

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETIRING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS.**

**STORAGE:**

Automated, maintained on magnetic tapes or disks.

**RETRIEVABILITY:**

By Social Security Number or certificate recipient's name.

**SAFEGUARDS:**

Records are accessible only to designated individuals having official need therefor in the performance of assigned duties.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

Requests are held for 5 years.

**SYSTEM MANAGER AND ADDRESS:**

Chief, Personnel Service Support Division, The Adjutant General, Directorate, U.S. Total Army Personnel Command, 200 Stovall Street, Suite 3S53, Alexandria, VA 22332-0474.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:**

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system should address written inquiries to the Commander, U.S. Army Information Systems Software Development Center-Washington, ATTN: Cold War Recognition System, ATTN: CWRS, 6000 6th Street, Suite S122A, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-5576.

Individual should provide the full name and Social Security Number of the certificate recipient.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

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**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

The Army's rules for accessing records, and for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are contained in Army Regulation 340 21; 32 CFR part 505; or may be obtained from the system manager.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

From the individual.

**EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:**

None.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers**

**Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Proposed Open-Water Placement of Dredged Material at Site 104, Queen Anne's County, Maryland**

**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 EIS for the Proposed Open-Water Placement of Dredged Material at Site 104, located in Queen Anne's County, Maryland. The EIS was prepared to (1) identify and evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project and (2) to develop a document for the public to use to participate in the District's decision making process. Specifically, the EIS identifies existing conditions, identifies any anticipated changed environmental conditions, re-examines previously collected data in light of new or updated methodologies, collects new environmental data, and evaluates alternatives to address the purpose and need of the project.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions about the proposed action and the draft EIS can be addressed to Mr. Wesley E. Coleman Jr., Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CENAB-PL-P, P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1715, telephone (410) 962-4713 or 1-800-295-1610. E-mail address: wesley.e.coleman@usace.army.mil

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

1. The Maryland Port Administration (MPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) are responsible for maintaining, through periodic dredging, the 126 miles of Federal navigation channels that serve the Port of Baltimore. Continued maintenance dredging is required to ensure the efficiency and safety of the approach channels to the Port of Baltimore. Maintenance dredging of the Chesapeake Bay approach channels requires the removal of approximately 3.5 million cubic yards (mcy) of

material per year, excluding material from the Virginia channels, Baltimore Harbor channels, and additional channels north of the Sassafras River that are dredged by Philadelphia District (CENAP). Several new-work dredging projects are currently proposed to improve navigation safety and efficiency for the Chesapeake Bay approach channels over the next several years. These new-work projects would require the removal of an additional 18 mcy of dredged material from the Chesapeake Bay approach channels over that time period. The Baltimore District is evaluating Site 104 as a potential open-water placement area for this maintenance and new work material. Therefore, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, is now preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Proposed Open-Water Placement of Dredged Material at Site 104, Queen Anne's County, Maryland.

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 draft EIS for the Proposed Open-Water Placement of Dredged Material at Site 104, located in Queen Anne's County, Maryland. Site 104 is a previously used 1,800-acre open-water placement site located approximately 2,000 feet north of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge, east of the navigational channel, and 1 mile west of Kent Island. Site 104 was established in 1924 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and was used for the placement of dredged material through 1975. Currently, the site is approximately 6.8 km (4.2 miles) long and 1.1 km (0.65 miles) wide. The depth ranges from -12.8 to -23.3 meters (-42 to -76 feet) mean lower low water (MLLW). If a decision is made to use Site 104, placement would be restricted to areas deeper than the -14 meter (-45 foot) contour interval to achieve a final site elevation of approximately -14 meters (-45 feet) MLLW. Placement would occur only between October 15 through April 15, thus avoiding the most sensitive periods for most natural resources of concern in the area and minimizing nutrient and water quality impacts. Two potential types of placement are proposed for the site: bottom release scow of mechanically dredged materials or controlled bottom pipeline placement of hydraulically rehandled dredged materials.

3. Studies to date indicate that open-water placement of dredged material at Site 104 would have both negative and positive environmental impacts. The

majority of negative effects are short-term, temporary, and of minimal environmental significance. The positive effects and overall benefits of the project are expected to be long-term. The Proposed Action is not expected to adversely impact setting, geology, hydrology, groundwater, sediment quality, SAV, terrestrial or avian resources, cultural resources or archaeological resources in the region. Nor will the proposed project involve the use, storage or transport of hazardous, toxic or radioactive materials during or after placement. Although some short-term adverse impacts are anticipated for water quality, aquatic resources, air quality, noise, socioeconomics, aesthetics, and recreational resources, adverse cumulative impacts to these resources are not expected. 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.

4. Any person who has an interest in the project is asked 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 12, 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.

5. Individuals who want to review the draft EIS may examine a copy at any of the following locations:

Queen Anne's County Free Library, 121 South Commerce Street, Centreville, Maryland 21617.

Queen Anne's County Free Library, 200 Library Circle, Stevensville, Maryland 21666.

Kent County Public Library, 408 High Street, Chestertown, Maryland 21620.

Anne Arundel County Public Library, North County Branch, 1010 Eastway Drive, Glen Burnie, Maryland 21060.

Frederick Douglas Library, University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, Maryland 21853-1299.

Miller Library, Washington College, 300 Washington Avenue, Chestertown, Maryland 21620.

The document has also been distributed to Federal, state, and local regulatory agencies, known interested organizations, and those individuals who have requested it. Individuals may obtain a copy of the document by writing to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, ATTN: CENAB-PL-P (Mr. Wesley E. Coleman

Jr.), P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore, MD 21203-1715, or by telephone at (410) 962-4713 or 1-800-295-1610. Written comments or inquiries may also be sent by fax to Mr. Coleman at (410) 962-4698 or by electronic mail to cenab-pl-p@usace.army.mil. The EIS is also available on the Baltimore District's Internet website as an Adobe Acrobat file at [www.nab.usace.army.mil](http://www.nab.usace.army.mil).

6. A Public Workshop to enable interested persons to learn about the proposed project and to ask questions of technical experts is scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 1999, from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. at Queen Anne's County Free Library, Kent Island Branch, 200 Library Circle, Stevensville, Maryland. Formal Public Hearings to receive comments from the public on the draft EIS are scheduled in three locations:

March 22, 1999 at 7:00 p.m., Kent Island High School, 900 Love Point Road, Stevensville, Maryland.

March 25, 1999 at 7:00 p.m., Kent County High School, 25301 Lambs Meadow Road, Worton, Maryland.

March 30, 1999 at 7:00 p.m., Annapolis Senior High School, 2700 Riva Road, Annapolis, Maryland.

The purpose of these hearings will be to record public comments only; those who have questions about the project should plan to attend the Public Workshop described above or contact Mr. Wesley Coleman, at (410) 962-4713 or 1-800-295-1610.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Meeting of the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Executive Panel

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The CNO Executive Panel is to conduct the mid-term briefing of the Space and Information Warfare Task Force to the Chief of Naval Operations. This meeting will consist of discussions relating to proposed Navy involvement in Space and Information Warfare.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on March 23, 1999, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the office of the Chief of Naval Operations, 2000 Navy Pentagon, Washington, DC 20350-2000.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lieutenant Commander Christopher Agan, CNO Executive Panel, 4401 Ford Avenue, Suite 601, Alexandria, Virginia 22302-0268, telephone number (703) 681-6205.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice of meeting is provided pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2). The purpose of this meeting is to conduct the mid-term briefing of the Space and Information Warfare Task Force to the Chief of Naval Operations. These matters constitute classified information that is specifically authorized by Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense and are, in fact, properly classified pursuant to such Executive Order. Accordingly, the Secretary of the Navy has determined in writing that the public interest requires that all sessions of the meeting be closed to the public because they will be concerned with matters listed in 5 U.S.C. section 552b(c)(1).

Dated: February 18, 1999.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507 (j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by March 4, 1999. The regular collection will be submitted through the discretionary streamlined process (1890-0001). Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 27, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs,