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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

#### **Withdrawal of Preparation of Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Anacostia River and Tributaries, District of Columbia and Maryland, Northwest Branch Watershed, Montgomery County, Maryland, Draft Ecosystem Restoration Report and Integrated Environmental Assessment**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, is withdrawing its intent to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for environmental restoration in the Northwest Branch watershed, Montgomery County, Maryland. The Corps' environmental analyses have not identified any significant impacts associated with the proposed action, therefore, intent to prepare a DEIS is hereby terminated. The Corps is preparing a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed environmental restoration. The draft EA will evaluate environmental effects of restoring riverine, wetland, and riparian habitat at eleven sites in the Northwest Branch watershed. Montgomery County and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission are the cost-sharing partners and are participating in the feasibility study and draft EA development. The goal of this project is to provide site-specific restoration measures to enhance, preserve, and restore portions of the watershed that have been degraded by urban development pressures. Formulation of the restoration measures focuses on examining existing conditions and determining the feasibility of restoring portions of degraded ecosystem structure, function, and dynamic processes to a less degraded condition.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions about the termination of the DEIS can be addressed to Ms. Nancy Jedziniak, Study Manager, Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CENAB-PL-P, P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1715, telephone (410) 962-2926. E-mail

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A DEIS was in the process of being prepared by the Corps. During the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, it became apparent that the set of alternatives chosen as the final restoration plan did not produce any significant, long-term, or adverse impacts to the environment or its surroundings. Therefore, the DEIS process has been terminated. A draft ecosystem restoration report and draft EA have been prepared, and will be available for public review and comment in March 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

#### **Withdrawal of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Upper North Branch Potomac Environmental Resources Study Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District (Corps), is withdrawing its intent to prepare a DEIS for environmental restoration in the Upper North Branch Potomac watershed, Garrett County, Maryland, and portions of Grant and Mineral Counties, West Virginia. The Corps' environmental analyses have not identified any significant impacts associated with the proposed action, therefore, intent to prepare a DEIS is hereby terminated. The Corps is preparing a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed environmental restoration. The draft EA will evaluate environmental effects of restoring riverine, wetland, and riparian habitat at three sites in the Upper North Branch Potomac watershed. The Maryland Department of the Environment is the cost-sharing partner and is participating in the Environmental Restoration Report and draft EA development. The West Virginia sponsors have decided to withdraw from the study at this time. The goal of this project is to provide site

specific restoration measures to enhance, preserve, and restore portions of the watershed that have been degraded by abandoned mine lands. Formulation of the restoration measures focuses on examining existing conditions and determining the feasibility of restoring portions of degraded ecosystem structure, function, and dynamic processes to a less degraded condition.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions about the termination of the DEIS can be addressed to Mr. Peter Noy, Study Manager, Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CENAB-PL-P, PO Box 1715, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1715, telephone (410) 962-6100. E-mail address: peter.m.noy@usace.army.mil.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A DEIS was in the process of being prepared by the Corps. During the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, it became apparent that the set of alternatives chosen as the final restoration plan for the sites within Maryland did not produce any significant, long-term, or adverse impacts to the environment or its surroundings. Therefore, the DEIS process has been terminated. A draft feasibility report and draft EA have been prepared, and will be available for public review and comment.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 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 June 19, 2000.

**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