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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Technical and licensing information on this invention may be obtained by writing to: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Office of Technology Partnerships, Attn: Mary Clague, Building 222, Room A155, Gaithersburg, MD 20899. Information is also available via telephone: 301-975-4188, fax 301-975-3482, or e-mail: [mary.clague@nist.gov](mailto:mary.clague@nist.gov). Any request for information should include the NIST Docket number and title for the invention as indicated below.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NIST may enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement ("CRADA") with the licensee to perform further research on the invention for purposes of commercialization. The invention available for licensing is:

[NIST Docket Number: 07-015]

**Title:** Magneto-Optical Trap Ion Source (MOTIS).

**Abstract:** The invention consists of a new source for creating a focused ion beam. A magneto-optical trap serves as a source of cold atoms that are photo ionized to produce the ion source. Under appropriate conditions, the resulting ion cloud has temperature and spatial characteristics similar to that of the initial neutral atom cloud. An external electric field extracts the ions which can be focused using standard charged-particle optics. The cold temperatures achieved through laser cooling yield an ion beam with excellent characteristics which should allow for a beam resolution of 10 nm or less. The current produced from this source depends on the operating parameters of the MOT and can range from single ions on demand to over 100 pA, a much wider range than is currently possible. In addition, the wide range of elements that can be laser cooled greatly extends the possibilities for ionic species that can be used in FIBs. The net result is a source that has improved characteristics as well as expanded capabilities over current technology.

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**Richard F. Kayser,**  
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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Institute of Standards and Technology**

**Announcement of a Public Workshop on the Establishment of a Laboratory Accreditation Program (LAP) for Laboratories Performing Interoperability, Performance, and Conformance Biometrics Testing Under the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program and Technical Requirements for Such a LAP**

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Announcement of public workshop.

**SUMMARY:** The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announces a public workshop to be held on July 1, 2008, in the Green Auditorium of the NIST Administration Building in Gaithersburg, MD, regarding the establishment of an accreditation program and technical requirements for laboratories that perform biometric testing including interoperability, performance, and conformance using internationally recognized standards developed by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), NIST, and by the International Committee for Information Technology Standards (INCITS). Additional standards may be identified throughout the development of the accreditation program technical requirements.

**DATES:** The workshop will be held 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on July 1, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Green Auditorium of the NIST Administration Building in Gaithersburg, MD. Please note admittance instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brad Moore, Program Manager, NIST/NVLAP, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2140, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-2140, Phone: (301) 975-5740 or e-mail: [brad.moore@nist.gov](mailto:brad.moore@nist.gov).

Information regarding the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) and the accreditation process can be obtained from <http://www.nist.gov/nvlap>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background:** The United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) requested that NIST establish a laboratory accreditation program for laboratories performing interoperability, performance, and conformance biometrics testing on Personal Identification Verification equipment used in Homeland Security applications. In accordance with NVLAP procedures (15 CFR Part 285), on February 29, 2008, NIST published a notice in the **Federal Register** requesting comments on the proposed establishment of a laboratory accreditation program for laboratories performing testing, interoperability, performance, and conformance biometrics testing under the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (73 FR 11093). In addition to soliciting public comments through the notice, NIST will hold a public workshop to solicit further public comments on the proposed establishment of a laboratory accreditation program for biometrics testing. The public workshop will also solicit comments on the technical requirements necessary for such a laboratory accreditation program.

Biometric technologies such as facial, fingerprint, iris, and voice recognitions are used to verify the identity of individuals attempting to gain access to secure areas. The purpose of the proposed Biometrics Laboratory Accreditation Program is to evaluate testing laboratories' technical competencies against known standards and testing criteria that will ultimately be used to provide confidence in the performance of biometric sub-systems.

This notice is issued in accordance with NVLAP procedures and general requirements, found in Title 15 Part 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

NVLAP provides an unbiased, third-party evaluation and recognition of competence. NVLAP accreditation signifies that a laboratory has demonstrated that it operates in accordance with NVLAP management and technical requirements pertaining to quality systems, personnel, accommodation and environment, test and calibration methods, equipment, measurement traceability, sampling, handling of test and calibration items, and test and calibration reports.

NVLAP accreditation does not imply any guarantee (certification) of laboratory performance or test/calibration data. NVLAP accreditation is a finding of laboratory competence.

All visitors to the NIST site are required to pre-register to be admitted. Anyone wishing to attend this meeting

must register by close of business Monday, June 16, 2008, in order to attend. Please submit your name, time of arrival, e-mail address and phone number to Tessa Beavers, Administrative Support Assistant, NIST/NVLAP, and she will provide you with instructions for admittance. Non-U.S. citizens must also submit their country of citizenship, title, employer/sponsor, and address. Ms. Beavers' e-mail address is [tessa.beavers@nist.gov](mailto:tessa.beavers@nist.gov) and her phone number is (301) 975-4017.

Dated: June 6, 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Federal Consistency Appeal by AES Sparrows Point LNG, LLC and Mid-Atlantic Express, LLC From an Objection by the Maryland Department of the Environment

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (Commerce).

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of time to issue a decision.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby provided that the deadline for issuing a decision has been extended 15 days, in the federal consistency appeal filed with the Department of Commerce by AES Sparrows Point LNG, LLC and Mid-Atlantic Express, LLC (collectively, AES).

**DATES:** The new deadline for issuing a decision on AES's federal consistency appeal is extended to June 30, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Materials from the appeal record are available at the Internet site <http://www.ogc.doc.gov/czma.htm> and at the Office of the General Counsel for Ocean Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Odin Smith, Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulation, Department of Commerce, via e-mail at [osmith@doc.gov](mailto:osmith@doc.gov), or at (202) 482-4144.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In August 2007, AES filed a notice of appeal with the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) pursuant to section 307(c)(3)(A) of the

Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1451 *et seq.*, and the Department of Commerce's implementing regulations, 15 CFR part 930, subpart H. The appeal was taken from an objection by the Maryland Department of the Environment (State) to AES's consistency certification for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission permits to construct and operate a liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal and associated 88-mile natural gas pipeline.

The decision record for this appeal was closed on April 14, 2008. Notice of closure was published in the **Federal Register**, 73 FR 20,028 (April 14, 2008). Under the CZMA, a final decision on the appeal must be issued no later than 60 days after notice announcing closure of the decision record is published. 16 U.S.C. 1465(c)(1). This deadline, however, may be extended by publishing (within the 60-day period) a subsequent notice explaining why a decision cannot be issued within that time frame. 16 U.S.C. 1465(c)(1). In this event, a final decision must be issued no later than 15 days after the date of publication of the subsequent notice. 16 U.S.C. 1465(c)(2).

This announcement provides notice that the deadline for issuing a decision on the appeal has been extended 15 days. The Secretary needs the additional time to complete a review of the record and reach a decision. A decision on AES's administrative appeal will be issued no later than June 30, 2008.

Dated: June 9, 2008.

**Joel La Bissonniere,**  
Assistant General Counsel for Ocean Services.  
(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog No. 11.419 Coastal Zone Management Program Assistance.)

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Intent To Prepare a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/ Subsequent Environmental Impact Report for the Sacramento River Deep Water Ship Channel, CA

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, San

Francisco District, (Corps) in coordination with the Port of Sacramento is preparing a draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement /Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIS/SEIR) to evaluate the action of resuming construction of navigational improvements to the Sacramento River Deep Water Ship Channel (SRDWSC). The SRDWSC runs from the Contra Costa county line to the Port of Sacramento. Construction was initiated in 1989, but work was suspended in 1990 after deepening a portion of the channel to the authorized depth of 35 feet. The proposed action involves deepening the existing Federal navigation channel from 30 feet to 35 feet (mean lower low water) and widening portions of the channel to improve navigational efficiency for movement of goods and safety. The SRDWSC project was originally authorized by the River and Harbors Act of 1946, Public Law 525, 79th Congress, 2nd Session, and reauthorized under Section 202(a) of the Water Resources and Development Act of 1986, Public Law 99-662, 100 Stat. 4092. This is a notice of intent to prepare an SEIS/SEIR, and to consider alternatives, evaluate potential impacts of the proposed action, and identify appropriate mitigation measures.

**DATES:** A public meeting will be held in West Sacramento on Monday, June, 30, 2008 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The public comment period begins on June 16, 2008. Written comments must be received by July 22, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the West Sacramento City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions and comments regarding the proposed action can be addressed to: Attn.: Bill Brostoff, ET-PA, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District, 1455 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94103-1398; telephone (415) 503-6867; or [SPNETPA@usace.army.mil](mailto:SPNETPA@usace.army.mil). Written comments can also be faxed to (415) 503-6692 or sent electronically to [SPNETPA@usace.army.mil](mailto:SPNETPA@usace.army.mil).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Background.* The SRDWSC is located in the Sacramento—San Joaquin Delta region of northern California. The 46.5-mile long ship channel lies within Contra Costa, Solano, Sacramento, and Yolo Counties and serves the marine terminal facilities at the Port of Sacramento. The SRDWSC joins the existing 35-foot deep channel at New York Slough, thereby affording the Port