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RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking to access records about themselves contained in this system should address requests to the Chief of Security Police, Headquarters United States Air Force; Commanders of organization units; Director, National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63132-2001, or Civilian Personnel Records, 111 Winnebago Street, St. Louis, MO 63118-2001, and Combatant Command Security Manager where individual is assigned.

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CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The Air Force rules for accessing records, and for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are published in Air Force Instruction 37-132; 32 CFR part 806b; or may be obtained from the system manager.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information obtained from medical institutions, from police and investigating officers, or from source documents such as reports and from the individual or individual's supervisor.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) for Final Site Selection and Authorization for Implementation of the Proposed G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery Range, Camp Shelby Training Site, Camp Shelby, Mississippi

AGENCIES: National Guard Bureau, Department of the Army, DoD;

Department of Agriculture, Forest Service.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: In the July 1994 Military Use of Forest Service Lands Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), the G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery Range is referred to as the Multiple Purpose Range Complex-Heavy (MPRC-H). Any reference to the MPRC-H in this or other documents refers to the G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery Range. The July 1994 FEIS and Record of Decision provided an environmental analysis in support of the issuance of a special use permit for continued military use of Forest Service lands in De Soto National Forest. The FEIS recognized that military use of Forest Service lands included construction of an MPRC-H within the Camp Shelby complex, although it did not specify the location. This draft document contains the site-specific environmental analysis concerning the proposed location and alternatives on Camp Shelby for MPRC-H construction.

The G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery Range is a standard Army gunnery range which has three maneuver avenues with two course roads per avenue. Only non-dud producing (or "nonexplosive") ammunition will be fired within the target array. The range has a maximum of 270 targets which can be engaged with either live fire or the Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System (MILES). The proposed range facility would allow armor and mechanized infantry units to fulfill all their gunnery requirements on an annual basis. The proposed project would consist of the range operation and control area, the downrange area, and the vehicle holding and maintenance area. The range operation and control area is the center of responsibility for overall control and coordination of movement and training exercises within the complex and is also the administrative center for the range complex. Range support facilities in this area may include the control tower, general instruction buildings, personnel and storage buildings, target maintenance building, latrines, covered mess, covered bleachers, and lysterbag holder. Also, an ammunition loading/unloading dock for armor munitions and an ammunition breakdown shelter or infantry should be provided (Huntsville Multiple Purpose Range Complex-Heavy Design Information Guide).

The downrange area consists of three 4,500-meter by 300-meter lanes, each separated by a 50-meter buffer zone, and contains the following target and simulation devices: 4 moving armor

targets, 20 stationary armor targets, 51 stationary infantry targets, 15 moving infantry targets, and 30 defilade positions. Access to target mechanisms would be provided by means of service roads to facilitate the installation and maintenance of the target mechanisms. The maneuver trails themselves would be used as much as possible. The vehicle holding and maintenance area requires approximately 5,000 square meters (1 to 2 acres), sufficient area for a maneuvering and parking area for at least 17 tracked vehicles. In addition, this area would contain a 100-square-meter hardstand for maintenance purposes.

The proposed G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery Range supports collective training at the small unit level (platoon level). The "floor" level training requirement for maneuver units has been established at the platoon level while progressing to company and battalion task force level training. Units using the proposed range complex will include tanks, infantry/cavalry fighting vehicles and attack helicopters. These armor and mechanized infantry units are required to conduct annual crew qualification. This is accomplished by firing Range Table VIII. Armor units must also maintain a "floor," minimum range facility that accommodates platoon level collective training as well as individual and crew qualification training. The proposed range complex provides the facilities for conducting advanced combat gunnery training and qualification. This advanced training develops collective skills at the small unit level. It requires sections and platoons to employ moving and stationary target engagement techniques with all weapon systems during daylight and periods of limited visibility.

The lack of a MPRC-H at Camp Shelby was noted in the Department of Defense response to a Government Accounting Office report, "Peacetime Training Did Not Adequately Prepare Combat Brigades for Gulf War," dated September 1991. The Mississippi Army National Guard considers construction of this range complex vital to the training and combat readiness of the armor and mechanized infantry units that train at Camp Shelby. The proposed range complex will enhance the training capabilities and efficiencies at Camp Shelby by providing for simultaneous utilization of tank gunnery ranges and tank maneuver areas. It will permit more tanks to complete fire requirements simultaneously, leading to more efficient and effective utilization of training facilities at Camp Shelby.

COMMENT PERIOD: The comment period for this DSEIS ends 45 days after the date of publication of the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. Two public meetings have been conducted in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, concerning the proposed action. An additional public hearing will be held during the 45-day comment period. All comments will be addressed and incorporated into the final document. Comments should be forwarded to the address listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Colonel Parker Hills, Public Affairs Office, Mississippi Army National Guard, P.O. Box 5027, Jackson, Mississippi 39296-5027; telephone (601) 973-6349, facsimile extension 6176.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Board of Visitors, United States Military Academy

AGENCY: U.S. Military Academy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following meeting:

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

Date of Meeting: October 31, 1997.

Place of Meeting: Superintendent's Conference Room, Taylor Hall, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York.

Start Time of Meeting: Approximately 8 a.m.

Proposed Agenda: Preparation of the Annual Report to the President, Annual Reviews of the Athletic and Admissions programs at USMA and a program review of the United States Military Academy Preparatory School. All proceedings are open.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph A. Dubyel, United States Military Academy, West Point, NY 10996-5000, (914) 938-4200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

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Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Corps of Engineers

Public Notice of Availability of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Limited Reevaluation Study for Deepening of the Arthur Kill-Howland Hook Marine Terminal Navigation Channels

AGENCY: Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: A Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) for the Arthur Kill-Howland Hook Marine Terminal Navigation Channel Deepening Project was prepared and the project was authorized for construction in section 202(b) of the WRDA 1986, Pub. L. 99-662. The limited reevaluation effort recommends deepening and realigning the previously authorized 35 ft below mlw project in the Arthur Kill Channel, to the 41/40-ft plan. This plan entails the realignment and deepening to a depth of 41 ft below mlw from its confluence with the Newark Bay and Kill Van Kull Channels to the Howland Hook Marine Terminal; realigning and deepening to a depth of 40 ft mlw from the Howland Hook Marine Terminal to the Tosco Oil and GATX facilities.

The 41/40-ft plan would meet the current navigational needs of the project area by improving navigational efficiency and safety. Proposed improvements would allow deep draft vessels (current vessel designs) to safely navigate the channel, while remaining fully loaded, thus avoiding the need for lightering or steaming under partial loads.

The proposed project plans were analyzed in the 1986 Feasibility Report, which included the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) (USACE 1986 a,b). These documents are available in the District office for review. This document is a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) for the deepening and realignment of the Arthur Kill Channel-Howland Hook Marine Terminal, and part of the Limited Reevaluation Report (LRR). The DSEIS examines improvements to navigation and the shipment of cargo to petroleum refineries/storage facilities and marine

container terminals located along the project navigation channel, and addresses the economic, social, and environmental issues related to the proposed project. The purpose of this DSEIS is to update the 1986 FEIS and evaluate the changes in conditions in the project area to determine if there are significant new issues or information relevant to environmental concerns and bearing on the proposed action or its impacts.

Potential impacts, including indirect and cumulative impacts, were evaluated for the proposed action and the other action alternatives. The analysis indicates that short-term adverse environmental impacts, such as benthic habitat disruption, would be balanced by beneficial impacts, such as revitalization of the maritime industry and permanent removal of contaminated material from the aquatic ecosystem.

The DSEIS has been prepared under the direction of the USACE, as Lead Agency in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and is submitted in compliance with NEPA and USACE regulations. The USACE is lead Federal agency responsible for preparation of the DSEIS because the project involves improvements and/or modifications to Federal navigation channels. Comments will be accepted for forty-five (45) days after publishing of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

ATTN: Ms. Jenine Gallo-EIS Coordinator, CENAN-PL-EA, Corps of Engineers, New York District, 26 Federal Plaza, NY, NY 10278-0090, Tel. 212-264-4549.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Project Site Description

The Arthur Kill is an estuarine tidal strait that connects Raritan Bay to the south with Newark Bay to the north. The Arthur Kill separates Richmond County, Staten Island, New York from Union County and Middlesex County, New Jersey. The Arthur Kill is approximately 13 miles long and varies in width from approximately 800 to 2800 ft. The total surface water area is approximately 4.4 square miles.

The system receives freshwater flow from the Hackensack and Passaic rivers, which discharge into Newark Bay, and the Elizabeth and Rahway rivers and numerous smaller streams and tributaries, which drain adjacent upland areas. Tributaries located within the study area include Old Place Creek and Bridge Creek in Staten Island, and Morses Creek and the Elizabeth River in New Jersey.