

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers****Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Millington and Vicinity, Tennessee**

**AGENCY:** Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Millington, Tennessee and Vicinity Feasibility Study will be conducted to analyze problems being experienced in the Big Creek drainage basin and evaluate alternatives to provide plans for ecosystem restoration, flood damage reduction, and recreation. National Ecosystem Restoration (NER) benefits will be evaluated with respect to the net change in habitat quantity and/or quality and expressed quantitatively in physical units and indices, but not monetary units. If justified, the feasibility study and EIS will recommend a plan.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR COMMENT**

**CONTACT:** Mr. Danny Ward, telephone (901) 544-0709, CEMVM-PM-E, 167 N. Main, Room B-202, Memphis, TN 38103, email—[daniel.d.ward@mvm02.usace.army.mil](mailto:daniel.d.ward@mvm02.usace.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The United States House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure adopted a resolution on March 7, 1996, authorizing that\* \* \*

“The Secretary of the Army review the report of the Chief of Engineers on the Wolf River and Tributaries, Tennessee and Mississippi, published as House Document Numbered 76, Eighty-fifth Congress, and other pertinent reports, to determine whether any modifications of the recommendations contained therein are advisable at this time, with particular reference to the need for improvements for flood control, environmental restoration, water quality, and related purposes associated with storm water runoff and management in the metropolitan Memphis, Tennessee area and tributary basins including Shelby, Tipton, and Fayette Counties, Tennessee, and DeSoto and Marshall Counties, Mississippi. This area includes the Hatchie River, Loosahatchie River, Wolf River, Nonconnah Creek, Horn Lake Creek, and Coldwater River Basins. The review shall evaluate the effectiveness of existing Federal and non-Federal improvements, and determine the need for additional improvements to prevent flooding from storm water, to restore environmental resources, and to improve the quality of water entering the Mississippi River and its tributaries.”

Big Creek, a tributary of the Loosahatchie River, is located north of the City of Memphis in Shelby and

Tipton Counties, Tennessee. Metropolitan areas within the watershed include the cities of Millington, Munford, and Atoka. The entire reach of Big Creek within Shelby County has been channelized and is referred to as the Big Creek Drainage Canal. Habitat in Big Creek is limited due to channel alteration, incision of the channel bottom, bank erosion, high urbanization rates, and an altered hydraulic regime. Most of the historical habitat in the watershed has been cleared for agricultural or development purposes. Additionally, water quality is a major problem in the study area. Big Creek, from its mouth to Crooked Creek, is listed on the Clean Water Act 303(d) list of impaired waterways by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC). TDEC determined that this waterway is a high priority for development of the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). The identified water pollutants are organic enrichment/DO, siltation, nutrients, and pathogens. The sources of these water quality problems were identified as landfills, channelization, and agricultural and urban runoff.

Heavy rainfalls, totaling over 10 inches in November 2001, caused temporary road closures in the Big Creek drainage basin and a 21-foot rise and fall of the creek's water surface elevation within 48 hours. Estimates indicate that the rainfall event approximated a 50-year storm. This flash flood type scenario is not uncommon to the drainage basin, yet its impact eventually affects the overall stability of the drainage system and adjoining infrastructure.

**Reasonable Alternatives**

There is a limited amount of flood damages that occur in the basin based upon recent economic and hydraulic data. Therefore, the feasibility study will focus on ecosystem restoration alternatives. Likely restoration features include but are not limited to constructing main channel stabilization weirs in Big Creek that will prevent further channel bed incision and lateral bank erosion and restore the bottom grade of the creek that will provide aquatic habitat, constructing stabilization weirs on tributaries, constructing bioengineered channel improvements that will likely involve lateral stone toe protection with live plantings, restoring historical meanders of Big Creek, and restoring riparian buffer strips and wildlife corridors. Additional items to be analyzed include the development of recreational features on project lands. Incidental flood

damage reduction benefits will also be quantified.

**The Corps Scoping Process**

A NEPA Scoping Notice was disseminated on 26 January 2004 and a public scoping meeting was held on 12 February 2004. Significant issues raised from the Corps' scoping process that will be analyzed in the EIS are lack of aquatic habitat, loss of riparian zones, excessive erosion, poor water quality, increased development, wetland losses, greenways, flash flooding, cultural resources, and a lack of recreational opportunities. Comments are being used in the development of project features. However, additional comments concerning the feasibility study will be accepted.

Comments to this Notice of Intent are requested by 9 July 2007 at the above address. It is anticipated that the DEIS will be available for public review in January 2007.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers****Intent to Prepare a Supplement to the Final Environmental Statement for the Area VI (Elm Fork of the North Fork of the Red River) Portion of the Red River Chloride Control Project, Texas and Oklahoma**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of the Supplement to the Final Environmental Statement (SFES) is to address alternatives and modifications to the authorized plan for chloride control at Area VI on the Elm Fork of the North Fork of the Red River, OK.

**ADDRESSES:** Questions or comments concerning the proposed action should be addressed to Mr. Stephen L. Nolen, Chief, Environmental Analysis and Compliance Branch, Tulsa District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, CESWT-PE-E, 1645 S. 101st E. Ave, Tulsa, OK 74128-4629.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Stephen L. Nolen, (918) 669-7660, fax: (918) 669-7546, e-mail: [Stephen.L.Nolen@usace.army.mil](mailto:Stephen.L.Nolen@usace.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Area VI portion was authorized as part of a

larger chloride control project by the Flood Control Act of 1966, approved November 7, 1966, (Pub. L. 89-789), SD 110; as modified by the Flood Control Act approved December 31, 1970, (Pub. L. 91-611); as amended by the Water Resources Development Acts of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-251) and 1976 (Pub. L. 94-587). Section 1107 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 amended the above authorization to separate the overall project into the Arkansas River Basin and the Red River Basin and authorized the Red River Basin for construction subject to a favorable report by a review panel on the performance of Area VIII. The review panel submitted a favorable report to the Public Works Committee of the House and Senate in August 1988 indicating that Area VIII was performing as designed. The portion of the authorized project on the Elm Fork of the North Fork of the Red River in southwestern Oklahoma consists of Area VI. The authorized plan consisted of collection of brines emitted from three box canyons flowing to the Elm Fork of the North Fork of the Red River and transport of these brines via pipeline to a brine storage surface impoundment.

Reasonable alternatives to be considered include various combinations of plans for deep well injection, collection facilities, size and locations of brine storage surface impoundment(s), pipeline sizes and routes, and no action.

Significant issues to be addressed in the SFES include: (1) Hydrological, biological, and water quality issues concerning fish, aquatic invertebrates, algae, aquatic macrophytes, wetland/riparian ecosystem of the Elm Fork of the North Fork and North Fork of the Red River, and Red River above Lake Texoma to the confluence of the North Fork of the Red River; (2) a Lake Texoma component including chloride/turbidity relationships, chloride/fish reproduction issues, chloride/plankton community issues, chloride/nutrient dynamic issues, and associated impacts on lake sport fishes and recreation; (3) a selenium (Se) component addressing Se concentrations and impacts on biota; (4) cumulative effects related to portions of the Red River Chloride Control Project (RRCCP) already constructed and those approved for construction in the Wichita River Basin of Texas; (5) habitat mitigation issues; (6) Section 401 water quality issues; (7) impacts on the commercial bait fishery of the upper Red River; (8) Federally-listed threatened and endangered species; (9) cultural resources; and (10) unquantifiable/undefined impacts.

Scoping meetings for the project are anticipated to be conducted in late summer, 2006. News releases informing the public and local, state, and Federal agencies of the proposed action will be published in local newspapers. Comments received as a result of this notice and the news releases will be used to assist the Tulsa District in identifying potential impacts to the quality of the human or natural environment. Affected Federal, State, or local agencies, affected Indian tribes, and other interested private organizations and parties may participate in the scoping process by forwarding written comments to (see **ADDRESSES**) or attending the scoping meetings.

The draft SFES is expected to be available for public review and comment sometime in 2009. In order to be considered, any comments and suggestions should be forwarded to (see **ADDRESSES**) in accordance with dates specified upon release of the draft SFES.

Dated: May 30, 2006.

**Miroslav P. Kurka,**

*Colonel, U.S. Army, District Engineer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Inland Waterways Users Board

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

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

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

*Name of Committee:* Inland Waterways Users Board (Board).

*Date:* July 13, 2006.

*Location:* JR's Executive Inn, One Executive Blvd., Paducah, Kentucky 42001, (270-443-8000).

*Time:* Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting is scheduled to adjourn at 1 p.m.

*Agenda:* The Board will hear briefings on the status of both the funding for inland navigation projects and studies, and the Inland Waterways Trust Fund, and be provided updates of various inland waterways projects.

*For Further Information Contact:* Mr. Mark R. Pinton, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, CECW-MVD, 441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20314-1000; Ph: 202-761-4258.

*Supplementary Information:* The meeting is open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements

with the committee at the time and in the manner permitted by the committee.

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*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, 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 August 14, 2006.

**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 IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, 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