

of the Secretary of the General Staff (MASG), 646 Swift Road, West Point, NY 10996-1905 or faxed to the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at (845) 938-3214. Written statements must be received no later than five working days prior to the next meeting in order to provide time for member consideration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Committee's Designated Federal Officer or Point of Contact is Ms. Deadra Ghostlaw, (845) 938-4200, [Deadra.Ghostlaw@us.army.mil](mailto:Deadra.Ghostlaw@us.army.mil).

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Notice of Intent To Grant Partially Exclusive License of the United States Patent No. 7,824,569 B2, Issued November 2, 2010 Entitled: Soluble Salt Produced From a Biopolymer and a Process for Producing the Salt

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i), announcement is made of a prospective partially exclusive license of the following U.S. Patent Application 12/243,084 Filed October 01, 2008 to Green and Grow, LLC for use of the biopolymer product as a natural soil amendment and seed coating that promotes more efficient growth of crops and vegetation.

**DATES:** Written objections must be filed not later than 15 days following publication of this announcement.

**ADDRESSES:** United States Army Engineer Research and Development Center, Attn: CEERD-OT (Ms. Bea Shahin), 2902 Newmark Drive, Champaign, IL 61822-1076.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Bea Shahin (217) 373-7234, FAX (217) 373-7210, email [Bea.S.Shahin@usace.army.mil](mailto:Bea.S.Shahin@usace.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This patent application claims a method by which a biologically-natural material can be produced in bioreactors and transformed for use as a dry solid. The resulting biopolymer material can be used in place of synthetic, petroleum-based polymers for soil amendment applications to achieve increased soil strength, reduced air transport, and

decreased soil erosion. During processing, the biopolymer also can be functionalized to improve its adsorption of heavy metals.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Proposed Reductions in Levels of Service at Locks and Dams on the Ouachita and Black Rivers

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** It is proposed that the hours of availability at Jonesville and Columbia Locks on the Ouachita and Black Rivers will be reduced from the current schedule of 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year to 18 hours per day, separated into two 9 hour periods, 5 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 5 p.m. to 2 a.m., 7 days per week, 365 days per year. It is also proposed that the hours of availability at Felsenthal and H.K. Thatcher Locks on the Ouachita and Black Rivers will be reduced from the current schedule of 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year to 16 hours per day, separated into two 8 hour periods, 5 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 5 p.m. to 1 a.m., 7 days per week, 365 days per year. Constrained funding and fiscal deficit have led to reduced operation and maintenance funding on the Ouachita/Black Waterway. The intended effect is to provide lock availability that matches existing lock usage and to help ensure that minimal dredging needs will be met. Pool levels will not be affected by change of operating hours.

**DATES:** Proposed implementation date is July 29, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to Mr. James V. Ross, Chief, Operations Division, Vicksburg District, US Army Corps of Engineers, 4155 Clay Street, Vicksburg, MS 39183, or deliver them to Mr. Ross between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at the address above. Comments received and other materials relevant to the proposed reduction in hours of lock availability will be posted on the Vicksburg District Web site, <http://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Michael Kidby at the Corps of Engineers

Headquarters in Washington, DC, by phone at 202-761-0250.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The legal authority for the regulation governing the use, administration, and navigation of the Ouachita and Black Rivers and Locks is Section 4 of the River and Harbor Act of August 18, 1894 (28 Stat. 362), as amended, which is codified at 33 U.S.C. Section 1. This statute requires the Secretary of the Army to "prescribe such regulations for the use, administration, and navigation of the navigable waters of the United States" as the Secretary determines may be required by public necessity. Reference 33 CFR Part 207.249, Ouachita and Black Rivers, Ark. and La., Mile 0.0 to Mile 338.0 (Camden, Ark.) above the mouth of the Black River; the Red River, La., Mile 6.7 (Junction of Red, Atchafalaya and Old Rivers) to Mile 276.0 (Shreveport, La.); use, administration, and navigation.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Submission for OMB Review; Office of Communications and Outreach; Presidential Scholars Program Application

**SUMMARY:** The United States Presidential Scholars Program is a national recognition program to honor outstanding graduating high school seniors. Candidates are invited to apply based on academic achievements on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Testing (ACT) assessments, or on artistic merits based on participation in a national talent search.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 25, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or mailed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 04813. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should