

Engineers (Corps), the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID), and the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) propose to construct the Hamilton City Pumping Plant Fish Improvement Screen Project. The project is in response to concerns over impacts to salmon and other fish species from water diversion operations at the Hamilton City Pumping Plant. Two public workshops to present material on the alternatives and to answer questions and a public hearing to receive comments from interested organizations and individuals on the environmental impacts of the project will be held.

DATES: Public comments on the DEIR/DEIS should be submitted on or before November 17, 1997. The public workshops will be held at the following locations:

- November 4, 1997, 1:00 p.m., Granzella's Inn, 391 6th Street, Williams, California
- November 4, 1997, 7:00 p.m., Hamilton High School, Highway 32 and Canal Street, Hamilton City, California

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the DEIR/DEIS and comments on the DEIR/DEIS should be submitted to the Fish Screen Improvement Project, Draft EIR/EIS Comments, 455 Capitol Mall, Suite 600, Sacramento, California 95814, Attention: Rick Lind; telephone (916) 325-4050.

Copies of the DEIR/DEIS are also available for public inspection and review at the following locations:

1. Bureau of Reclamation, Room E-1704, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825-1898; (916) 979-5100.
2. Bureau of Reclamation, Northern California Area Office, Attention: NCAO-320, 16349 Shasta Dam Blvd, Shasta Lake, CA 96019-8400; (916) 275-1554.
3. Surface Water Resources, Inc., 455 Capitol Mall, Suite 600, Sacramento, CA 95814; (916) 325-4050.
4. Bureau of Reclamation, Willows Construction Office, Attention: W-200, 1140 West Wood Street, Willows, CA 95988-0988; (916) 934-7066.
5. Natural Resources Library, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Main Interior Building, Washington DC 20240-0001.
6. Library, Bureau of Reclamation, 6th Avenue and Kipling, Room 167, Building 67, Denver Federal Center, Denver, CO 80225-0007.
7. University of California-Berkeley, Water Resources Center Archives, 410 O'Brien Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720-1718.
8. California State University-Chico, Government Publications Center, Meriam Library, Chico, CA 95929-0295.

9. Butte County Library, Publications, 1820 Mitchell Ave, Oroville, CA 95966-5333.

10. Shasta County Public Library, Redding Main Branch, 1855 Shasta Street, Redding, CA 96001-0418.

11. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1325 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information, please contact Ms. Lauren Carly, Reclamation, (916) 934-7066; Mr. Matt Davis, Corps, (916) 557-6708; Ms. Sandra Dunn, GCID, (916) 446-7979; or Mr. Nick Villa, CDFG, (916) 358-2943.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Reclamation, the Corps, GCID and CDFG have prepared the DEIR/DEIS to analyze the no-action alternative as well as three action alternatives. The action alternatives would minimize loss of all fish species in the vicinity of the pumping plant diversion while maximizing GCID's capability to divert the full quantity of water it is entitled to divert to meet its water supply delivery obligations. The agency preferred alternative would include an extension of the existing fish screen, internal fish bypasses, improvements to the intake and bypass channel, and a gradient facility.

Dated: September 26, 1997.

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Dated: September 25, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Public Hearings for a Draft Clean Air Act Conformity Determination and Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Realignment of F/A-18 Aircraft and Operational Functions From Naval Air Station Cecil Field, Florida to Other East Coast Installations

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and the Clean Air Act, General Conformity Rule (40 CFR Part 93), the Department of the Navy has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and Draft Clean Air Act Conformity Determination to evaluate the

realignment of F/A-18 aircraft and operational functions from Naval Air Station (NAS) Cecil Field, Florida to other Navy and Marine Corps air stations on the east coast of the United States. In accordance with these laws and regulations, this notice announces the dates and locations of public hearings.

The realignment of F/A-18 aircraft and associated functions from NAS Cecil Field is mandated by the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act (Pub. L. 101-510, title XXIX) in accordance with the Congressionally approved recommendation of the 1995 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission. The DEIS considers five alternatives for realignment of 11 F/A-18 fleet squadrons (132 aircraft) and the fleet replacement squadron (FRS) (48 aircraft).

East coast installations that meet operational criteria and are considered as possible receiving sites for F/A-18 aircraft includes NAS Oceana, Virginia; Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Beaufort, South Carolina; and MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina. The preferred alternative is to single-site the F/A-18 aircraft at NAS Oceana, which has the largest capacity to accommodate the aircraft. Other alternatives that separate the F/A-18 aircraft between two of the bases are considered. The level of new construction required at each base to accommodate the aircraft is related to the number of aircraft to be transferred under each alternative. Each alternative is assessed in the DEIS with regard to its effects on the natural and built environments.

The DEIS has been distributed to various Federal, state, and local agencies, as well as other interested individuals and organizations. In addition, copies of the DEIS have been distributed to the following libraries for public review: Virginia Beach Central Library, 4100 Virginia Beach Boulevard, Virginia Beach, Virginia; Great Neck Library, 1251 Bayne Drive, Virginia Beach, Virginia; Chesapeake Central Library, 298 Cedar Road, Chesapeake, Virginia; Craven County Library, 300 Miller Boulevard, Havelock, North Carolina; Beaufort County Library, 311 Scott Street, Beaufort, South Carolina; Dare County Library, 700 North U.S. 64/264, Manteo, North Carolina; Pamlico County Library, 603 Main Street, Bayboro, North Carolina; Ida Hilton Library, 1105 North Way, Darien, Georgia. A limited number of single copies of the DEIS and Draft CAA Conformity Determination are available upon request by contacting Mr. Dan Cecchini at (757) 322-4891.

ADDRESSES: Public hearings will be held during the month of October for those individuals who would like to provide oral comments on the DEIS or the Draft CAA Conformity Determination. An open information session will precede the scheduled public hearing at each of the locations listed below and will allow individuals to review the data presented in the DEIS. Navy representatives will be available during the information session to answer questions and/or clarify information related to the DEIS. The open information session is scheduled from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., followed by the public hearing from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Public hearings have been scheduled at the following times and locations: Monday, October 20, 1997, Technical College of the Low Country, Building 12, Main Auditorium, 921 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, South Carolina; Tuesday, October 21, 1997, Havelock Middle School, 102 High School Drive, Havelock, North Carolina; Wednesday, October 22, 1997, Pamlico County Courthouse, 202 Main Street, Bayboro, North Carolina; Thursday, October 23, 1997, North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island, Airport Road, Manteo, North Carolina; Monday, October 27, 1997, Virginia Beach Pavilion Convention Center Auditorium, 1000 19th Street, Virginia Beach, Virginia; Tuesday, October 28, 1997, Butts Road Intermediate School, 1571 Mt. Pleasant Road, Chesapeake, Virginia.

Federal, state and local agencies and interested parties are invited and urged to be present or represented at the hearing. Oral statements will be heard and transcribed by a stenographer; however, to ensure the accuracy of the record, all statements should be submitted in writing. All statements, both oral and written, will become part of the public record on the DEIS and Draft CAA Conformity Determination and will be responded to in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). Equal weight will be given to both oral and written statements.

In the interest of available time and to ensure all who wish to give an oral statement have the opportunity to do so, each speaker will be asked to limit comments to three (3) minutes. If a longer statement is to be presented, it should be summarized at the public hearing and submitted in writing either at the hearing or mailed or faxed to Mr. Dan Cecchini at: Commander, Atlantic Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Attn: Mr. J. Dan Cecchini (Code 2032DC), 1510 Gilbert Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23511; Fax: (757) 322-4894. All written comments postmarked by November 18, 1997, will become a

part of the official public record and will be responded to in the FEIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information concerning this notice may be obtained by contacting Mr. Cecchini or one of the following individuals: Mr. Fred Pierson, Community Planning Liaison Officer, NAS Oceana, (757) 433-3158; LtCol Blackiston, Community Planning Liaison Officer, MCAS Cherry Point, (919) 466-4196; LtCol Keverline, Community Planning Liaison Officer, MCAS Beaufort, (803) 522-7390, or Capt Mason, Public Affairs Officer, MCAS Beaufort, (803) 522-7201.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Advisory Council on Education Statistics, (ACES)

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of the forthcoming meetings of the Advisory Council on Education Statistics (ACES). Notice of these meetings are required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend.

DATES: October 9-10, 1997.

TIMES: October 9, 1997—Full Council, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., (open); 11:30 to 1:15 p.m., (closed); Management Committee, 1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m., (open); Statistics Committee, 1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (open), Strategy/Policy 1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (open). October 10, 1997—Full Council 12 noon to 3:00 p.m. (open); Statistics Committee, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon (open); Strategy/Policy Committee, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon (closed); and Management Committee, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon (open).

LOCATION: The Phoenix Park Hotel, 520 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barbara Marenus, National Center for Education Statistics, 555 New Jersey Ave. NW., Room 400j, Washington, DC 20208-5530. Telephone (202) 219-1828.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Council on Education

Statistics (ACES) is established under Section 406(c)(1) of the Education Amendments of 1974, Public Law 93-380. The Council is established to review general policies for the operation of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) in the Office of Educational Research and Improvement and is responsible for advising on standards to insure that statistics and analyses disseminated by NCES are of high quality and are not subject to political influence. In addition, ACES is required to advise the Commissioner of NCES and the National Assessment Governing Board on technical and statistical matters related to the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP). The meetings of the Council are open to the public.

The proposed agenda for the full Council includes the following:

- A status report from the NCES Commissioner on major Center initiatives;
- New member swearing -in;
- The presentation of Committee reports;
- A discussion on the development of an NCES periodical;
- A discussion of strategic issues in technology facing NCES; and
- A status report on the NAEP redesign and the development of a new request for proposal (RFP) for NAEP.

Since the full Council's discussion on the implementation of the NAEP redesign includes reporting on plans for an upcoming procurement, this session must be closed to the public. The premature release of this information would result in the disclosure of information that would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of the agency's proposed action. Such matters are protected by exemption (9)(B) of Section 552b (c) of title 5 U.S.C.

Individual meetings of the three ACES subcommittees will focus on specific topics:

- The agenda for the Management Committee includes discussion on the results from the 1996 Customer Service Survey and plans for the 1997 survey, plans for the development of partnerships with external organizations, and a discussion of "capacity building" activities for NCES.
- The agenda for the Statistics Committee focuses on the development of a research agenda on the NAEP achievement level setting process.
- The agenda for the Strategy/Policy Committee includes discussion of NCES procurement initiatives for 1999 and beyond, a new NCES database for budgeting and planning, and a discussion of design options for the redesign of the Schools and Staffing