

experienced by military women at their normal duty station and in austere environments.

5. To measure military women's level of interest in using a gynecologic infection self-diagnosis and management kit when in austere environments.

Dated: January 16, 1997.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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Department of the Army

Corps of Engineers

Notice of Availability for the Draft Baltimore Harbor and Anchorages, Maryland and Virginia Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)—Project Location is Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and Anne Arundel County, Maryland

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

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, has prepared a Draft Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact Statement for maritime improvements for Baltimore Harbor and Anchorages, Maryland and Virginia. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, the District is conducting public coordination and distributing the documents for public review and comment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the proposed actions, Feasibility Study, and EIS can be addressed to Study Manager, Baltimore Harbor Anchorages and Channels, Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CENAB-PL-P, P.O. 1715, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1715, telephone (410) 962-6139. E-mail: daniel.m.bierly@ccmail.nab.usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Port of Baltimore is located on a 32 square mile area of the Patapsco River and its tributaries, approximately 12 miles northwest of the Chesapeake Bay. From its central location on the Chesapeake Bay nearly 150 miles inland from the Atlantic Ocean, Baltimore can easily provide service to America's Midwestern markets as well as other ports along the Atlantic coast. Since 1980, over one-half billion dollars have been spent on maritime improvements

in the Port of Baltimore in efforts to meet the needs of the diverse commercial shipping market.

1. Continuing with the Port of Baltimore's commitment to ongoing maritime improvement this study recommends: widening the West Dundalk and Seagirt-Connecting Channels to 500 feet; widening the East Dundalk Channel to 400 feet; establishing a channel 36 feet deep and 400 feet wide in the area of the old Produce Wharf Channel at South Locust Point; deepening a portion of Anchorage #3 to 42 feet deep and 2,200 feet wide by 2,200 feet long; deepening of Anchorage #4 to 42 feet deep and 1,800 feet wide by 1,800 feet long; constructing a turning basin at the head of the Fort McHenry Channel, 1,200 feet wide by 1,200 feet long, and 50 feet deep; Federal assumption of maintenance of the existing Seagirt Marine Terminal, Dundalk Marine Terminal and South Locust Point Marine Terminal channels, exclusive of berthing areas, and Federal maintenance of a 42-foot depth in the area between the Connecting Channel and the proposed Seagirt Marine Terminal Berth 4 upon completion of dredging to that depth by the State of Maryland; and deauthorization of Anchorage #1. The proposed improvements are expected to require the placement of approximately 4.4 million cubic yards of dredged material at the Hart-Miller Island placement site.

2. The decision to implement this action is being based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activities on the public interest. The decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposed project are being balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal, including the cumulative effects thereof, are being considered; among these factors are economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, flood hazards, fish and wildlife values, flood plain values, land use, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, and the general needs and welfare of the people.

3. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) describes the impacts of the proposed projects on environmental and cultural resources in the study area. The EIS also applies guidelines issued by the Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of the Clean

Water Act of 1977 (Pub. L. 95-217). An evaluation of the proposed actions on the waters of the United States was performed pursuant to the guidelines of the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The proposed dredging, construction, and placement of dredged material is in compliance with Section 404(b)(1) guidelines.

4. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and the Clean Water Act, the Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public, Federal, state and local agencies and officials, and other interested parties. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers in the decision to implement the project. To make this decision, comments are considered to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments regarding the proposed project will be incorporated into the Final Environmental Impact Statement as required by NEPA. Public comments will also be used to determine the overall public interest. Notice of a public meeting will be published at a later date. Informal meetings have been held in order to present information to citizen interest groups, officials, and regional planners. The public review and comment period for the draft feasibility study and draft EIS will begin on 24 January 1997 and close on 9 March 1997. Comments received will be incorporated into the final EIS.

5. This Notice of Availability is being sent to organizations and individuals known to have an interest in the proposed maritime improvements. Please bring this notice to the attention of any other individuals with an interest in this matter. Copies of the Draft EIS are available for review at the following locations:

- Baltimore County Public Library, North Point Branch, 1716 Merritt Boulevard, Baltimore MD.
- Anne Arundel County Public Library, North County Branch, 1010 Eastway Dr. Glen Burnie MD.
- Enoch Pratt Free Library, 400 Cathedral St., Baltimore, MD.

6. Requests for copies of the EIS may be mailed to the following address: District Engineer, Attn: CENAB-PL, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore

District, P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore, MD 21203-1715.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Oak Ridge Reservation

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Oak Ridge Reservation.

DATES: Wednesday, February 5, 1997, 6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Comfort Inn, 433 South Rutgers Avenue, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandy Perkins, Site-Specific Advisory Board Coordinator, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, TN 37830, (423) 576-1590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board

The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

February Meeting Topics

Presentations regarding the Toxic Release Inventory will be presented by a representative of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Sandy Perkins at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will

be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of this meeting due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved prior to publication.

Minutes

The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available at the Department of Energy's Information Resource Center at 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, TN between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; 8:30 am and 7:00 pm on Tuesday and Thursday; and 9:00 am and 1:00 pm on Saturday, or by writing to Sandy Perkins, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, TN 37830, or by calling her at (423) 576-1590.

Issued at Washington, DC on January 21, 1997.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2100-074]

California Department of Water Resources; Notice Rejecting Rehearing

January 17, 1997.

By order issued December 11, 1996,¹ the Director, Division of Licensing and Compliance (Division Director) approved a request filed by the California Department of Water Resources (CDWR) to amend the requirements of ordering paragraph (K) of the Commission's Order on Revised Recreation Plan, issued September 22, 1994, for CDWR's Feather River Project No. 2100, on the Feather River in Butte County, California.² The Division Director approved CDWR's request by extending the filing date for CDWR's biannual report providing recreational use data from November 1, 1996 to April 1, 1997, and making subsequent reports due every two years thereafter on April 1, instead of November 1.

On December 23, 1996, the Lake Oroville Fish Enhancement Committee

(LOFEC) and the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA) filed a request for rehearing of the Division Director's order. LOFEC and CSPA contend that they have been denied due process by the Division Director's order.

Rehearing does not lie in this matter. CDWR's request for a change in the due date for its recreation reports does not entail any material change in the plan of project development or in the terms and conditions of the license, nor does it adversely affect the rights of property-holders in a manner not contemplated by the license, such that the Commission should have issued notice of the filing or entertained intervention petitions thereon.³ Accordingly, the request for rehearing is rejected.

This notice constitutes final agency action. Requests for rehearing by the Commission may be filed within 30 days of the date of issuance of this notice, pursuant to 18 CFR 385.713.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application

January 17, 1997.

Take notice that on January 14, 1997, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), a Delaware corporation, having its principal place of business at 1700 MacCorkle Avenue, S.E., Charleston, West Virginia 25314-1599, filed an abbreviated application pursuant to Sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for the following:

(1) Section 7(c) certificate authorization for the construction and operation of approximately 1.60 miles of 24-inch pipeline and appurtenances designated as Columbia's Line 1361 located in Washington County, Pennsylvania and,

(2) Section 7(b) authorization for the abandonment, both in-place and by removal, of approximately 1.60 miles of 20-inch Line 1361 and 1.60 miles of 12-inch Line 1429 and appurtenances located in Washington County, Pennsylvania.

The proposed construction is estimated to cost \$2,393,000 and the associated estimated net debit to accumulated provision for depreciation for the abandoned facilities is \$549,451.

³ See, e.g., Sayles Hydro Associates, 48 FERC ¶ 61,049 (1989), and Kings River Conservation District, 36 FERC ¶ 61,881 (1986).

¹ 77 FERC ¶ 62,147.

² See 68 FERC ¶ 61,358 (1994).