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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

[Docket ID USA-2013-0020]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Department of the Army announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by August 19, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Federal Docket Management System Office, 4800 Mark Center Drive, East Tower, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

Any associated form(s) for this collection may be located within this

same electronic docket and downloaded for review/testing. Follow the instructions at <http://www.regulations.gov> for submitting comments. Please submit comments on any given form identified by docket number, form number, and title.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 441 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20314-1000, *Attn:* CECW-CO, or call Department of the Army Reports clearance officer at (703) 428-6440.

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Application for a Department of the Army Permit; ENG Form 4345, OMB Control Number 0710-0003.

Needs and Uses: Information collected is used to evaluate, as required by law, proposed construction or filing in waters of the United States that result in impacts to the aquatic environment and nearby properties, and to determine if issuance of a permit is in the public interest. Respondents are private landowners, businesses, non-profit organizations, and government agencies. Respondents also include sponsors of proposed and approved mitigation banks and in-lieu fee programs.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; farms; Federal government; State; local or tribal government.

Annual Burden Hours: 984,000

Number of Respondents: 89,450

Responses per Respondent: 1

Average Burden per Response: 11 hours

Frequency: On Occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The Corps of Engineers is required by three federal laws, passed by Congress, to regulate construction-related activities in waters of the United States. This is accomplished through the review of applications for permits to do this work.

Dated: June 12, 2013.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study

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

ACTION: Notice of Study Initiation.

SUMMARY: The Congressional response to the devastation in the wake of Hurricane Sandy included a mandate to collaborate with federal, state, tribal and local government agencies to regionally address the vulnerability of coastal populations at risk within the boundaries of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) North Atlantic Division. The goals of the North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study authorized under the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, Public Law 113-2, are to (1) reduce flood risk to vulnerable coastal populations, and (2) promote coastal resilient communities to ensure a sustainable and robust coastal landscape system, considering future sea-level rise and climate change scenarios. In addition, the Comprehensive Study will identify activities warranting further analysis and institutional barriers to comprehensive implementation. A draft of the North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study will be available for public review and comment in early 2014 and a final report is due to Congress in January 2015. The study will identify those areas warranting more detailed evaluations; however, USACE is not authorized to develop designs or implement such projects at this time. Although potential environmental impacts will be generally evaluated, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance processes will not be completed due to the scale of the study. Full NEPA and other environmental compliance would be required as part of future detailed evaluations before any actions could be implemented.

ADDRESSES: For media contacts please contact Mr. Justin Ward, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Public Affairs, 302 General Lee Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11252, at justin.m.ward@usace.army.mil or at (347) 370-4550.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study will include a coastal risk reduction framework, by State, including a range of structural, non-structural and programmatic measures for