

1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508) the Corps of Engineers, Albuquerque District, has prepared a final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the San Acacia to Bosque del Apache Project, Socorro County, New Mexico.

DATES: The 30-day review period begins on January 24, 2014 and ends on February 24, 2014. The Record of Decision on the proposed action will be issued after February 24, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, requests for copies, and/or questions about the project, please contact Mr. Jerry Nieto, Project Manager, by telephone: (505) 342–3362, by mail: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 4101 Jefferson Plaza NE., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109, or by email: Jerry.D.Nieto@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background Information:

Previously, an environmental impact statement (1977) and a supplement (1992) were published regarding this project. The current SEIS (II) evaluates the effects of revised levee design and additional alternatives. The final SEIS is integrated with a final General Reevaluation Report, and the integrated document is entitled: *General Reevaluation Report and Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement II: Rio Grande Floodway, San Acacia to Bosque del Apache Unit, Socorro County, New Mexico* (hereafter referred to as the final GRR/SEIS–II).

Alternatives developed and evaluated during the current and previous studies consist of levee reconstruction (at various heights); flood and sediment control dams; local levees; intermittent levee replacement; watershed land treatment; floodproofing of buildings; levee-alignment setbacks; and no action. Principal issues analyzed in the development of the GRR/SEIS–II included the effect of alternatives on flood risk, developed lands and structures, water quality, ecological resources, endangered species, cultural resources, and socio-economics.

The recommended plan is to replace the existing embankment between the Low Flow Conveyance Channel and the Rio Grande with a structurally competent levee capable of containing high-volume, long-duration flows. This engineered levee would substantially reduce the risk of damage from floods emanating from the Rio Grande. The proposed levee and attendant structures would extend from San Acacia downstream for approximately 43 miles, nearly to San Marcial. The local cost-

sharing sponsors of the proposed project are the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District and the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission.

2. Draft SEIS Review: The draft GRR–SEIS–II comment period began on April 27, 2012 with the publication of the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 25151), and ended on June 11, 2012. A public meeting was held during the review period on May 22, 2012 in Socorro, New Mexico.

3. Availability of the final GRR/SEIS–II: The final document is electronically available for viewing and printing at: <http://www.spa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/EnvironmentalComplianceDocuments/EnvironmentalImpactStatements/ROD.aspx>. Electronic copies may also be requested from the contact person listed above. Paper copies of the final GRR/SEIS–II are available for review at the Socorro Public Library, 401 Park St., Socorro, NM.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–9905–81–OECA]

National Environmental Justice Advisory Council; Notification of Public Meeting and Public Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92–463, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby provides notice that the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC) will meet on the dates and times described below. All meetings are open to the public. Members of the public are encouraged to provide comments relevant to the specific issues being considered by the NEJAC. For additional information about registering for public comment, please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. Due to limited space, seating at the NEJAC meeting will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

DATES: The NEJAC meeting will convene Tuesday, February 11, 2014, from 9 a.m. until 3:45 p.m.; and will reconvene on Wednesday, February 12, 2014, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All noted times are Mountain Time.

One public comment period relevant to the specific issues being considered by the NEJAC (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**) is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2014, starting at 4 p.m. Mountain Time. Members of the public who wish to participate during the public comment period are highly encouraged to pre-register by Noon, Mountain Time, on Wednesday, February 5, 2014.

ADDRESSES: The NEJAC meeting will be held at the EPA Region 8 Conference Center, located at 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO 80202–1129.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions or correspondence concerning the meeting should be directed to Jasmin Muriel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, by mail at 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., (MC2201A), Washington, DC 20460; by telephone at 202–564–4287; via email at Muriel.Jasmin@epa.gov; or by fax at 202–564–1624. Additional information about the NEJAC is available at: www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/nejac.

Registration is required for all participants. Pre-registration by Noon, Mountain Time, Wednesday, February 5, 2014, for all attendees is highly recommended. Because this NEJAC meeting will be held in a government space, we strongly encourage you to register early. Space limitations may not allow us to accommodate everyone who is interested in attending. Priority admission will be given to pre-registered participants. To register online, visit <https://nejac-denver2014.eventbrite.com>. Please state whether you would like to be put on the list to provide oral public comment. Please specify whether you are submitting written comments before the February 5, 2014, deadline. Non-English speaking attendees wishing to arrange for a foreign language interpreter may make appropriate arrangements in writing using the above telephone number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Charter of the NEJAC states that the advisory committee shall provide independent advice to the EPA Administrator about areas that may include, among other things, “advice about broad, cross-cutting issues related to environmental justice, including environment-related strategic, scientific, technological, regulatory, and economic issues related to environmental justice.”

The meeting shall be used to discuss and receive comments about the nexus between sustainability and environmental justice. Specifically, the NEJAC will discuss these primary areas:

(1) Observance: of the 20th Anniversary of EO 12898 on Environmental Justice; (2) Fundamentals of Equitable Development; (3) Leveraging Resources for Community Capacity; (4) Agency Efforts on Sustainability and Equitable Development; and (5) Climate Resiliency and Environmental Justice. In addition, the meeting will include updates from several NEJAC work groups, as well as discussions about the NEJAC work plan for 2014–2015.

A. Public Comment

Individuals or groups making oral presentations during the public comment periods will be limited to a total time of five minutes. To accommodate the large number of people who want to address the NEJAC, only one representative of an organization or group will be allowed to speak. If time permits, multiple representatives from the same organization can provide comment at the end of the session. In addition, those who did not sign up in advance to give public comment can sign up on site. The suggested format for written public comments is as follows: Name of Speaker; Name of Organization/Community; City and State; Email address; and a brief description of the concern and what you want the NEJAC to advise EPA to do. Written comments received by Noon, Mountain Time, Wednesday, February 5, 2014, will be included in the materials distributed to the members of the NEJAC. Written comments received after that date and time will be provided to the NEJAC as time allows. All information should be sent to the mailing address, email address, or fax number listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above.

B. Information About Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information about access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Jasmin Muriel, at (202) 564–4287 or via email at Muriel.Jasmin@EPA.gov. To request special accommodations for a disability, please contact Ms. Muriel at least four working days prior to the meeting, to give EPA sufficient time to process your request. All requests should be sent to the address, email, or phone/fax number listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above.

Dated: January 16, 2014.

Victoria J. Robinson,
Designated Federal Officer, National
Environmental Justice Advisory Council.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–9905–85–Region 10]

Proposed Issuance of the NPDES General Permit for Oil and Gas Geotechnical Surveying and Related Activities in Federal Waters of the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: On November 22, 2013, EPA provided public notice on the proposed issuance of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Oil and Gas Geotechnical Surveys and Related Activities in Federal Waters of the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas (Permit No. AKG–28–4300), and established a comment deadline of January 27, 2014, (78 FR 70042). On January 15, 2014, the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission requested a 30-day extension to the comment period. In response to that request, EPA is extending the comment period for an additional 23 days, from January 27, 2014 to February 19, 2014.

DATES: *Comments.* The public comment period for the draft Geotechnical General Permit is extended as of the date of publication of this Notice until February 19, 2014. Comments must be received or post-marked by no later than midnight Pacific Standard Time on February 19, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods. EPA will consider all comments received during the public comment period prior to making its final decision.

Mail: Send paper comments to Erin Seyfried, Office of Water and Watersheds, Mail Stop OWW–130, 1200 6th Avenue, Suite 900, Seattle, WA 98101–3140.

Email: Send electronic comments to R10geotechpermit@epa.gov.

Fax: Fax comments to the attention of Erin Seyfried at (206) 553–0165.

Hand Delivery/Courier: Deliver comments to Erin Seyfried, Office of Water and Watersheds, Mail Stop OWW–130, 1200 6th Avenue, Suite 900, Seattle, WA 98101–3140. Call (206) 553–0523 before delivery to verify business hours.

Viewing and/or Obtaining Copies of Documents. A copy of the draft Geotechnical General Permit and the Fact Sheet, which explains the proposal in detail, may be obtained by contacting EPA at 1 (800) 424–4372. Copies of the documents are also available for viewing and downloading at:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/water.nsf/npdes+permits/DraftPermitsAK>
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/water.nsf/npdes+permits/arctic-gp>.

See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for other document viewing locations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Seyfried, Office of Water and Watersheds, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, Mail Stop OWW–130, 1200 6th Avenue, Suite 900, Seattle, WA 98101–3140, (206) 553–1448, seyfried.erin@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Fact Sheet describes the types of facilities and the discharges proposed to be authorized by the Geotechnical General Permit; the proposed effluent limits and other conditions; maps and descriptions of the proposed Area of Coverage; and a summary of the supporting technical materials.

Document Viewing Locations. The draft Geotechnical General Permit and Fact Sheet may also be viewed at the following locations:

(1) EPA Region 10 Library, Park Place Building, 1200 6th Avenue, Suite 900, Seattle, WA 98101; (206) 553–1289.

(2) EPA Region 10, Alaska Operations Office, 222 W 7th Avenue, #19, Room 537, Anchorage, AK 99513; (907) 271–5083.

(3) DEC Anchorage Office, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, AK 99501; (907) 269–7235.

(4) Z. J. Loussac Public Library, 3600 Denali Street, Anchorage, AK 99503; (907) 343–2975.

(5) North Slope Borough School District Library/Media Center, Pouch 169, 829 Aivak Street, Barrow, AK 99723; (907) 852–5311.

EPA's current administrative record for the draft Geotechnical General Permit is available for review at the EPA Region 10 Office, Park Place Building, 1200 6th Avenue, Suite 900, Seattle, WA 98101, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Contact Erin Seyfried at seyfried.erin@epa.gov or (206) 553–1448.

Oil Spill Requirements. Section 311 of the Act, 33 U.S.C. 1321, prohibits the discharge of oil and hazardous materials in harmful quantities. Discharges authorized under the Geotechnical General Permit are excluded from the provisions of CWA Section 311, 33 U.S.C. 1321. However, the Geotechnical General Permit will not preclude the institution of legal action, or relieve the permittees from any responsibilities, liabilities, or penalties for other unauthorized discharges of oil and hazardous materials, which are covered by Section 311.

Executive Order 12866. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB)