

• In all future notices of proposed rulemaking (NPRMs) and final rules published in the **Federal Register**, the violation of which may constitute criminal regulatory offenses, the Bureau intends to include a statement identifying that the rule or proposed rule is a criminal regulatory offense and the authorizing statute. The Bureau will draft this statement in consultation with the Department of Justice. In addition, when formulating the regulatory text of Bureau NPRMs and final rules with criminal consequences that are published in the **Federal Register**, the Bureau intends to explicitly state a mens rea requirement for each element of a criminal regulatory offense, accompanied by citations to the relevant provisions of the authorizing statute.

II. Regulatory Matters

This is a general statement of policy under the Administrative Procedure Act.⁵ It articulates considerations relevant to the Bureau's exercise of its authorities. It does not have the force and effect of law; it has no legally binding effect, including no legally binding effect on persons or entities outside the Federal government; it is not final agency action; and it may be rescinded or modified in the Bureau's complete discretion.

This action does not impose any new or revise any existing recordkeeping, reporting, or disclosure requirements on covered entities or members of the public that would be collections of information requiring approval by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act.⁶

Russell Vought,

Acting Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact Statement for the Harris County Flood Control District Solutions for Advancing Floodplain Evaluation and Resilience (SAFER) Initiative, Harris County, TX

AGENCY: Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a draft feasibility study and environmental impact statement for the SAFER Initiative, Harris County, TX.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District (USACE) intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the "Solutions for Advancing Floodplain Evaluation and Resilience" (SAFER) Initiative. The EIS would be prepared in association with a feasibility report prepared by a Non-Federal Interest (NFI)—the Harris County Flood Control District (Flood Control District) under authority granted by section 203 of Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (WRDA 1986) (Pub. L. 99-662). The study will identify and evaluate structural and nonstructural alternatives to reduce the risk of flooding across eleven watersheds. This notice announces the USACE's intent to determine the scope of the issues to be addressed and identify the significant environmental issues (e.g., impacts to aquatic resources, terrestrial habitat, fisheries, etc.) related to the proposed action.

DATES: Public scoping comments should be submitted on or before September 25, 2025, electronically or mailed as written letters. A minimum of ten scoping meetings will be held from July to August 2025. Public scoping meeting details can be found at theSAFERstudy.org.

ADDRESSES: Submit all electronic public comments via email to: comments@theSAFERstudy.org. Written comments may be mailed to: ATTN: Mr. Danny Allen, 2000 Fort Point Road, Galveston, Texas, 77550.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions regarding the proposed Draft EIS can be addressed by contacting Mr. Danny Allen by phone at 512-461-6579, or by email at Daniel.Allen@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Authority.* The SAFER initiative is authorized under Section 203 of WRDA 1986, (Pub. L. 99-662), as amended by Section 1014(a) of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) of 2014 (Pub. L. 113-121) which authorizes the NFI to perform feasibility studies (FS) of proposed water resources development projects for submission directly to the Secretary of the Army with USACE providing technical guidance and conducting inherently governmental activities. Once submitted, the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works (ASA(CW))

evaluates the FS and prepares a report for congressional committees that describes whether the project is feasible, including recommendations concerning project design or conditions for construction. The FS phase is 100% funded by the NFI.

2. *Background.* The potential project area covers 11 watersheds located in Harris County, within the Harris County Flood Control District's jurisdictional boundary. The Harris County Flood Control District is a special purpose district created by the Texas Legislature in 1937 and governed by Harris County Commissioners Court. It was created in response to devastating floods that struck the region in 1929 and 1935. Harris County continues to experience major flood events, with the most significant occurring during Hurricane Harvey in 2017. These storm events cause significant flood damage, including the loss of life, coupled with projected increases in precipitation patterns and the potential for flooding events in the future, warrant this flood risk management feasibility study. The Flood Control District, acting as the NFI, is undertaking this study to evaluate flood risk management alternatives covering Brays Bayou, Buffalo Bayou, Clear Creek, Cypress Creek, Greens Bayou, Halls Bayou, Hunting Bayou, Little Cypress Creek, Sims Bayou, White Oak Bayou, and Vince Bayou watersheds.

3. *Alternatives.* The study will evaluate structural and nonstructural alternatives that could reduce flood risk and address study objectives. A no action alternative will also be considered. A number of measures will be considered including but not limited to: channel improvements, deep stormwater tunnels, bypass/diversion channels, stormwater detention basins, natural and nature-based features, and nonstructural measures. The study will evaluate potential benefits and impacts of the array of alternatives including reasonably foreseeable effects to the human and natural environments that balance the interests of flood risk management and environmental quality.

4. *Public Participation.* Scoping completed prior to and after publication of this NOI will be used to develop the EIS. The scoping comment period will begin on June 27, 2025 and will end 90 days after publication of this notice. All comments received during the scoping period are being used to identify additional measures and alternatives, significant resources, and impacts that should be considered in the EIS. Additional comments received outside the scoping period will be considered prior to the draft EIS public review

⁵ See 5 U.S.C. 553(b). However, this is not a "statement of policy" as that term is used in the specific context of Regulation X, 12 CFR 1024.4(a)(1)(ii).

⁶ 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

period, to the extent possible. For comments that cannot be addressed prior to the public review period, the comments will be included with the public review period comments and addressed at that time. The Harris County Flood Control District in conjunction with USACE will host no less than ten Public Scoping Meetings (both virtual and in person) from July to August 2025. A Public Notice will be available on the project website: theSAFERstudy.org. Public news releases announcing the scoping period timeframe; public meeting dates, times, and locations; and where to send comments will be published in the appropriate local newspapers, on the project website, and will be distributed to the local stakeholders and known interested parties.

5. *Coordination.* USACE will prepare the EIS based on information and analyses provided by the Flood Control District or analyses conducted by USACE as part of a technical assistance agreement with the Flood Control District under the authority of Section 203 of WRDA 1986, as amended. Other Federal and state agencies have been invited to participate throughout the study process as Coordinating or Participating Agencies. Further coordination with environmental agencies will be conducted by USACE under the NEPA, the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and the Coastal Zone Management Act.

6. *Availability of Draft EIS:* The Draft EIS is estimated to be available for public review and comment during the fall of 2026. At that time, a minimum of a 45-day public review period will be provided for individuals and agencies to review and comment. USACE will notify all interested agencies, organizations, and individuals of the availability of the draft document at that time. Pertinent information about the study can be found at: theSAFERstudy.org or after publication of the draft EIS at: <https://www.swg.usace.army.mil/Business-With-Us/Planning-Environmental-Branch/Documents-for-Public-Review/>. To request a hard copy of the draft EIS, please contact Mr. Danny Allen by phone at 512-461-6579, or by email at

Daniel.Allen@usace.army.mil. Please include your mailing address.

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Brigadier General, U.S. Army, Commanding.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) invites public comment on a proposed information collection that DOE is developing for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed collection must be received on or before July 28, 2025. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the DOE Desk Officer at OMB of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at 202-395-4718.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beth Kelly, Deputy Assistant General Counsel, (202) 246-6500, or beth.kelly@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the extended collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

This information collection request contains:

(1) *OMB No.:* 1910-5115;

(2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Contractor Legal Management Requirements;

(3) *Type of Review:* Extension;

(4) *Purpose:* The information collection to be extended has been and will be used to form the basis for DOE actions on requests from the contractors for reimbursement of litigation and other legal expenses; and, the information collected related to annual legal budget, staffing and resource plans, and initiation or settlement of defensive or offensive litigation is and will be similarly used;

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 45;

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 154;

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 1150;

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* 0.

Statutory Authority: Section 161 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, 42 U.S.C. 2201, the Department of Energy Organization Act, 42 U.S.C. 7101, *et seq.*, and the National Nuclear Security Administration Act, 50 U.S.C. 2401, *et seq.*

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on June 23, 2025, by Jeffrey Novak, Acting General Counsel, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. This document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on June 25, 2025.

Jennifer Hartzell,

Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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