

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers****Availability of Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Upper Mississippi River—Illinois Waterway System Navigation Feasibility Study**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** A Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement was prepared to address the restructured Upper Mississippi River—Illinois Waterway System Navigation Feasibility Study. This document is available for interested persons to review and prepare comments on the draft. The purpose of this document is to provide a comprehensive documentation of the Upper Mississippi River—Illinois Waterway System Feasibility Study process and draft recommendations for action. The 9-Foot Channel Navigation Project, originally authorized in 1930, was reviewed for changed physical, economic, and environmental conditions that may warrant structural or non-structural modifications to reduce congestion of commercial navigation traffic and to enhance ecosystem restoration. This integrated report describes the plan formulation process, environmental impacts, and the draft preferred plan for this study. The original Notice of Intent for this project was published in the **Federal Register** on November 27, 1995 (60 FR 58339) and a revised Notice of Intent was published February 23, 2004 (69 FR 8185).

**DATES:** There will be a 70-day public review period for comments on this document. Comments will be accepted at the public hearings, by letter, or electronically at *DraftNavRptComments@usace.army.mil*. Comments must be received on or before July 30, 2004. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for public hearing dates and addresses.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments and suggestions or document requests concerning this proposed project: District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Rock Island, ATTN: CEMVR-PM-A (Jackson), Clock Tower Building—P.O. Box 2004, Rock Island, IL 61204-2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions about the proposed action

and Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement can be answered by Mr. Kenneth Barr by telephone (309) 794-5349, or by mail: District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Rock Island, ATTN: CEMVR-PM-A (Barr), Clock Tower Building—P.O. Box 2004, Rock Island, IL 61204-2004.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Public hearings on the Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement will be held on: June 7, 2004, at the Holiday Inn, 5202 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa; June 8, 2004, at the Grand Harbor Resort and Waterpark—Grand River Center, 350 Bell Street, Dubuque, Iowa; June 9, 2004, at the Radisson Hotel La Crosse, 200 Harborview Plaza, La Crosse, Wisconsin; June 10, 2004, at the Minneapolis Airport Marriott, 2020 American Boulevard East, Bloomington, Minnesota; June 14, 2004, at the Hotel Pere Marquette, 501 Main Street, Peoria, Illinois; June 15, 2004, at the Stoney Creek Inn, 3809 East Broadway Street, Quincy, Illinois; June 16, 2004, at the St. Louis Airport Marriott, I-70 at Lambert Airport, St. Louis, Missouri; and June 17, 2004, at the Phoenix Park Hotel, 520 North Capital Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Public Hearing Schedule (all locations but Washington, DC)

2-4 p.m.—Informal Open House  
4-5:30 p.m.—Dinner Break  
5:30-6:30 p.m.—Registration  
6:30-6:35 p.m.—Opening Remarks  
6:35-6:50 p.m.—Presentation  
6:50-9:30 p.m. (or later)—Public Hearing

Washington, DC, Schedule

1-3 p.m.—Informal Open House  
3-6 p.m.—Registration, Opening Remarks, Presentation, and Public Hearing

This report can be downloaded at <http://www2.mvr.usace.army.mil/umr-iwwsns>. An electronic compact disc (CD) containing the report is available at no cost, and paper copies are available for \$34.90 per copy. Requests for copies (CD or paper) of the Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement or to be placed on the mailing list should be sent to the address listed in the Addresses section of this notice.

Dated: April 30, 2004

**Duane P. Gapinski,**  
Colonel, EN, Commanding.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers****Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Peckman River Basin Flood Control and Ecosystem Restoration Project, Passaic and Essex Counties, NJ**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), New York District, is preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), which will lead to a NEPA document in accordance with Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations, as defined and amended in 40 CFR parts 1500-1508 (promulgated pursuant to NEPA), Corps' principle and guidelines as defined in Engineering Regulations (ER) 1105-2 100, Planning Guidance Notebook, and ER 200-2-2, Procedures for Implementing NEPA, and other applicable Federal and State environmental laws for the proposed flood control and ecosystem restoration project in the Peckman River Basin located in Passaic and Essex Counties, NJ. The study area includes the Peckman River, which originates in the Town of West Orange, NJ, and flows northeasterly through the Borough of Verona, the Township of Cedar Grove, the Township of Little Falls, and the Borough of West Paterson to its confluence with the Passaic River.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Bobbi Jo McClain, Project Biologist, Planning Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District, 26 Federal Plaza, Room 2146, New York, NY, 10278-0090 at (212) 264-5818 or at *Bobbi.J.McClain@usace.army.mil*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

1. This study is authorized by a U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Resolution, Docket Number 2644, adopted on June 21, 2000, reading: "Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that the Secretary of the Army is requested to review the report of the Chief of Engineers on the Passaic River Mainstream project, New Jersey and New York, published as House Document 163, 101st Congress, 1st Session, and other reports to determine whether modifications of the recommendations contained therein are

advisable at the present time, in the interest of water resources development, including flood control, environmental restoration and protection, stream bank restoration, and other allied purposes for the Peckman River and tributaries, New Jersey."

2. A Public Scoping has been completed with the development of a Public Scoping Document. The meeting was held February 11, 2004, at the Little Falls Civic Center in Little Falls, NJ. All comments from public and agency scoping coordination will be addressed in the DEIS. Parties interested in receiving the Scoping Document should contact Bobbi Jo McClain at the above address.

3. A DEIS is due for completion by June 2006, as subject to availability of funds.

4. Federal agencies interested in participating as a Cooperating Agency are requested to submit a letter of intent to COL John B. O'Dowd, District Engineer, at the above address.

**Leonard Houston,**

*Chief, Environmental Analysis Branch.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Coastal Engineering Research Board (CERB)

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following committee meeting:

*Name of Committee:* Coastal Engineering Research Board (CERB).

*Date of Meeting:* June 7-9, 2004.

*Place:* The Traverse City Resort and Spa, 100 Grand Traverse Village Boulevard, Acme, MI 49610-0404.

*Time:* 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (June 7, 2004); 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (June 8, 2004); 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (June 9, 2004).

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

Inquiries and notice of intent to attend the meeting may be addressed to Colonel James R. Rowan, Executive Secretary, Commander, U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, Waterways Experiment Station, 3909 Halls Ferry Road, Vicksburg, MS 39180-6199.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Proposed Agenda:* The theme of the meeting is "Great Lakes System

Management." On Monday evening, June 7, there will be an icebreaker. The morning presentations on Tuesday, June 8, during the panel "Great Lakes (GL) System Management," will include: "GL Coastal Setting and Processes," "Managing the GL System (International Joint Commission Initiatives and Research Needs)," "Integrated Ocean Observing System," "Hydrodynamic Modeling Needs (WIS, Nearshore Circulation)," "GL Tributary Modeling Program," "Innovations in Erosion Control (Section 227 at Allegan and Sheldon)," and "States Perspective Coastal Zone Management in the Great Lakes." The afternoon presentations during the panel entitled "Regional Sediment Management (RSM) in the Great Lakes," will include "Litigation Aspects of RSM," "Lake Michigan Regional Sediment Management Demo (Michigan City to Indiana Dunes)," "Lake Ontario and St. Lawrence Seaway Coastal Processes," and "GL Erosion Process Modeling and Damage Potential Analysis." On Wednesday, June 9, presentations during the panel entitled, "Sustaining Coastal Infrastructure," will include "Business Drivers—Maintaining the GL Navigation System," "Bacterial Contamination of Beach Sands," and "Clean Beaches Council and Sustainable Beaches Summit." During the afternoon, the members of the Board will tour the area via helicopter and will meet in an Executive Session. The attendees will take a bus tour.

These meetings are open to the public; participation by the public is scheduled for 4:15 p.m. on June 8.

The entire meeting is open to the public, but since seating capacity of the meeting room is limited, advance of notice of intent to attend, although not required, is requested in order to assure adequate arrangements. Oral participation by public attendees is encouraged during the time scheduled on the agenda; written statements may be submitted prior to the meeting or up to 30 days after the meeting.

**James R. Rowan,**

*Colonel, Corps of Engineers, Executive Secretary.*

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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 July 13, 2004.

**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 Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: May 10, 2004.

**Angela C. Arrington,**

*Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

### Institute of Education Sciences

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Evaluation of Educational Technology Interventions.

*Frequency:* Semi-Annually.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or household; Not-for-profit institutions.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*