

(4) *Affected public who will be asked to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or Households. The information collected is used to find jurisdiction to investigate the alleged discrimination, to seek whether a referral is necessary, and to provide information needed to initiate investigation of the complaint. Respondents are individuals alleging discrimination.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 1,560 respondents per year at .5 hours per complaint form.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 780 annual burden hours.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Office, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 1220, National Place Building, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: September 5, 2000.

**Robert B. Briggs,**  
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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Immigration and Naturalization Service

[INS No. 2085-00]

#### **Notice of Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Construction of a Detention Facility Within 15 Miles from Interstate 35 in Frio, La Salle, Medina, Atascosca or Webb Counties, TX**

**AGENCY:** Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

#### **SUMMARY:**

##### **Proposed Action**

The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) will prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for evaluation of the environmental impacts of the construction of a Contractor-Owned Contractor-Operated (COCO) detention facility within 15 miles of Interstate 35 in Frio, La Salle, Medina, Atascosca or Webb Counties, Texas. The INS has a requirement to expand the total capacity in the area by 1,000 beds. The facility is needed near the Interstate 35 corridor area between

Laredo and San Antonio to house and care for illegal aliens detained by the INS for illegal entry into the United States. With regard to planned construction, the DEIS will include evaluations of water, sewage system, parking, supporting administrative spaces, gates, gate access, lighting, and surveillance components. The direct project impacts, as well as cumulative impacts of the project, will also be addressed in the DEIS. According to the Council on Environmental Quality's regulation 40 CFR 1508.22, a scoping process is required prior to preparing a DEIS. As part of the DEIS process, the INS will hold a public meeting in the San Antonio area. Interested parties will be invited to help identify significant environmentally related items for evaluation in the DEIS. Notices will be published in the Frio, La Salle, Medina, Atascosca, and Webb County local newspapers to provide the time, date, and location of the hearing.

#### **Alternatives**

The DEIS will include discussions of the alternative approaches to fulfilling the requirement for a detention facility in the area. This will include a review of potential construction sites. The No Action alternative (*i.e.*, cancellation of the proposed project) will also be reviewed.

#### **Scoping Process**

In developing the DEIS, interested parties and the public are invited to help decide the most significant issues to be examined. A scoping meeting will be held in the San Antonio, Texas area in the future. Notice of the meeting will be published in local newspapers prior to the meeting indicating the date, time, and location of the meeting.

#### **DEIS Preparation**

The identified significant and relevant scoping issues will be used to determine the environmental focus of the DEIS. Environmental experts will be used to prepare the analysis of the major environmental concerns in the DEIS. After completion, the DEIS will be made available for public review and comment prior to the preparation of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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Dated: September 1, 2000.

**Doris Meissner,**

*Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### National Institute of Justice

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#### **Notice of Availability of the Finding of No Significant Impact and the Environmental Assessment for NIJ's Crime Laboratory Improvement Program—DNA**

**AGENCY:** Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice (NIJ), Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of FONSI and EA.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Assessment, which is available to the public, concludes that the DNA improvement funding of the Crime Laboratory Improvement Program will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For copies of the Environmental Assessment, please contact: A. Trent DePersia, NIJ Environmental Coordinator, National Institute of Justice, 810 7th Street, N.W., Room 7252, Washington, DC 20531; Phone:(202) 305-4686; E-mail: depersia@ojp.usdoj.gov. Copies of the Environmental Assessment are also available on NIJ's Website at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/crimelabenviron.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/crimelabenviron.htm).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Program Description**

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ), 42 U.S.C. § 3722, as required by the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations, 40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508, has prepared an Environmental Assessment for the Crime Laboratory Improvement Program (CLIP)—DNA. The Purpose of CLIP is to provide equipment, supplies, and training to State and local crime laboratories to increase or expand their capabilities and capacities to perform various types of forensic analysis, such as biological evidence analysis (including DNA testing), trace evidence analysis, fingerprint comparison, toxicology, and firearm and tool mark analyses. This program responds to the criminal justice system's need for access to accurate and timely forensic laboratory services to