

SUMMARY: Pursuant to an Executive Memorandum, under the Federal Advisory Committee Act and consistent with the National Telecommunications and Information Organization Act, the Secretary of Commerce has established the Spectrum Management Advisory Committee (Committee). The Committee will provide advice to the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information and Administrator of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) on spectrum management matters. NTIA is requesting nominations for members to the Committee for terms beginning in 2005.

DATES: Nominations must be postmarked or electronically transmitted on or before November 28, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to submit nominations should send the nominee's resume to the attention of Meredith Attwell, Designated Federal Officer, by mail to Office of the Assistant Secretary, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, 1401 Constitution Avenue N.W., Room 4898, Washington, DC 20230; by facsimile transmission to (202) 501-0536; or by electronic mail to spectrumadvisory@ntia.doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Meredith Attwell at (202) 482-2695 or mattwell@ntia.doc.gov; or Joe Gattuso at (202) 482-0977 or jgattuso@ntia.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 29, 2004, the President issued a Memorandum to the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies on the subject of "Spectrum Management for the 21st Century."¹ Among other things, the Executive Memorandum directed the heads of the executive departments and agencies to implement the recommendations contained in two Commerce Department reports to the President identifying improvement in U.S. spectrum management.² The first recommendation in *Report 2* called for the establishment of a federal advisory committee within the National

Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).³

Pursuant to the Executive Memorandum, the Secretary of Commerce established the Spectrum Management Advisory Committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2, consistent with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Act, 47 U.S.C. § 904(b). The Committee will report to the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information. It will advise the Assistant Secretary on a broad range of issues regarding spectrum policy and on needed reforms to domestic spectrum policies and management to enable timely implementation of evolving spectrum-dependent technologies and services to benefit the public. The Committee will function solely as an advisory body in compliance with the FACA. The Committee's Charter appears on NTIA's website at <http://www.ntia.doc.gov>.

The Secretary of Commerce intends to appoint representatives from a balanced cross-section of stakeholder interests in spectrum management and policy reform, including non-federal government users, state, regional and local sectors, technology developers, and manufacturers, academia, consumer groups, and service providers with customers in both domestic and international markets. The Department of Commerce seeks high level individuals with broad expertise in and capable of representing those sectors and interests on policy issues relevant to the Committee. Members will be appointed for a two-year term and may be reappointed for additional terms. Members of the Committee will be appointed as Special Government Employees and will serve without compensation.

Nominations should include a resume or *curriculum vita*, and should also include a statement summarizing the qualifications of the nominee and identifying the sector or interest (if individual) for which the nominee has expertise.

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³ "The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) should establish the Department of Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee, consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act [5 U.S.C. App.2] and the NTIA Organization Act [47 U.S.C. § 904(b)]." *Report 2* at ii, 14-15.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Availability of a Novel Composite Processing Technology for Exclusive, Partially Exclusive or Non-Exclusive Licenses

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army announces the general availability of exclusive, partially exclusive or non-exclusive licenses relative to a novel Composite Processing technology as described in U.S. Patent 6,586,054; entitled "Apparatus and method for selectively distributing and controlling a means for impregnation of fibrous articles"; Shawn Walsh. Any license shall comply with 35 U.S.C 209 and 37 CFR 404.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael D. Rausa, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Office of Research and Technology Applications, ATTN: AMSRL-DP-T/Bldg. 434, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005-5425, Telephone: (410) 278-5028.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Availability of Integrated Feasibility Report & Environmental Impact Statement for the Flood Damage Reduction Project, Bloomsburg, PA

AGENCY: Department of the Army; U.S. Corps of Engineers, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Baltimore District has prepared a Final Integrated Feasibility Report & Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the flood damage reduction project for the Town of Bloomsburg, in Columbia County, PA. The Final Integrated Feasibility Report investigated the potential environmental effects of an array of alternative plans based on reducing flood damages in Bloomsburg. The recommended alternative includes approximately 17,000 linear feet of levee/floodwall

¹ *President's Memorandum on Improving Spectrum Management for the 21st Century*, 49 Weekly Comp. Pres. Doc. 2875 (Nov. 29, 2004)(Executive Memorandum).

² See Department of Commerce, *Spectrum Policy for the 21st Century -- The President's Spectrum Policy Initiative: Report 1, Recommendations of the Federal Government Spectrum Task Force* (June 2004); Department of Commerce, *Spectrum Policy for the 21st Century -- The President's Spectrum Policy: Report 2, Recommendations from State and Local Governments and Private Sector Responders* (June 2004)(*Report 2*), available at http://www.ntia.doc.gov/reports/specpolini/pressspecpolini_report2_06242004.pdf.

systems with fourteen drainage structures, and nine closure structures, six of which incorporate limited road raisings.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Town of Bloomsburg, PA, is located in Columbia County within the Middle Susquehanna River sub-basin. The Susquehanna River forms the Town's southern boundary, and Fishing Creek forms the northern and western boundary.

The primary water resources problem along the Susquehanna River at Bloomsburg is recurrent flooding. Recurrent flooding that occurs in the Bloomsburg study area is a result of the morphology of the Susquehanna River and the regional topography. When the Susquehanna River and a local tributary, Fishing Creek, simultaneously rise above flood stage, overbank flooding can cover up to 33 percent of the landmass within the Town of Bloomsburg's boundaries.

Flood damages are attributable to overbank flooding from the Susquehanna River and to flooding along Fishing Creek. Past flood events have resulted in extensive damages to structures and their contents and have threatened public safety. The Bloomsburg study area includes approximately 525 residential structures and 75 businesses.

The recommended flood damage reduction plan is the National Economic Development (NED) Plan with a Tropical Storm Agnes (440-year) level of protection from Susquehanna River flooding, and 100-year level of protection from Fishing Creek flooding. The alignment of the line of protection was refined based on physical, environmental, and economic criteria.

The project consists of a system of earthen levees, mechanically stabilized earth (MSE) floodwalls, concrete floodwalls, railroad and road closure structures and roadway relocations to provide ramps over the line of protection. Earthen levees are proposed for the majority of the line of protection, though MSE walls will be required along portions of Fishing Creek in both Bloomsburg and Fernville and a concrete floodwall (H-Pile wall) will be required along portions of Fishing Creek in Bloomsburg. Limited riprap will be used to protect the steep banks of Fishing Creek from bank crest to below the stream invert along the lower project reaches along Fishing Creek.

Permanent environmental impacts will include restricted views by the levee/floodwall system of Fishing Creek from Bloomsburg and Fernville, excavation and off-site disposal of approximately 4,500 cubic yards of hazardous, toxic and radioactive waste materials, conversion of approximately 11.5 acres of farmland designated as Prime Farmland or Additional Farmland of Statewide Importance to non-agricultural use, long-term loss of nearly 3,000 linear feet of riparian habitat along Fishing Creek, the loss of less than one acre of wetlands, and taking of residential homes and business structures within the levee/floodwall footprint.

USACE has distributed copies of the Final Integrated Feasibility Report and EIS to appropriate members of Congress, State and local government officials, Federal agencies, and other interested parties. Copies are available for public review at the following locations:

(1) Bloomsburg Public Library, 225 Market Street, Bloomsburg, PA 17815

(2) Bloomsburg University Library, 400 E. Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA 17815

You may also view the Final Integrated Feasibility Report and EIS in addition to related information on our Web page at http://www.nab.usace.army.mil/publications/non-reg_pub.htm.

The Final Integrated Feasibility Report and EIS has been prepared in accordance with (1) The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and (3) USACE regulations implementing NEPA (ER-200-2-2).

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Public Scoping Meeting and Preparation of Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Widening of the Freeport Ship Channel in Freeport, Brazoria County, TX

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District intends to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to assess the social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed widening of portions of the Freeport Harbor Entrance and Jetty Channels. The DEIS will assess potential impacts of a range of alternatives, including the No Action and preferred alternatives. The Federal action is consideration of a Department of Army Permit application for work under section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) and section 103 of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuary Act (33 U.S.C. 1413).

DATES: A public scoping meeting will be held on November 29, 2005 at 7 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Freeport Community House, 1300 W. 2nd, Freeport, TX 77541.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Bryan Herczeg, Project Manager, by letter at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 1229, Galveston, Texas 77553, by telephone at (409) 766-6389, or by e-mail at bryan.a.herczeg@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Galveston District intends to prepare a DEIS on the proposed channel widening of portions of the Freeport Harbor Channel, which leads to Freeport Harbor, Freeport, Brazoria County, TX. The Brazos River Harbor Navigation District (Port of Freeport) proposes this project.

1. *Description of the Proposed Project:* The Port of Freeport is proposing to widen the Freeport Harbor Channel as follows:

a. From Channel Station 63+35, near the U.S. Coast Guard Station, to Channel Station 45+00, the channel will be widened gradually an additional 0 to 150 feet;

b. From Channel Station 45+00 to Channel Station 40+00, the Channel will be widened an additional 150 to 200 feet;

c. From 40+00, in the Jetty Channel to the end of the existing Entrance Channel, the channel will be widened by 200 feet, from the existing channel width of 400 feet to 600 feet;

d. The depth of the channel will be as at present, 47 feet in the Jetty Channel (45 feet project depth plus 2 feet advanced maintenance) and 49 feet in the Entrance Channel (45 feet project depth plus 2 feet advanced maintenance plus 2 feet allowable overdraft);

e. Approximately 3.2 million cubic yards (mcy) of dredged material will be