

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Navy****Withdrawal of Surplus Land at Military Installations Designated for Realignment: Naval Air Station, Key West, Florida**

SUMMARY: This Notice provides information on withdrawal of surplus property at the Naval Air Station, Key West, Florida.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1995, the Naval Air Station, Key West, Florida was designated for realignment pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, Public Law 101-510, as amended. Pursuant to this designation, in April of 1996, approximately 168.14 acres of land and related facilities at this installation were declared surplus to the federal government and available for use by (a) non-federal public agencies pursuant to various statutes which authorize conveyance of property for public projects, and (b) homeless provider groups pursuant to the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11411), as amended. Approximately 35 acres of land improved with 10 buildings have been requested for transfer by other federal agencies and was not included within the 168.14 acres. On July 3, 1997, a second determination was made to withdraw land and facilities previously reported as surplus that are now required by the federal government.

Notice of Surplus Property

Pursuant to paragraph (7)(B) of section 2905(b) of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended by the Base Closure Community Redevelopment and Homeless Assistance Act of 1994, the following information regarding the withdrawal of previously reported surplus property at the Naval Air Station, Key West, FL is published in the **Federal Register**:

Description of Withdrawn Property

The following is a description of land and facilities at the Naval Air Station, Key West that are withdrawn from surplus by the federal government.

Land

Approximately 16 acres of improved and unimproved fee simple land at the Naval Air Station, Key West, FL known as the Trumbo Point Annex Tank Farm.

Buildings

The following is a summary of the facilities located on the above described land. Electrical distribution substations and the fuel farm maintenance facility consisting of 10 buildings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John J. Kane, Director, Department of the Navy, Real Estate Operations, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332-2300, telephone (703) 428-0436, or E.R. Nelson, Jr., Director, Real Estate Division, Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, P.O. Box 190010, 2155 Eagle Drive, North Charleston, SC 29419-9010, telephone (803) 820-7494.

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LCDR, JAGC, USN, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Recognition of Accrediting Agencies, State agencies for Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational Education**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Request for Comments on Agency applying to the Secretary for Renewal of Recognition.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen W. Kershenstein, Director, Accreditation and Eligibility Determination Division, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 3915 ROB-3, Washington, DC 20202-5244, telephone: (202) 708-7417. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUBMISSION OF THIRD-PARTY COMMENTS:

The Secretary of Education recognizes, as reliable authorities as to the quality of education offered by institutions or programs within their scope, accrediting agencies and State approval agencies for public postsecondary vocational education and nurse education that meet certain criteria for recognition. A notice published in the **Federal Register** on July 2, 1997 (Volume 62, page 35791) invited interested third parties to present written comments on agencies scheduled for review at the November 1997 meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity. The purpose of this notice is to correct the information provided in

the July 2, 1997 notice regarding the request for an expansion of scope submitted by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools. The correct information is included at that end of this notice. This notice also extends the deadline for interested third of scope from August 18, 1997 to September 2, 1997. All other provisions of the July 2, 1997 **Federal Register** notice remain in effect.

Request for an Expansion of Scope

1. Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (Current scope of recognition; the accreditation of private, postsecondary allied health education institutions, private medical assistant programs, public and private medical laboratory technician programs, and allied health programs leading to the Associate of Applied Science and the Associate of Occupational Science degree. Requested expansion of scope: the accreditation of institutions offering predominantly allied health education programs. "Predominantly" is defined by the agency as follows: at least 70 percent of the number of active programs offered are in the allied health area, and the number of students enrolled in those programs exceeds 50 percent of the institution's full-time equivalent (FTE) students, or at least 70 percent of the FTE students enrolled at the institution are in allied health programs.)

Dated: July 28, 1997.

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Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Floodplain Statement of Findings for the Southeast Drainage at the Weldon Spring Site**

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management, DOE.

ACTION: Floodplain Statement of Findings.

SUMMARY: This is a Floodplain Statement of Findings for the Southeast Drainage at the Weldon Spring Site, prepared in accordance with 10 CFR part 1022. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) proposes to remove contaminated sediment from the Southeast Drainage, an intermittent stream located in St. Charles County, Missouri (Fig.1). The lower portion of the drainage occurs within the 100-year floodplain of the Missouri River. DOE

prepared a floodplain and wetlands assessment describing the effects, alternatives, and measures designed to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected floodplain. The DOE will allow 15 days of public review after publication of the statement of findings before implementing the proposed action.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Steve McCracken, U.S. Department of Energy, Weldon Spring Site Remedial Action Project, 7295 Highway 94 South, St. Charles, MO 63304, (314) 441-8978

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON GENERAL DOE FLOODPLAIN/WETLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW REQUIREMENTS, CONTACT: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-4600 or (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Floodplain Statement of Findings for the Southeast Drainage at the Weldon Spring Site was prepared in accordance with 10 CFR Part 1022. A Notice of Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement was published in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, April 16, 1997, FR Doc. 97-9805, and a floodplain and wetlands assessment was prepared. DOE is proposing to remove contaminated sediment from selected locations within the Southeast Drainage, an intermittent tributary of the Missouri River. Removal alternatives evaluated include:

- No Action.
- Conventional excavation of sediments at selected locations within the drainage using existing right-of-way routes.
- Conventional excavation of sediments at all targeted locations within the drainage using new off-road access and a haul route through the drainage.

The proposed action would utilize conventional excavation technologies and existing disturbed areas for right-of-way routes. The objective of the proposed action is to reduce the levels of contamination thereby reducing health risk. The 100-year floodplain of the Missouri River extends into the Southeast Drainage approximately 1,200 feet. The action is proposed to be located in the floodplain because the contaminated sediment to be removed occurs in scattered locations throughout the Southeast Drainage, including that portion which lies within the Missouri River 100-year floodplain. There are no practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain.

The proposed action would conform to applicable federal, state, and local floodplain protection standards. Good engineering practices would be employed to control sedimentation and erosion to downstream surface waters and adjacent floodplain areas. Water quality within the channel would be protected during excavation to the extent practicable by several measures.

Administrative controls would be used to stop work during major storm events. When excavations would remain exposed overnight, erosion controls would be installed to minimize the transport of silt downstream by stormwater flows. Additionally, silt dams will be constructed within the drainage in areas where the existing right-of-way route deviates significantly from the defined channel. Restoration of excavated areas within the drainage would include grading to avoid steep or vertical slopes, and to minimize ponding and backfilling. Areas of exposed soil outside the stream channel would be mulched and reseeded with an annual grass to minimize erosion and allow the natural seedbank to reestablish vegetative cover. Impacts to the floodplain would be minimized by the avoidance (to the extent practicable) of adjacent floodplain areas. No long-term impacts are anticipated to the 100-year floodplain of the Missouri River. The proposed removal action would not impact floodplain storage capacity. No permanent structures would be constructed as part of the proposed action.

DOE will allow 15 days of public review after publication of the statement of findings prior to implementing the proposed action.

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