

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Laurel Bryant, MAFAC Executive Director; telephone: (301) 713-2379 x171.

Dated: January 27, 2006.

Gordon J. Helm,

Acting Director, Office of Constituent Services, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive Patent License to the National Center for Composite Systems Technology

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with 37 CFR 404 *et seq.*, the Department of the Army hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to The National Center for Composite Systems Technology, a corporation having its principle place of business at 2000 Composite Drive, Kettering, OH 45420, an exclusive relative to U.S. Army Research Laboratory (ARL) patent US 6,881,374 entitled, "Apparatus for Induction Lamination of Electrically Conductive Fiber-Reinforced Thermoplastic"; April 19, 2005, Gerhard *et al.*

DATES: Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license must file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any, not later than 15 days from the date of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Send written objections to Michael D. Rausa, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Office of Research and Technology Applications, ATTN: AMSRD-ARL-DP-T/Bldg. 434, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005-5425.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael D. Rausa, telephone (410) 278-5028.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Brenda S. Bowen,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Halligan-Seaman Water Management Project in Northeastern Colorado

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the direct, indirect and cumulative effects of two water supply projects being proposed collectively as the Halligan-Seaman Water Management Project. Construction of the proposed Project(s) will result in temporary and permanent impacts to jurisdictional waters of the United States, thereby requiring Clean Water Act Section 404 permits. The Cities of Fort Collins and Greeley (Cities), and six other water providers (Participants), have proposed the Project(s) to provide drought protection of existing and future water demands, more efficiency in managing Participants' existing or future water rights, some operational redundancy, and possibly environmental benefits. Construction of the proposed Project(s) involves enlargement of two existing reservoirs: Halligan Reservoir and Milton Seamen Reservoir (Seaman Reservoir), resulting in approximately 88,592 acre-feet of additional storage capacity in the Cache la Poudre River Basin. The Halligan-Seaman Water Management Project would be a non-federal project constructed, owned and operated by the Cities and/or Participants.

DATES: Scoping meetings will be held:

1. February 23, 2006, 4 to 8 p.m., Livermore, CO.
2. February 27, 2006, 4 to 8 p.m., Fort Collins, CO.
3. February 28, 2006, 4 to 8 p.m., Greeley, CO.

ADDRESSES: The scoping meeting locations are:

1. February 23, 2006, at The Livermore Community Church, 160 Red Feather Lakes, Livermore, CO.
2. February 27, 2006, at the Lincoln Center, Canyon Room, 417 West Magnolia Street, Fort Collins, CO.
3. February 28, 2006, at the Bunk House at Island Grove, 501 North 14th Avenue, Greeley, CO.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions and comments regarding the proposed action and EIS should be addressed to Chandler Peter, Project

Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 2232 Dell Range Blvd., Suite 210, Cheyenne, WY 82009; (307) 772-2300 chandler.j.peter@usace.army.mil. For special needs (visual or hearing impaired, Spanish Translator, etc.) requests during scoping meetings, please call Chandler Peter by February 15, 2006.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The COE will be conducting public scoping meetings at three locations (See **DATES** and **ADDRESSES**) to describe the Project(s), the NEPA compliance process, and to solicit input on the issues and alternatives to be evaluated, and other related matters. Written comments for scoping will be accepted, until March 17, 2006. The COE has prepared a Scoping Document to familiarize other agencies, the public and interested organizations with the proposed Project(s) and potential environmental issues that may be involved. Copies of the Scoping Document will be available at the public Scoping Meetings or can be requested by mail.

The Participants are composed of water providers in the region and include three water districts collectively known as the Tri-District including North Weld County Water District, Fort Collins-Loveland Water District, and East Larimer County Water District, the City of Evans, the North Poudre Irrigation Company, and the Water Supply and Storage Company.

The Cities have proposed a preferred configuration of the Project(s) which involves the construction of new, larger dams immediately downstream of the existing Halligan and Seaman dams. Water stored in the expanded reservoirs will address needs associated with municipal and industrial water demands as well as some agricultural demands. Preliminary analyses by the Cities indicate that the enlarged reservoirs will fill primarily during the summer and fall months from North Fork Poudre River flows. Seaman Reservoir will also fill via a pump station on the Poudre River mainstem near the dam site. Small releases are proposed throughout the year on a periodic basis to maximize operational efficiency. The cities anticipate that both reservoirs are expected to remain mostly full except during drought periods.

The EIS will be prepared according to the COE's procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c), and consistent with the COE's policy to facilitate public understanding and review of agency

proposals. As part of the EIS process, a full range of reasonable alternatives include the proposed Project and no action will be evaluated.

The COE has invited the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Forest Service, Colorado Division of Wildlife, Larimer County, and Weld County to be cooperating agencies in the formulation of the EIS.

Chandler J. Peter,

Project Manager, Regulatory Branch.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Publication of State Plan Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act

AGENCY: U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to sections 254(a)(11)(A) and 255(b) of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), Public Law 107-252, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) hereby causes to be published in the **Federal Register** material changes to the HAVA State plan previously submitted by West Virginia.

DATES: This notice is effective upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bryan Whitener, Telephone 202-566-3100 or 1-866-747-1471 (toll-free).

Submit Comments: Any comments regarding the plan published herewith should be made in writing to the chief election official of the individual State at the address listed below.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 24, 2004, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission published in the **Federal Register** the original HAVA State plans filed by the fifty States, the District of Columbia and the Territories of American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. 69 FR 14002. HAVA anticipated that States, Territories and the District of Columbia would change or update their plans from time to time pursuant to HAVA section 254(a)(11) through (13). HAVA sections 254(a)(11)(A) and 255 require EAC to publish such updates. EAC has not previously published an update to the West Virginia State plan in the **Federal Register**.

The submission from West Virginia addresses material changes in the administration of its previously submitted State plan and, in accordance with HAVA section 254(a)(12), provides information on how the State succeeded in carrying out the previous State plan. The current submission from West Virginia addresses a material change to the attachments of their previously submitted State plan, including a Request for Proposal to explain the voting system vendor selection process. The amendment also includes the State

Rules passed by the West Virginia State Legislature in relation to the loan fund provided by the State Election Commission for the purchase of voting equipment, software and services by counties.

Upon the expiration of thirty days from February 1, 2006, West Virginia will be eligible to implement the material changes addressed in the plan that is published herein, in accordance with HAVA section 254(a)(11)(C).

EAC notes that the plan published herein has already met the notice and comment requirements of HAVA section 256, as required by HAVA section 254(a)(11)(B). EAC wishes to acknowledge the effort that went into revising the State plan and encourages further public comment, in writing, to the State election official listed below.

Chief State Election Officials

West Virginia

The Honorable Betty Ireland, Secretary of State, Bldg. 1, Suite 157-K, 1900 Kanawha Blvd., East Charleston, WV 25305-0770, Phone: 866-SOS-VOTE, Fax: 304-558-0900, E-mail: elections@wvsos.com.

Thank you for your interest in improving the voting process in America.

Dated: January 6, 2006.

Paul S. DeGregorio,
Chairman, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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