

individuals wishing to attend should also call the below listed telephone number to obtain appropriate accommodations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Kenneth Oprisko, Chief, Labor Relations Branch, Field Advisory Services Division, Defense Civilian Personnel Management Service, 1400 Key Blvd., Suite B-200, Arlington, VA 22209-5144, (703) 696-6301, ext. 704.

Dated: October 21, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Availability of the Draft Legislative Environmental Impact Statement for the McGregor Range Military Land Withdrawal Renewal at Fort Bliss, Texas and New Mexico

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This announces the availability of the Draft Legislative Environmental Impact Statement (DLEIS) which assesses the potential environmental impact of the proposed renewal of the McGregor Range military land withdrawal.

The alternatives considered in the DLEIS are (1) the current boundaries of McGregor Range would remain the same; (2) the Tularosa Basin and Otero Mesa portions of McGregor Range would be withdrawn for continued military use; (3) the Tularosa Basin portion of McGregor Range would be withdrawn for continued military use; (4) the Tularosa Basin portion of McGregor Range south of New Mexico Highway 506 would be withdrawn for continued military use; (5) the no-action alternative was also considered in the DLEIS; (6) Congress could designate the Otero Mesa and Sacramento Mountain foothills as a National Conservation Area and Culp Canyon as a wilderness area on lands returned to the public domain under Alternatives 3, 4, and 5.

DATES: Comments should be received no later than February 5, 1999, to ensure due consideration.

ADDRESSES: To obtain copies of the DLEIS, contact Ms. Irene Reed, Office of the Program Manager, McGregor Renewal, ATTN: ATZC-CSA, Fort Bliss, TX 79916.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dr. Andrew Vliet, Program Manager, ATTN: ATZC-CSA, Ft. Bliss, TX 79916. Dr. Vliet may be contacted at (915) 568-6708 or toll-free at (888) 248-8329. For copies of the DLEIS, contact Ms. Irene Reed at (915) 568-6708 or toll free at (888) 248-8329.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The analysis discusses potential impacts of varying degree under each alternative in the areas of land use, biological resources (including federally listed threatened and endangered species), cultural resources, geology, and soils, transportation, utilities, socioeconomic, hazardous materials and items of special concern, and regional cumulative effects on water resources. However, these impacts are not expected to differ significantly from the current conditions for each of these resources as they exist now.

Public meetings for the purpose of receiving comments on the DLEIS will be held in Alamogordo and Las Cruces, New Mexico and in El Paso, Texas. Additional details will follow in the media and through mailings to persons and organization on the McGregor Range Land Withdrawal Renewal mailing list. Public comments received on the DLEIS will be considered and addressed in the Final LEIS and considered by the Army in its recommendation to Congress.

Dated: October 20, 1998.

Raymond J. Fatz,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health), OASA (I, L&E).

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability of Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Application 09/047,389 Concerning "Flow-through Cell Culture Chamber"

AGENCY: U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.7, announcement is made of the availability of U.S. Patent Application SN 09/047,389 entitled "Flow-through Cell Culture Chamber." This patent has been assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Army.

ADDRESSES: Commander, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, Command Judge Advocate,

MCMR-JA, Fort Detrick, MD 21702-5012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Charles Harris, Patent Attorney, 301-619-7807, Fax 301-619-5034.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Invention provides a simple and efficient flow-through cell culture chamber that can be easily assembled and disassembled without use of special tools, is constructed and arranged such that breakage of cover slips or other parts caused by uneven or over tightening is substantially avoided and is easily cleaned and sterilized. It can be used, over long periods of time, to study the effects of any type of agent, that can be added to the perfusate, on an unlimited variety of living cells using either visible microscopy or the rapidly expanding field of fluorescent imaging. The chamber can be adapted to any microscope stage while using a wide variety of objectives to allow observations ranging from large populations of cells to single-cell studies using oil immersion lenses.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Dade County Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Project, for a Test Beach Fill Using a Foreign Source of Carbonate Sand; Correction

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

ACTION: Correction.

SUMMARY: In previous **Federal Register** notice (Vol. 63, No. 162, pages 44850-44851) Friday, August 1, 1998, make the following corrections:

On page 44850 in column 2, line 33, increase the volume and length of the test fill to approximately 600,000 cubic yards from monuments DNR-36 to DNR-47 (approximately from 63rd Street to 83rd Street) for a total length of approximately 8600 feet (project needs at time of contact award will dictate exact quantity, length, and location).

On page 44851 in column 1, line 14 entitled "DEIS Preparation", the estimated date of availability of the DEIS is now November 19, 1998.

We continue to invite the participation of all interested parties in the scoping process by identifying any additional concerns on issues, studies needed, alternatives, procedures or other related matters.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kenneth Dugger, 904-232-1686, Environmental Branch, Planning Division, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, Florida 32232-0019.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for West Hayden Island Development, Multnomah County, Oregon

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

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The Port of Portland is proposing to construct marine cargo facilities on West Hayden Island, including an access bridge across North Portland Harbor. West Hayden Island is an 846-acre site on the Columbia River downstream of Interstate 5 in Multnomah County, Oregon. Filling of 12.7 acres of wetlands on the site will require a Department of the Army (DA) permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Construction of the ship and barge berth and any associated dredging will require a DA permit under Section 10 of the River and Harbor Act of 1899. The proposed project will also require a bridge permit from the U.S. Coast Guard under Section 9 of the River and Harbor Act of 1899. Construction of the bridge may involve Federal funds through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The Coast Guard and FHWA will serve as cooperating agencies in preparing the Draft EIS. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District, will be the lead agency.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about the proposed action and the Draft EIS can be answered by: David Kurkoski, Regulatory Branch, Portland District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland, Oregon 97208-2946, telephone (503) 808-4377.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Proposed Action

The Port of Portland is proposing to construct marine cargo facilities on West Hayden Island, located on the Columbia River between river mile 102.7 and 105.6 in Multnomah County, Oregon. The site is bounded on the east by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF) tracks, on the north and west by the Columbia River, and on the south by North Portland Harbor. The purpose of this project is to provide suitable waterfront marine cargo facilities within the service area of the Port of Portland to meet future market demands for international export and import. The Port proposes to develop this project in three phases over a 30-year period.

The first phase of development, which would occur within three to five years of permit approvals, would include: a grain or bulk mineral terminal, including a quadruple rail loop; a 17-acre storage and handling area inside the loop; an offshore berth and access channel for ships and barges; rail access from the BNSF main line consisting of two tracks, providing both access and train storage capacity; an interim highway access road from East Hayden Island, providing vehicle access for employees, grain inspectors, and occasional maintenance and supply vehicles; a dock on each bank of North Portland Harbor to allow transport of construction materials and equipment to the project site; recreation improvements; a new bridge across North Portland Harbor to provide access between North Marine Drive and West Hayden Island; and stockpiling of dredged materials for use in future development phases.

Phase 2 may include development of 220 acres for a container terminal, including necessary berths and intermodal container transfer facilities. Other improvements would include utility systems, navigation channel access and turning basin, domestic intermodal yard and remaining open space improvements not implemented in Phase 1.

Phase 3 would consist of either a second grain or bulk terminal or additional container facility. If warranted a secondary rail bridge may be constructed to connect West Hayden Island with the Rivergate Industrial area to the south.

When all phases are completed, the project would include 474 acres of development, 373 acres of undeveloped land which may contain recreational improvements (such as trails, park, boat dock, viewpoints, observation and

interpretation area, and wildlife preserve), and on-site mitigation for wetland and shallow-water habitats adversely affected by the project.

This phasing sequence would be affected by the dynamics of the marketplace, but it is considered the most likely outcome at this time. Other phasing scenarios are possible. At this time, permits and approvals are being sought only for Phase 1. Phases 2 and 3 are included in the project description to give a full picture of the long-term development program.

2. Alternatives

The alternatives to be considered in this EIS are:

a. the proposed action.

b. other sites, including:

(1) development of other Port-owned sites.

(2) re-development of other Port sites.

(3) acquisition of other property.

c. cooperative work with other ports.

d. no action.

3. Scoping and Public Involvement

The scoping process will commence in October, 1998 with the issuance of a scoping notice. Federal, state and local agencies, Indian tribes, and interested organizations and individuals will be asked to comment on the significant issues relating to the potential effects of the alternatives. There are no plans to hold a formal scoping meeting.

Potentially significant issues to be addressed in detail include the effects of the project on wetlands and fisheries, including federally listed threatened and endangered salmonid fish species, and shallow water habitat.

The Draft EIS will be prepared concurrently with other environmental compliance requirements, including the Endangered Species Act and the National Historic Preservation Act. The Corps and the cooperating agencies intend to integrate the consultation procedures under these other statutes with the EIS. The Corps and the applicant have already begun consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) under the Endangered Species Act.

This proposed project also requires a Removal-Fill Permit from Oregon Division of State Lands as well as a Section 401 Water Quality Certification from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.