DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Board of Visitors, United States Military Academy

AGENCY: United States Military Academy, Army, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a)(20) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92–463), announcement is made of the following meeting.

Name of Committee: Board of Visitors, United States Military Academy.

Date of Meeting: 9 May 2001.

Place of Meeting: Veteran Affairs Conference Room, Room 418, Senate Russell Office Bldg., Washington, DC.

Start Time of Meeting: Approximately 9:30 A.M.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information contact Lieutenant Colonel Edward C. Clarke, United States Military Academy, West Point, NY 10996–5000, (845) 938–4200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Proposed Agenda: Spring Meeting of the Board of Visitors. All proceedings are open.

Luz D. Ortiz,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Program for Qualifying Department of Defense (DoD) Brokers

AGENCY: Military Traffic Management Command, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC), as the Program Director for the Department of Defense (DoD), has reviewed comments received in response to the **Federal Register** Notice of December 18, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 243) page 79084. We appreciate the comments of those responding and weighed them in our decision process. MTMC will reconsider expanding the role of brokers to allow their participation in DoD's Personal Property Program when proposal's within the Task Force Fix are implemented.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sylvia Walker, Headquarters, Military Traffic Management Command, Attn: MTPP–HQ, Room 10N67–51, Hoffman Building II, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332–5000; Telephone (703) 428–2982, Telefax (703) 428–3388.

Luz D. Ortiz,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability of Patent for Exclusive, Partially Exclusive, or Non-Exclusive License

AGENCY: U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army announces the general availability of exclusive, partially exclusive, or nonexclusive licenses under the following patent that is listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** paragraph.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Rosenkrans at U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, Kansas Street, Natick, MA 01760, phone (508) 233–4928 or E-mail: Robert.Rosenkrans@natick.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any licenses granted shall comply with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR part 404. The following Patent, Title, and Issue date is provided:

Patent Number: 09/165,043.

Title: Enzyme-Catalyzed Modifications of Macromolecules in Organic Solvents.

Issue Date: April 3, 2001.

Luz D. Ortiz,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Huntington Beach Bluff-Top Storm Damage Reduction, Orange County, CA

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Los Angeles District intends to prepare an EIS to support the proposed storm damage reduction study at the Huntington Beach Bluff-Top area, Orange County, California. The purpose of the proposal is to identify measures that reduce or eliminate losses to facilities resulting from cliff erosion at the North, Central, and South Reaches of the bluff-top. The North, Central, and South Reaches encompass an 8,000-foot stretch of coast extending from the southern boundary of Bolsa Chica State Beach to 17th Street, and inland to the Pacific Coast Highway. Alternative measures for reducing or eliminating wave-induced damages to coastal development within the identified reaches include the relocation of facilities, construction of coastal structures such as seawalls or revetments, construction of offshore structures such as submerged breakwaters or nearshore mounds of sediment, and beach nourishment. The EIS will analyze potential impacts on the environmental range of alternatives, including the recommended plan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information contact Ms. Stephanie Hall, Project Environmental Coordinator, (213) 452–3862, or Ms. Felicia Kirksey, Study Manager, (213) 452–3835.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Army Corps of Engineers intends to prepare an EIS to assess the environmental effects associated with the proposed erosion mitigation measures at the North, Central and South Reaches of the Huntington Beach Bluff-Top, from the southern boundary of Bolsa Chica State Beach to 17th Street, and inland to the Pacific Coast Highway. 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 will conduct a scoping meeting prior to preparing the Environmental Impact Statement to aid in the determination of significant environmental issues associated with the proposed action. The public, as well as Federal, State, and local agencies, are encouraged to participate in the scoping process by submitting data, information, and comments identifying relevant environmental and socioeconomic issues to be addressed in the environmental analysis. Useful information includes other environmental studies, published and unpublished data, alternatives that could be addressed in the analysis, and potential mitigation measures associated with the proposed action.

A public scoping meeting will be held in the City of Huntington Beach in May, 2001. The date, location and time of the public scoping meeting will be announced in the local news media at least two weeks prior to the meeting. A

separate notice of this meeting will be sent to all parties on the study mailing list.

Individuals and agencies may offer information or data relevant to the environmental or socioeconomic impacts by attending the public scoping meeting. Comments, suggestions, and requests to be placed on the mailing list for announcements should be sent to Stephanie J. Hall, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, P.O. Box 532711, Los Angeles, CA 90053–2325, ATTN: CESPL–PD–RN, or the following E-mail address: shall@spl.usace.army.mil.

Availability of the Draft EIS: The Draft EIS is scheduled to be published and circulated in March 2002, and a public hearing to receive comments on the Draft EIS will be held after it is published.

Dated: March 23, 2001.

John P. Carroll,

Colonel, Corps of Engineers, District Engineer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent to Prepare Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Operation and Maintenance of Lake Sidney Lanier, Georgia

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

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The Mobile District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) intends to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to address the full range of activities performed by the Corps to operate and maintain Lake Sidney Lanier. Lake Lanier is located in the upper Chattahoochee River Basin north of Atlanta, Georgia. Buford Dam forms the 38,024-acre multiple purpose lake project, with 540 miles of shoreline and 18,131 acres of lands above the full power pool elevation of 1070. Authorized project purposes include hydroelectric power, flood control, water quality, water supply, fish and wildlife, navigation, and recreation. An EIS was prepared for the lake project in 1974. Although the project purposes under which Lake Lanier is operated and maintained have not changed since 1974, the overall environmental setting for Lake Lanier has experienced major modifications in response to the growth of the Atlanta metropolitan region. The new EIS is being prepared to evaluate the continued operation and maintenance of Lake Lanier in the context of the changed conditions.

ADDRESSES: District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, ATTN: CESAM–PD–E, P.O. Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628–0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Glen Coffee, Environment and Resources Branch, telephone (334) 690–2729. Electronic mail may be addressed to: glendon.l.coffee@sam.usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

Lake Lanier is located north of Atlanta, Georgia, a region that has been greatly impacted by the metropolitan area's rapid growth. The Project's appeal from both aesthetic and recreational aspects make it one of the most highly utilized Corps lakes in the country. Additionally, the limited amount of government-owned land surrounding the lake has created an attractive setting for area residents who want to live near the lake. These developments put increasing pressures on the lake's shoreline as adjacent landowners are permitted private boat docks and associated facilities. Further, commercial marinas operated as concessions on the lake are also operating at or near boat storage capacity, as are the numerous recreation areas surrounding the lake.

Even in the 1974 EIS, the trend for increasing development of neighboring private lands around the lake was recognized, along with the demands that would be placed on the lake's resources to accommodate the explosive population growth. In 1974, the Corps had issued permits for approximately 2,500 private docks. This number increased to around 6,500 docks at the time the last Shoreline Management Plan update was prepared in 1987. In 2000, the number of permits issued for private docks increased to 8,200. Based on the 9-year period ending in 2000, it is anticipated that approximately 175 new permits could be issued each year into the immediate future, with the potential number of permits eventually rising to 16,000. The growth trend of boat dock permits, concessions, and club sites could cover more than 250 miles (or 46%) of Lanier's public shoreline.

The combination of private boat docks, commercial marinas, and boat ramps contribute to the over 25,000 boats that can occur on Lake Lanier at any given time, even though all boats are not necessarily in use simultaneously. Peak boat usage occurs during the summer months, particularly the three principal summer holidays of Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Labor Day. A 1985 study indicated that project waters at that time were overused on occasion by 71%. Application of the same evaluation criteria to the current number of boats stored on Lake Lanier and the maximum use of available recreation facilities indicates the level of overuse has increased today to approximately 160%.

At the same time recreational use by the public is increasing, demands are also being placed on the lake's storage volume to meet the expanding water needs of the Apalachiocola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) Basin and the neighboring Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa (ACT) Basin. The competition for water between the States of Alabama, Florida, and Georgia has intensified. A cooperative effort has been underway for several years between the three States and the Corps of Engineers to develop a water management strategy that would accommodate the interstate needs of these two basins from their respective headwaters to the Gulf of Mexico. While the water management strategy will eventually develop a Water Allocation Formula, the timeframe within which the agreement will be reached is uncertain and the scope of the formula has not been fixed. Once agreement is reached by the States on the new Water Allocation Formula, a comprehensive water management plan (and accompanying EIS) will be prepared to address reservoir operations in the ACF and ACT Basins. Since Lake Lanier is the uppermost reservoir in the ACT Basin, water allocations will certainly influence the manner in which Lake Lanier's water levels will be managed in the future. As a result, a new and separate EIS must be developed to evaluate the range of water management scenarios within which project operation and maintenance activities will be performed. It will not be the purpose of this Lake Lanier operation and maintenance EIS to evaluate the eventual water management plan for the Buford/Lake Lanier project. Instead, the EIS will focus on the entire range of project operation and maintenance actions performed within the lake and on government-owned lands surrounding the lake within the framework of varying lake levels that could result from implementation of a future Water Allocation Formula developed for the ACF Basin.