

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Meeting of the Advisory Panel To Assess the Capabilities for Domestic Response to Terrorist Attacks Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction**

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for the next meeting of the Panel to Assess the Capabilities for Domestic Response to Terrorist Attacks Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act. (Pub. L. 92-463).

DATES: December 13, 1999.

ADDRESSES: RAND, 1700 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2138.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND AGENDA: Panel to Assess the Capabilities for Domestic Response to Terrorist Attacks Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction will meet from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on December 13, 1999. Time will be allocated for public comments by individuals or organizations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: RAND provides information about this Panel on its web site at <http://www.rand.org/organization/nsrd/terrpanel>; it can also be reached at (202) 296-5000 extension 5282. Public comment presentations will be limited to two minutes each and must be provided in writing prior to the meeting. Mail written presentations and requests to register to attend the open public session to: Priscilla Schlegel, RAND, 1333 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005. Public seating for this meeting is limited, and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Dated: November 18, 1999.

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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 Mill Creek, Ohio Local Flood Protection Project General Reevaluation Report**

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1970 (PL 91-611), the objective of the Reevaluation Study and DEIS, is to identify a flood damage reduction plan that will yield a functionally, economically, and environmentally sound project to reduce damages to communities in Hamilton County, Ohio from flooding of Mill Creek and its tributaries. The DEIS will assess the potential impacts of the alternatives upon social and economic and natural resources.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**1. Background**

Flooding has been a chronic problem on Mill Creek for some time. Following the original authorization of the Mill Creek Local Protection Project, in 1970, a Local Cooperation Agreement (LCA) for construction of the project was executed in 1975. Construction was initiated in 1981 and suspended in 1992 with approximately 50 percent of the authorized project complete. Project construction was suspended at the direction of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, for the following reasons: (1) Problems in acquiring real estate and relocations for the remaining sections, (2) project costs had grown 126% since authorization, (3) likely contamination by hazardous materials from old land fills along uncompleted portions of the project, and (4) problems in operating and maintaining the completed sections.

2. Proposed Action

The Corps, in cooperation with the local sponsor, Millcreek Valley Conservancy District (MVCD), is conducting a feasibility investigation to reevaluate alternatives for flood damage reduction. This investigation proposes to reduce the flood hazards currently associated with flood flows from Mill Creek and its tributaries.

3. Action Alternatives To Be Considered

Considered alternatives include: constructed wetlands/detention areas, levees and pump stations, channel modifications, replacement or modification of railroad bridges to improve flow characteristics, and nonstructural alternatives such as

automated advance warning systems and structure relocations.

4. The No Action Alternative

The consequences of taking no action will also be considered.

5. Scoping Process

a. The Corps and MVCD is asking, herein and elsewhere, for public input regarding pertinent issues that need to be addressed in the EIS. Monthly "Fire Side Meetings" are being held at local communities to discuss flooding issues and the Reevaluation Study. Monthly meetings began in December 1998 and will continue at least through September 1999 or longer if there is an interest. The Reevaluation Study has also been a regular agenda line item at quarterly MVCD Executive Committee Meetings since 1996, and will continue to be so. It is also a regular agenda item for quarterly Mill Creek Watershed Council (MCWC) Meetings, periodic MCWC Flood Control Subcommittee meetings, and monthly MCWC Executive Committee Meetings. A comprehensive mailing list of potentially interested parties is being assembled, including Federal, state and local agencies, and individuals. The list will be used to notify interested parties of opportunities to provide input to the scoping process.

b. Pertinent issues identified, so far, include appropriate levels and alternatives for flood damage reduction, as well as potential effects of the alternatives on water quality, vegetation and wildlife resources, special status species, cultural resources, social and economic resources, esthetics and recreation.

c. A 45-day public review period will be provided for individuals and agencies to review and comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). All interested parties should respond to this notice and provide a current address if they wish to be notified of the date of scoping meetings and for receipt of the DEIS for review and comment.

6. Availability

The DEIS is expected to be available for public review and comment approximately June, 2000. Notice of availability will be published in the **Federal Register** as well as mailed to everyone on the mailing list.

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