES: The Navy will hold the following three public meetings in January 1999:

1. January 19, 1999, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.;
2. January 20, 1999, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.; and
3. January 21, 1999, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meetings will be held at a location near each of the proposed test areas:

1. January 19, 1999, at Granby High School, 7101 Granby Road, Norfolk, Virginia.
2. January 20, 1999, at Fair Hall at Jackson County Fairgrounds, Corner of Shortcut and Hospital Road, Pascagoula, Mississippi.
3. January 21, 1999, at Mayport Middle School, 2600 Mayport Road, Atlantic Beach, Florida.

The meetings will be announced in local newspapers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Agencies and the public are also invited and encouraged to provide written comments in addition to, or in lieu of, oral comments at the public meeting. To be most helpful, comments should clearly describe specific issues or topics which the commentator believes the EIS should address. Written statements and/or questions regarding the scoping process should be mailed no later than

February 1, 1999 to: Commanding Officer, Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (Attn: Mr. Will Sloger, Code 064WS), 2155 Eagle Drive, N. Charleston, South Carolina, telephone 843-802-5797, FAX 843-802-7472.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A brief presentation will precede the request for public comment. Navy representatives will be available at this meeting to receive comments from the public regarding issues of concern. It is important that federal, state, and local agencies, and interested individuals take this opportunity to identify environmental concerns that should be addressed during the preparation of the EIS. In the interest of available time, each speaker will be asked to limit oral comments to five minutes.

Dated: December 14, 1998.

Ralph W. Corey,

Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Meeting

AGENCY: National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend the meeting.

DATES: January 14 and 15, 1999.

TIME: January 14, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; January 15, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Room 100, 80 F St., NW, Washington, DC 20208-7564.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thelma Leenhouts, Designated Federal Official, National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, Washington, DC 20208-7564. Tel.: (202) 219-2065; fax: (202) 219-1528; e-mail: Thelma__Leenhouts@ed.gov, or nerppb@ed.gov. The main telephone number for the Board is (202) 208-0692.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board is authorized by Section 921 of the Educational Research, Development, Dissemination,

and Improvement Act of 1994. The Board works collaboratively with the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI) to forge a national consensus with respect to a long-term agenda for educational research, development, and dissemination, and to provide advice and assistance to the Assistant Secretary in administering the duties of the Office.

The meeting is open to the public. On January 14, the Board will discuss issues relating to the OERI reauthorization and Joint Research Initiative and will hear a report on the third-year evaluation of the Regional Education Laboratories. On January 15 the Board will hear committee and officers' reports and a presentation on expectations for education policy in the 106th Congress. A final agenda will be available from the Board office on January 7, 1999.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the office of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, Suite 100, 80 F St., NW, Washington, DC 20208-7564.

Dated: December 14, 1998.

Eve M. Bither,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Technology Center; Notice of Intent to issue a Solicitation for Cooperative Agreement Proposal (SCAP)

AGENCY: Federal Energy Technology Center (FETC), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the intent to issue a SCAP No. DE-SC26-99FT40528 entitled "Energy Efficient Building Equipment and Envelope Technologies." The SCAP will solicit the submission of innovative technologies that have the potential for significant energy savings in residential and commercial buildings. Through this solicitation the Department of Energy is seeking to support projects that are advancing energy efficient building equipment and envelope technologies. Specifically, the objective of the procurement is to accelerate technologies that, because of their risk, are unlikely to be developed in time commensurate with their potential payoff to the nation without a partnership between industry and the Federal government.