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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel (DAPE-ZXI-RM), Department of the Army, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Department of the Army announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by August 24, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Directorate of Civil Works, ATTN: CEWRC-IWR-R (Stuart A. Davis). Consideration will be given to all comments received within 60 days of the date of publication of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call Department of the Army Reports clearance officer at (703) 614-0454.

Title: Corps of Engineers Civil Works Questionnaires.

Needs and Uses: Information is needed to formulate and evaluate alternative water resources development plans in accordance with the Principles and Guidelines for Water Resources Implementation Studies, promulgated by the U.S. Water Resources Council; to determine the effectiveness and evaluate the impacts of Corps projects; and in the case of flood damage mitigation, to obtain information on flood damages incurred, with or without a flood damage reduction project. Surveys of the public are also essential to the Corps recreation research and management program.

Affected Public: Individual or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Annual Burden Hours: 10,817.

Number of Respondents: 112,400.

Responses Per Respondent: 112,400.

Average Burden Per Response: 3 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Corps of Engineers uses public surveys for collecting primary data for planning, program evaluation, and basic research to improve formulation and design of resource projects and the management of their operations.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary of Defense

Membership of the Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) Performance Review Boards

AGENCY: Defense Contract Audit Agency, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Membership of the Defense Contract Audit Agency Performance Review Boards.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the appointment of the members of the Performance Review Boards (PRBs) of the Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA). The publication of PRB membership is required by 5 U.S.C.

4314(c)(4). The Performance Review Boards provide fair and impartial review of Senior Executive Service (SES) performance appraisals and make recommendations to the Director, DCAA, regarding final performance ratings and performance awards for DCAA SES members.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 23, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dale R. Collins, Chief, Human Resources Management, Defense Contract Audit Agency, Department of Defense, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia 22060-6219, 703-767-1236.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), the following are the names and titles of the executives who have been appointed to serve as members of the DCAA Performance Review Boards. They will serve one-year terms, effective upon publication of this notice.

Headquarters Performance Review Board

Mr. Earl Newman, Assistant Director, Operations, Defense Contract Audit Agency, Chairperson.

Mr. Larry Uhlfelder, Assistant Director, Policy and Plans, Defense Contract Audit Agency member.

Mr. Kirk Moberley, General Counsel, Defense Contract Audit Agency, member.

Regional Performance Review Board

Mr. James Lovelace, Director, Field Detachment, Defense Contract Audit Agency Chairperson

Mr. Richard Buhre, Regional Director, Eastern, Defense Contract Audit Agency, member.

Mr. David Dzivak, Deputy Regional Director, Northeastern, Defense Contract Audit Agency, member.

Dated: June 17, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of Army

Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the West Shore—Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana, Hurricane Protection Feasibility Study

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District proposes to determine the feasibility of providing protection against hurricane-induced flooding for residents located in portions of St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, and St. James Parishes, Louisiana. The study area, with a population in excess of 25,000 residents, is bounded by the Bonnet Carré Spillway to the east, the Mississippi River to the south, Lakes Pontchartrain and Maurepas to the north, and the St. James/Ascension Parish line to the west. There are no Federal hurricane protection projects protecting the study area from a tidal surge coming from Lake Pontchartrain and Maurepas. The vulnerability of the study area to a hurricane tidal surge is demonstrated by the fact that there are an estimated 1,000 residential structures subject to flooding from the 25-year storm, 3,990 residential structures subject to flooding from the 100-year storm, and 4,020 residential structures subject to flooding from the 500-year storm. The equivalent annual flood damages for the without-project conditions are estimated at \$9.4 million. A reconnaissance study completed in June 1997, evaluated two alternative alignments for providing hurricane protection to the study area at the 100-year and the standard project hurricane (SPH) levels of protection. Both alternative alignments were determined to be economically justified at both levels of protection. Hence, the reconnaissance report recommended that the study proceed to the feasibility phase, contingent upon the execution of a Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement (FCSA) with a non-Federal Sponsor. An FCSA was executed with the Pontchartrain Levee District on March 16, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding the proposed action should be directed to the study manager, Mr. Brett H. Herr, CEMVN-PD-FG, P.O. Box 60267, New Orleans, Louisiana 70160-0267, telephone (504) 862-2495. Questions regarding the DEIS may be directed to Dr. William P. Klein, Jr., CEMVN-PD-RS, P.O. Box 60267, New Orleans, Louisiana 70160-0267, telephone (504) 862-2450.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Authority

The study was authorized by a resolution adopted on July 29, 1971, by the Committee on Public Works of the U.S. House of Representatives; and by a resolution adopted on September 20, 1974, by the Committee on Public Works of the U.S. Senate.

2. Proposed Action

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District proposes to investigate the feasibility of providing hurricane protection to residents living west of the Bonnet Carré Spillway between the Mississippi River and Lakes Pontchartrain and Maurepas. The study area is located on the "east bank" of the Mississippi River and includes portions of St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, and St. James Parishes.

3. Study Alternatives

Two alternative alignments for providing hurricanes protection to the study area were evaluated during the reconnaissance study phase. The two alignments are identical except for a portion located west of Belle Terre Boulevard. Both alignments (Plan 1 and Plan 2) begin at the west guide levee of the Bonnet Carré Spillway, approximately 2 miles south of Lake Pontchartrain. Both alignments end at U.S. Highway 61 in the vicinity of the Reserve Relief Canal. The alignment for Plan 1 more closely follows the existing limits of development and encloses less wooded swamps and bottomland hardwoods than Plan 2. The alignment for Plan 2 parallels Interstate 10 for an additional 1.2 miles west of the Belle Terre Boulevard interchange before turning to the southwest and heading back towards U.S. Highway 61. The alignments for Plan 1 and Plan 2 do not follow the wetland/nonwetland interface. Plan 1 and Plan 2 would enclose approximately 3,269 acres and 4,614 acres of wooded swamps and bottomland hardwoods, respectively.

An alternative alignment (Plan 3), provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) will be evaluated during this study. This USFWS alignment more closely follows the existing wetlands/non-wetlands interface. These three alternative plans, along with other alternative plans developed during the feasibility phase, will be evaluated in more detail such that the level of protection provided by the proposed action will be optimized based on an economic analysis of the benefits and costs. Design features will be fully evaluated to ensure compliance with current Federal and state laws and regulations. Any adverse effects of the alternative plans will be identified and appropriate mitigation measures will be included in the plans. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared during the feasibility phase because of the potential for significant direct and indirect impacts on the human environment in general,

and on large tracts of forested wetlands, in particular.

4. Scoping Process

An intensive public involvement program will be initiated and maintained throughout the study to solicit input from affected Federal, state, and local agencies, Indian tribes, and interested private organizations and individuals. Scoping is a critical component of the overall public involvement program. The scoping process is designed to provide an early and open means of determining the scope of issues (problems, needs, and opportunities) to be identified and addressed in the DEIS.

5. Public Scoping Meeting

In the summer of 1998, the New Orleans District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will hold at least one public meeting in the study area to receive oral and written comments on the proposed action. Notices will be mailed to the affected and interested public once the date of the public scoping meeting has been established. Comments received as a result of the scoping meeting will be compiled and analyzed; and a Scoping Document, summarizing the results, will be made available to all participants.

6. Interagency Coordination

The Department of Interior will provide a Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Report. Coordination will be maintained with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service on threatened and endangered species. Coordination will be maintained with the Natural Resources Conservation Service regarding prime and unique farmlands. The U.S. Department of Agriculture will be consulted regarding the "Swampbuster" provisions of the Food Security Act. We will prepare a Section 404(b)(1) evaluation. Coordination will be maintained with the Advisory Counsel on Historic Preservation and the State Historic Preservation Officer. The Louisiana Department of Natural Resources will be consulted regarding consistency with the Coastal Zone Management Act. The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries will be contacted concerning potential impacts to Natural and Scenic Streams. Application will be made to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality for a Water Quality Certificate.

7. Availability of DEIS

It is anticipated that the DEIS will be available for public review during the

summer of 2000. A 45-day review period will be allowed so that all interested agencies, groups and individuals will have an opportunity to comment on the draft report and EIS. In addition, a public meeting will be held during the review period to receive comments and address questions concerning the draft EIS.

Dated: June 9, 1998.

William L. Conner,

Colonel, U.S. Army, District Engineer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Inland Waterways Users Board

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

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law (92-463) announcement is made of the next meeting of the Inland Waterways Users Board. The meeting will be held on July 16, 1998, in Paducah, Kentucky, at the Executive Inn, 1 Executive Boulevard, Paducah, Kentucky, (Tel. 502-443-8000). Registration will begin at 9:30 AM and the meeting is scheduled to adjourn at 3:30 PM. The meeting is open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the committee at the time and in the manner permitted by the committee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Norman T. Edwards, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, CECW-PD, Washington, D.C. 20314-1000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of Inventions for Licensing; Government-Owned Inventions

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and are available

for licensing by the Department of the Navy.

Patent Application entitled "Ultra-High Resolution Liquid Crystal Display on Silicon-on-Sapphire," filed March 25, 1998, Navy Case No. 79043.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the patent applications cited should be directed to the Office of Naval Research, ONR OOCB, Ballston Tower One, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia 22217-5660 and must include the Navy Case numbers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. R. J. Erickson, Staff Patent Attorney, Office of Naval Research, ONR OOCB, Ballston Tower One, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia 22217-5660, telephone (703) 696-4001.

(Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR Part 404)

Dated: June 11, 1998.

Matthew G. Shirley,

LCDR, JAGC, USN, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Fossil Energy

[FE Docket No. 98-30-NG]

Rock-Tenn Co., Mill Division, Inc; Order Granting Long-Term Authorization to Import Natural Gas From Canada

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Order.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy gives notice that it has issued an order granting Rock-Tenn Company, Mill Division, Inc. (Rock-Tenn) long-term authorization to import up to 0.8 Bcf annually of natural gas from Canada. The authorization is for a 10-year term commencing November 1, 1998, through October 31, 2008. This gas may be imported from Canada at the international border point near Highgate Springs, Vermont (Phillipsburg, Québec).

This Order may be found on the FE web site at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>, or on our electronic bulletin board at (202) 586-7853. It is also available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities Docket Room, 3E-033, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-9478. The Docket Room is open between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, D.C., June 11, 1998.

John W. Glynn,

Manager, Natural Gas Regulation, Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities, Office of Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Fossil Energy

[FE Docket No. 92-123-NG]

San Diego Gas & Electric; Order Amending Long-Term Authorization To Import Natural Gas From Canada

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of order.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice that it issued DOE/FE Order No. 717-A on June 2, 1998, amending San Diego Gas & Electric's long-term authorization to import natural gas from Canada granted in DOE/FE Opinion and Order 717 (Order 717)(1 FE ¶ 70,674, November 13, 1992). Order 717 was amended to decrease the maximum import volume from 53,150 Mcf of natural gas per day to 31,500 Mcf per day.

This order may be found on the FE web site at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>, or on our electronic bulletin board at (202) 586-7853. It is also available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities Docket Room, 3E-033, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585-0334, (202) 586-9478. The Docket Room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, D.C., June 11, 1998.

John W. Glynn,

Manager, Natural Gas Regulation, Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities, Office of Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Grand Junction Office; Notice of Floodplain/Wetlands Involvement for Site Characterization Activities at Shiprock, New Mexico, Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (UMTRA) Site

AGENCY: Grand Junction Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Floodplain/Wetlands Involvement.