

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS).

SUMMARY

Proposed Action

The mission of the United States Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) is to protect society by confining offenders in the controlled environments of prison and community-based facilities that are safe, humane, cost-efficient, and appropriately secure, and that provide work and other self-improvement opportunities to assist offenders in becoming law-abiding citizens. The Bureau accomplishes its mission through the appropriate use of community correction, detention, and correctional facilities that are either: Federally-owned and operated; Federally-owned and non-Federally operated; and non-Federally owned and operated.

The Bureau is facing a period of unprecedented growth in its inmate population. Projections show the federal inmate population increasing from approximately 120,000 inmates to 205,000 inmates by 2007. As such, the demand for bedspace within the federal prison system will continue to grow at a significant rate. To accommodate a portion of the growing inmate population, the Bureau has determined that an additional medium-security Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) or a high-security United States Penitentiary (USP) is needed in its system. Therefore, the Bureau is proposing to build and operate a medium-security FCI or high-security USP, with an adjacent minimum-security satellite camp, in Fresno County, California. The main medium-security facility would provide habitation for approximately 1,200 inmates, and a high-security USP would provide habitation for approximately 1,000 inmates. An additional 150–300 inmates will be housed (at the USP or FCI) in an adjacent minimum-security satellite camp.

Several sites in Fresno County, California have been offered to the Bureau for consideration in developing a medium-security FCI or high-security USP and satellite camp. The Bureau has preliminarily evaluated these sites and determined that the prospective sites appear to be of sufficient size to provide space for housing, programs, administrative services and other support facilities associated with the correctional facility. The DEIS to be prepared by the Bureau will analyze the potential impacts of correctional facility

construction and operation at these sites.

The Process

In the process of evaluating the sites, several aspects will receive detailed examination including, but are not limited to: topography, geology/soils, hydrology, biological resources, utility services, transportation services, cultural resources, land uses, socio-economics, hazardous materials, air and noise quality, among others.

Alternatives

In developing the DEIS, the options of “no action” and “alternative sites” for the proposed facility will be fully and thoroughly examined.

Scoping Process

During the preparation of the DEIS, there will be opportunities for public involvement in order to determine the issues to be examined. A public Scoping Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 13, 2000 at the Victor P. Lopez Rural Development Job Training Center located at 1705 Anchor Avenue, Orange Cove, California. There will also be a public Scoping Meeting held at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 14, 2000, at the Mendota High School, located at 1200 Belmont Avenue in Mendota, California. The meeting locations, date, and time will be well publicized and has been arranged to allow for the public as well as interested agencies and organizations to attend. The meetings are being held to allow interested persons to formally express their views on the scope and significant issues to be studied as part of the DEIS process. The Scoping Meeting is being held to provide for timely public comments and understanding of federal plans and programs with possible environmental consequences as required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. In addition, public information meetings will continue to be held in Fresno County by representatives of the Bureau with interested citizens, elected officials, and community leaders.

DEIS Preparation

Public notice will be given concerning the availability of the DEIS for public review and comment.

Addresses:

Questions concerning the proposed action and the DEIS may be directed to: David J. Dorworth, Chief, Site Selection and Environmental Review Branch, Federal Bureau of Prisons, 320 First Street, NW., Washington, DC 20534,

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy; Meeting Notice

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463 as amended), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Steering Subcommittee of the Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy.

Date, time and place: June 15, 2000, 10 am, U.S. Department of Labor, N–3437 C&D, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20210.

Purpose: The meeting will include a review and discussion of current issues which influence U.S. trade policy. Potential U.S. negotiating objectives and bargaining positions in current and anticipated trade negotiations will be discussed. Pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2155(f) it has been determined that the meeting will be concerned with matters the disclosure of which would seriously compromise the Government's negotiating objectives or bargaining positions. Accordingly, the meeting will be closed to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jorge Perez-Lopez, Director, Office of International Economic Affairs, Phone: (202) 219–7597.

Signed at Washington, DC this 15th day of May 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Workforce Investment Act: Indian and Native American Programs Under Section 166

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of proposed data collection.