

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (the "Corporation"), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirement on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, the Corporation is soliciting comments concerning its AmeriCorps Application Instructions: National Direct, National Direct Education Award Program, National Professional Corps, Indian Tribes, and National Planning. These application instructions are used by current and prospective grantees to apply for funds for these programs.

Copies of the information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed in the address section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the individual and office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section by December 19, 2006.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by the title of the information collection activity, by any of the following methods:

(1) *By mail sent to:* Corporation for National and Community Service, AmeriCorps State and National, Amy Borgstrom, Associate Director for Policy, 1201 New York Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20525.

(2) *By hand delivery or by courier to:* the Corporation's mailroom at Room 8100 at the mail address given in paragraph (1) above, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

(3) *By fax to:* (202) 606-3476, Attention Amy Borgstrom, Associate Director for Policy.

(4) *Electronically through the Corporation's e-mail address system:* aborgstrom@cns.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Borgstrom, (202) 606-6930 or by e-mail at aborgstrom@cns.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Corporation is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary

for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are expected to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses).

Background: AmeriCorps grants are generally awarded to eligible organizations to recruit, train, and manage AmeriCorps members who address unmet community needs. AmeriCorps members are individuals who engage in community service. Members may receive a living allowance during their term of service. Upon successful completion of their service members receive an education award from the National Service Trust.

Roughly one quarter of all AmeriCorps grant funding goes to National grantees, which operate in more than one state. The AmeriCorps Application Instructions: National Direct, National Direct Education Award Program, National Professional Corps, Indian Tribes, and National Planning are used by applicants interested in these programs. The application is completed electronically using eGrants, the Corporation's web-based grants management system.

Current Action: The Corporation seeks to separate the current application instructions into two separate sets of instructions in order to increase clarity and ease of use. The application will be used in the same manner as the existing application. The Corporation also seeks to continue using the current application instructions until the revised application instructions are approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The current application instructions are due to expire on April 30, 2009.

Type of Review: New.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: AmeriCorps Application Instructions: National Direct, National Direct Education Award Program, National Professional Corps, Indian Tribes, and National Planning.

OMB Number: Were included in 3045-0047.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: Non-profit institutions.

Total Respondents: 500.

Frequency: Annually.

Average Time per Response: 24 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 12,000 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.

Comments submitted in response to this Notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection request; they will become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 1, 2006.

Kristin McSwain,

Director, AmeriCorps State and National.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Notice of Sunshine Act Meeting

The National Civilian Community Corps Advisory Board gives notice of the following meeting:

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, November 1, 2006, 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

PLACE: Lobby Conference Room, Corporation for National and Community Service Headquarters, 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20525.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The purpose of the meeting is to update Advisory Board members on program activities, including the NCCC's past and current efforts in the New Orleans and Gulf Coast areas. The Board will also discuss strategies concerning the NCCC's future campus structure, and operational activities for the upcoming classes, including a major mobilization in the Gulf Coast.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Anyone who needs an interpreter or other accommodation should notify the Corporation's contact person by 5 p.m. Friday, October 27, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erma Hodge, NCCC, Corporation for National and Community Service, 10th Floor, Room 10404A, 1201 New York Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20525. Phone (202) 606-6696. Fax (202) 606-3462. TDD: (202) 606-3472. E-mail: ehodge@cns.gov.

Dated: October 17, 2006.

Frank R. Trinity,

General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and the Announcement of a Public Hearing for the Proposed Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan Phosphate Mine Continuation Near Aurora, in Beaufort County, NC

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), Wilmington District, Regulatory Division has been reviewing the request for Department of the Army authorization, pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbor Act, from Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan Phosphate Division (PCS) for the continuation of its phosphate mining operation near Aurora, Beaufort County, NC. PCS proposes to expand its existing open pit phosphate mining operation into a 3,412 acre tract immediately adjacent to the current mine. This expansion would impact 2,408 acres of waters of the U.S. including wetlands adjacent to the Pamlico River and South Creek.

DATES: A Public Hearing will be held at Southside High School located at 5700 Highway 33 East, Chocowinity, Beaufort County, NC on December 14, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. Written comments on the Draft EIS will be received until January 22, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Copies of comments and questions regarding the Draft EIS may be addressed to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District, Regulatory Division. *Attn:* File Number 2001-10096, Post Office Box 1890, Wilmington, NC 28402-1890. Copies of the Draft EIS can be reviewed on the Wilmington District Regulatory homepage at, <http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/wetlands/regtour.htm>, or contact Ms. Alex Phodes at (910) 251-4633, to receive written or CD copies of the Draft EIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the proposed action and DEIS can be directed to Mr. Tom Walker, Project Manager, Regulatory

Division, telephone: (828) 271-7980 extension 222.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Project Description.* The PCS Phosphate, Inc. Aurora (PCS) facility includes an open pit mining operation that supplies phosphate ore to its onsite manufacturing facilities producing sulfuric acid, phosphoric acid, purified acid, liquid fertilizer, superphosphoric acid, diammonium phosphate, defluorinated phosphate, animal feed and solid fertilizers. Phosphate mining activities began at this site in 1965. On August 27, 1997, PCS was issued a Department of the Army permit to impact 1,268 acres of waters and wetlands to continue its mining operation into the current mine area. This action is more fully described in the August, 1996 Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Texasgulf Inc. Mine Continuation. PCS is nearing the end of the current mining area and is seeking to continue its mining operation into an adjacent 3,608 acre tract.

2. *Proposed Action.* On November 2, 2000, PCS applied for Department of the Army authorization pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act to continue its phosphate mining operation on the Hickory Point peninsula adjacent the Pamlico River and South Creek once reserves are depleted under the existing permitted area. The applicant's stated purpose and need for this project is to continue mining its phosphate reserve in an economically viable fashion. More specifically, the applicant's stated purpose and need is to implement a long-term systematic and cost-effective mine advance within the project area for the ongoing PCS mine operation at Aurora, NC.

The Corps circulated a Public Notice describing this application on January 2, 2001 (Action ID No. 200110096). PCS elected to further reduce proposed impacts to waters of the U.S. in response to comments on this Public Notice and submitted a revised permit application on August 13, 2001. The Corps circulated a second Public Notice on October 4, 2001, describing the revised application. The proposed action includes a request for authorization to impact approximately 2,408 acres of waters of the U.S. including wetlands to continue the mine advance into a 3,412 acre area located adjacent the Pamlico River and several of its tributaries. Waters and wetlands in the proposed impact area are more specifically described in the following table:

Proposed Impacts	Acres
1. Creeks/Open Water	11
2. Brackish Marsh Complex	38
3. Bottomland Hardwood Forest	102
4. Herbaceous Assemblage	253
5. Scrub-Shrub Assemblage	202
6. Pine Plantation	514
7. Hardwood Forest	508
8. Mixed Pine-Hardwood Forest	564
9. Pine Forest	195
10. Ponds	19
Total	2,408

4. *Alternatives.* Several alternatives have been identified and evaluated through the scoping process, and further detailed description of all alternatives is disclosed in Section 2 of the Draft EIS. The applicant's preferred alternatives is to continue its mining activity into a 3,412 acre tract located immediately adjacent to the present mine.

5. *Scoping Process.* A public scoping meeting was held on February 28, 2001 and an interdisciplinary Review Team (Review Team) comprised of representatives from other state and federal regulatory and commenting agencies, environmental advocacy groups, the applicant, and CZR Incorporated (CZR) (third party consultant to the Corps in accordance with RGL-05-08). The Review Team was formed to identify major issues to be addressed in the EIS and to provide input on potential alternatives to be explored and potentially evaluated. As appropriate, the COE will initiate consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under the Endangered Species Act and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, and with the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Magnuson-Stevens Act and Endangered Species Act. The Corps is coordinating with the North Carolina Division of Water Quality (NCDWQ) to ensure the Draft EIS has assessed the potential water quality impacts pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act and with the North Carolina Division of Coastal Management (NCDQM) to determine the project's consistency with the Coastal Zone Management Act. The Corps is also coordinating with the NCDQM and NCDWQ in the development of the EIS to ensure the process complies with State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requirements, as well as the NEPA requirements. The Draft EIS has been designed to consolidate both NEPA and SEPA processes to eliminate duplications.