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Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

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L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability of U.S. Patents for Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially-Exclusive Licensing

AGENCY: U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Adelphi, Maryland.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6, announcement is made of the availability of the following U.S. patents for non-exclusive, partially exclusive or exclusive licensing. All of the listed patents have been assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Secretary of the Army, Washington, D.C.

These patents cover a wide variety of technical arts including: An air distribution connector valve and a fin leading edge protector.

Under the authority of Section 11(a)(2) of the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-502) and Section 207 of Title 35, United States Code, the Department of the Army as represented by the U.S. Army Research Laboratory wish to license the U.S. patents listed below in a non-exclusive, exclusive or partially exclusive manner to any party interested in manufacturing, using, and/or selling devices or processes covered by these patents.

Title: Butterfly Actuated Quick Coupling Connector Valve.

Inventor: Jim A. Faughn.

Patent Number: 5,738,143.

Issued Date: April 14, 1998.

Title: Kinetic Energy Projectile with Fin Leading Edge Protection Mechanisms.

Inventor: Ameer G. Mikhail.

Patent Number: 5,744,748.

Issued Date: April 28, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Mike Rausa, Technology Transfer Office, AMSRL-CS-TT, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland 21005-5055, tel: (410) 278-5028; fax (410) 278-5820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability of Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent No. 5,618,011 for the Load Securing and Releasing System

AGENCY: U.S. Army Soldier Systems Command.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1), announcement is made of a prospective exclusive license of a load securing and releasing system described in U.S. Patent No. 5,618,011, issued on April 8, 1997.

DATES: Written objections must be filed on or before 21 September 1998.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Army Soldier Systems Command, Office of Chief Counsel, Attn: Patent Counsel, Kansas Street, Natick, Massachusetts 01760-5035.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Vincent J. Ranucci, Patent Counsel at 508-233-4510 or Ms. Jessica M. Niro, Paralegal Specialist at 508-233-4513.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Load Securing and Releasing System was invented by Messrs. James Sadeck, Gary F. Vincens and Donald Billoni. Rights to this invention are vested in the U.S. Government as represented by the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Command (SSCOM). Under the authority of section 11(a)(2) of the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 92-502) and section 207 of Title 35, U.S. Code, the Department of the Army as represented by SSCOM intends to grant an exclusive license on the load securing and releasing system to New England Ropes, Inc., 848 Airport Road, Fall River, Massachusetts 02720.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1), any interested party may file written objections to this prospective license

arrangement. Written objections should be directed to the above address.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Withdrawal From Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Environmental Restoration, Jackson Hole, Wyoming

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

ACTION: Notice of withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Walla Walla District, is withdrawing its intent to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Environmental Restoration in the Snake River at Jackson Hole, Wyoming. The Corps environmental analyses have not identified any significant impacts associated with the proposed action, therefore, intent to prepare a DEIS is hereby terminated. The Corps is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed environmental restoration. The EA will evaluate environmental effects of restoring riverine, wetland, and riparian habitat for four sites within the active Snake River channel between Grand Teton National Park and the South Park Elk Feed Grounds in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Teton County and the Teton County Natural Resources District are cost sharing sponsors and participating in the project and in developing the EA. The objective of this project is to provide site specific restoration measures for impacts of construction, operation, and maintenance of levees constructed under the Jackson Hole Flood Protection Project. Formulation of the restoration measures focuses on examining existing conditions and determining the feasibility of restoring portions of degraded ecosystem structure, function, and dynamic processes to a less degraded condition.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please Contact Mr. Bill MacDonald, Project Manager, Walla Walla District, Corps of Engineers, CENWW-PD-PM., 201 North Third Avenue, Walla Walla, WA. 99362, phone 509-527-7253 or Mr. James S. Smith, NEPA Coordinator, Walla Walla District, Corps of Engineers, CENWW-PD-EC, 201 North

Third Avenue, Walla Walla, WA. 99362, phone 509-527-7266.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A reconnaissance study completed in June 1993, by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District recommended a feasibility level study to evaluate the feasibility of completing the levee system and restoring fish and wildlife resources. The study area included the levee system and adjacent lands affected by the project, within the 500-year flood plain along a 25 mile reach of the Snake River. To reduce the cost of the feasibility study, the scope of the study was reduced to determining the feasibility of providing environmental restoration on four priority sites exhibiting the greatest potential for restoration. Based on the reduced scope, environmental impacts of the proposed project will be documented in an EA.

Alternatives: Alternatives that could be implemented at the four sites include:

- a. Channel restoration to rehabilitate fisheries.
- b. Island protection measures to preserve riparian island values.
- c. Island restoration measures to restore riparian island values.
- d. Fish habitat creation through stream structure alteration.
- e. No action.

Public Meeting: A public information meeting for the EA will be held in Jackson, Wyoming in January 1999. Date, time and location will be publicized.

Availability: The Draft EA should be available in December 1999.

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LTC, EN Commanding.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Wichita River Basin Portion of the Red River Chloride Control Project (RRCCP), Texas and Oklahoma

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The purpose of the EIS is to address alternatives and modifications to the authorized plan for chloride control in the Wichita River Basin to provide improved water quality at Lake Kemp, Texas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions or comments concerning the proposed action should be addressed to Mr. David L. Combs, Chief, Environmental Analysis and Compliance Branch, Tulsa District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 61, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74121-0061, telephone 918-669-7188.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Wichita River Basin portion was authorized as part of a larger chloride control project by the Flood Control Act of 1966, approved 7 November 1966, Public Law 89-789, SD 110; as modified by the Flood Control Act approved 31 December 1970, Public Law 91-611; and as amended by the Water Resources Development Acts of 1974 (Public Law 93-251) and 1976 (Public Law 94-587). Section 1107 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 amended the above authorization to separate the overall project into the Arkansas River Basin and the Red River Basin and authorized the Red River Basin for construction subject to a favorable report by a review panel on the performance of Area VIII. The review panel submitted a favorable report to the Public Works Committee of the House and Senate in August 1988 indicating that Area VIII was performing as designed. The portion of the authorized project on the upstream forks of the Wichita River consists of collection Areas VII, VIII, and X and Truscott Lake. The authorized plan consisted of four low flow dams for collection of brine-laden waters, two brine storage lakes for holding concentrated brine solutions, and the necessary pumps and pipelines to transport brine solutions from the low flow dams to the brine storage lakes.

Facilities constructed to date include the Areas VIII and X low flow collection facilities, Truscott Brine Lake, and a pipeline from the Area VIII collection facility to the Truscott Brine Lake. Approximately 10,000 acres of lands have also been purchased at the Crowell Brine Lake site near Crowell, Texas. The Crowell Brine Lake component will not be constructed, but the lands will be used for fish and wildlife mitigation requirements associated with completion of the Wichita River Basin facilities. The EIS will evaluate the impacts associated with construction and operation of *only* the Wichita River Basin chloride control facilities.

Reasonable alternatives to be considered include various combinations of constructed facilities in combination with plans for deep well injection, construction of the Area VII collection facility, abandonment of the Area X collection facility, an increase in

the size of Truscott Brine Lake, and no action.

Significant issues to be addressed in the EIS include: (1) hydrological, biological, and water quality issues concerning fish, aquatic invertebrates, algae/biofilm, aquatic macrophytes, wetland/riparian ecosystem of the Wichita River, Lake Kemp, and Red River above Lake Texoma to the confluence of the Wichita River; (2) the Lakes Kemp and Texoma components, including chloride/turbidity relationships, chloride/fish reproduction issues, chloride/plankton community issues, chloride/nutrient dynamics issues, and impacts on recreational values; (3) a selenium (Se) component addressing Se concentrations and impacts on biota; (4) alternative studies involving constructed facilities and remaining facilities to be constructed; (5) man-made brines and associated reduction (6) mitigation as it relates indirectly to habitat losses resulting from irrigated cropland and direct impacts resulting from construction of project components; (7) Section 401 water quality issues; (8) impacts on the commercial bait-fishery of the upper Red River; (9) Federally-listed threatened and endangered species; and (10) unquantifiable/undefined impacts.

Scoping meetings for the project are planned to be conducted in August 1998. News releases, informing the public and local, state, and Federal agencies of the proposed action will be published in local newspapers. Comments received as a result of this notice and the news releases will be used to assist the Tulsa District in identifying potential impacts to the quality of the human or natural environment. Affected Federal, state, or local agencies, affected Indian tribes, and other interested private organizations and parties may participate in the Scoping process by forwarding written comments to the above noted address or attending the Scoping meetings.

The draft EIS (DEIS) is expected to be available for public review and comment by 1 August 1999. Any comments and suggestions should be forwarded to the above noted address no later than 1 October 1999 to be considered in the DEIS.

Timothy L. Sanford,

Colonel, U.S. Army, District Engineer.

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