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Individuals seeking to access records about themselves contained in this system should address written requests to the Chief, Epidemiology Services Branch, Epidemiologic Research Division, Armstrong Laboratory (AL/AOES), 2601 West Gate Road, Suite 114, Brooks Air Force Base, TX 78235-5241, or comparable official of the Public Health Office serving the Air Force activity/installation. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Air Force's compilation of systems of records notices.

Written requests should contain the full name and signature of the requester.

Requests in person must be made during normal office duty hours Monday through Friday, excluding national and/or local holidays.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

The Air Force rules for accessing records, and for contesting 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:**

Records in this system are obtained from DOD and Air Force employees involved in the surveillance, prevention, control, and reporting of diseases and conditions of public health or military significance.

Database is compiled using information from personnel, medical, and casualty records, investigative reports, and environmental sampling data.

**EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:**

None.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers****Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Calcasieu Lock, LA, Feasibility Study**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Calcasieu Lock is located on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) in southwest Louisiana. A feasibility study is being conducted to investigate alternatives to reduce navigation delays associated with the

lock. A draft EIS is being prepared to accompany the feasibility report.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions concerning the EIS should be addressed to Mr. Richard Boe at (504) 862-1505. Mr. Boe may also be reached at fax number (504) 862-2572 or by E-mail at

richard.e.boe@mnv02.usace.army.mil. Mr. Boe's address is U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, PM-RS, P.O. Box 60267, New Orleans, Louisiana 70160-0267.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

1. *Authority.* The feasibility study is authorized by identical resolutions passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives in 1972 requesting the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors "to review the reports on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (Louisiana-Texas Section, including the Morgan City-Port Allen Route) \* \* \* with a view to determining the advisability of modifying the existing project in any way \* \* \*."

2. *Proposed Action.* The proposed action, if determined economically feasible and environmentally acceptable, is the construction of a new lock to replace the existing Calcasieu Lock.

3. *Alternatives.* a. Three potential alignments for a replacement lock have been identified. The first alternative is to align a new lock immediately north of the existing lock. The second alternative consists of a new lock immediately south of the existing lock. The third alternative is a new lock in the center of an existing bypass channel about one-half mile south of the existing lock.

b. The first alignment alternative could probably be implemented without the replacement of the Highway 384 bridge across the GIWW. The other two alignment alternatives would require replacement of the Highway 384 bridge. For each of the alignment alternatives, at least two lock widths will be evaluated—90 and 110 feet. The length of any new lock would be 1,200 feet, to make it compatible with other locks on the GIWW. For any of the lock replacement alternatives, the existing lock may be decommissioned; may be kept operational on a standby basis; or may be used as a water control structure.

c. In addition to the lock replacement alternatives, a water control structure alternative will be evaluated. This alternative would consist of a water control structure to relieve the existing lock of its water control function. The existing Calcasieu Lock is used to pass water from the Mermentau River Basin into the tidal waters of the Calcasieu

River and Lake after significant rainfall events in the Mermentau River Basin. During these times of open flow through the lock, navigation traffic is usually stopped and significant delays develop. A water control structure would reduce navigation delays during such occasions.

d. A bridge-only alternative will also be investigated. The existing Highway 384 bridge is a floating, pontoon bridge. Due to the close proximity of the bridge to the lock, vessels entering the lock from the east are considered to be in the lock approach zone as they approach the bridge. To assure the safety of personnel and property, no vessels may be in the lock or entering the lock from the west while a vessel is in the east approach zone. This situation causes delays that may be remedied by the replacement of the bridge with a mid-level or high-level bridge.

4. *Scoping.* a. Scoping is the process for determining the scope of alternatives and significant issues to be addressed in the EIS. For this study, a scoping letter combined with a notice of study initiation will be sent to all parties believed to have an interest in the study. The letter will request input on alternatives and issues to be evaluated and notify interested parties and the local and regional news media of a public scoping meeting that will be held in the local area.

b. *Public Meeting.* A public scoping meeting will be held in the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury Administrative Building located at 1025 Pithon Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana, at 7 pm, April 3, 2001. All interested parties are invited to comment at this time, and anyone interested in this study should request to be included in the study mailing list.

5. *Significant Issues.* The tentative list of resources and issues to be evaluated in the EIS includes tidal wetlands, aquatic resources, wildlife resources, essential fish habitat, water quality, air quality, threatened and endangered species, recreation resources, and cultural resources. Socioeconomic items to be evaluated in the EIS include navigation, flood protection, business and industrial activity, employment, land use, property values, public/community facilities and services, tax revenues, population, community and regional growth, vehicular transportation, housing, community cohesion, and noise.

6. *Environmental Consultation and Review.* The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) will be assisting in the documentation of existing conditions and assessment of effects of project alternatives through Fish and Wildlife

Coordination Act consultation procedures. Consultation will also be accomplished with the USFWS and the National Marine Fisheries Service concerning threatened and endangered species. All other necessary environmental compliance will be obtained before a Record of Decision on the EIS is signed. Other compliance requirements include a Clean Water Act Section 404(b)(1) evaluation, a Louisiana Coastal Resources Program Consistency Determination, and a State Water Quality Certification. The draft EIS or a notice of its availability will be distributed to all interested agencies, organizations, and individuals.

7. *Estimated Date of Availability.* The draft EIS is expected to be available in mid-2003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

#### Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for a Feasibility Study of Navigation Improvements at Port Everglades, Broward County, FL

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers intends to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Feasibility Study of Navigation Improvements, Port Everglades Harbor, Broward County, Florida. The study is a cooperative effort between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Broward County Department of Port Everglades.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions about the proposed action can be directed to Rea Boothby at (904) 232-3453, Environmental Branch, Planning Division, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, Florida 32232-0019.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Project Background and Authorization.* Port Everglades was originally constructed by local interests between 1925-1928, and was authorized for Federal maintenance by the River and Harbor Act of 1930 and subsequent Acts.

2. *Need or Purpose.* Improvements, including channel deepening and widening, are required to accommodate

future commercial fleet and to more effectively transit the existing fleet.

3. *Proposed Solution and Forecast Completion Date.* Widen and deepen every major Federal channel and basin within the project and develop (widen and deepen) the Dania Cutoff Canal. Construction is forecast to begin around March 2003.

4. *Prior Environmental Assessments (EAs) EISs.* An EA was prepared in 1990 to accommodate dredging in the Southport access channel and Turning Notch.

5. *Alternatives.* Alternatives currently considered include no action, and 9 structural alternatives.

6. *Issues.* The EIS will consider impacts on seagrasses (including Johnson Seagrass, a threatened species), mangrove and hardbottom communities, other protected species, shore protection, health and safety, water quality, aesthetics and recreation, fish and wildlife resources, cultural resources, energy conservation, socio-economic resources, and other impacts identified through scoping, public involvement, and interagency coordination.

#### 7. *Scoping Process.*

a. A scoping letter was sent to interested parties in June 1997. In addition, all parties are invited to participate in the scoping process by identifying any additional concerns on issues, studies needed, alternatives, procedures, and other matters related to the scoping process.

b. *Public Meeting.* A public scoping meeting will be held on March 28, 2001 at 7 P.M. in the Broward County Commission Chambers located at 115 South Andrews Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. An agency scoping meeting will be held on March 29, 2001 at Port Everglades.

8. *Public Involvement:* We invite the participation of affected Federal, state and local agencies, affected Indian tribes, and other interested private organizations and parties.

9. *Coordination.* The proposed action is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, with the FWS under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, with the NMFS concerning Essential Fish Habitat and the State Historic Preservation Officer.

10. *Other Environmental Review and Consultation.* The proposed action would involve evaluation for compliance with guidelines pursuant to Section 404 (b) of the Clean Water Act; application (to the State of Florida) for Water Quality Certification pursuant to

Section 401 of the Clean Water Act; certification of state lands, easements, and rights of way; and determination of the Coastal Zone Management Act consistency.

11. *Agency Role.* The Corps and the non-Federal sponsor, Broward County Department of Port Everglades, will provide extensive information and assistance on the resources to be impacted, mitigation measures, and alternatives.

12. *DEIS Preparation.* It is estimated that the DEIS will be available to the public on or about September 2001.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May, 22, 2001.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or