

Competitiveness Policy Council announces a forthcoming meeting.

**DATES:** September 14; 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 11, Washington, D.C. 20510.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Howard Rosen, Executive Director, Competitiveness Policy Council, Suite 300, 1726 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, 632-1307.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Competitiveness Policy Council (CPC) was established by the Competitiveness Policy Council Act, as contained in the Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988, Public Law 100-418, sections 5201-5210, as amended by the Customs and Trade Act of 1990, Public Law 101-382, section 133. The CPC is composed of 12 members and is to advise the President and Congress on matters concerning competitiveness of the US economy. The Council's chairman, Dr. C. Fred Bergsten, will chair the meeting.

The meeting will be open to the public subject to the seating capacity of the room. Visitors will be requested to sign a visitor's register.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Agenda:* The Council will discuss its annual report and consider additional business as suggested by its members.

Dated: September 5, 1995.

**C. Fred Bergsten,**

*Chairman, Competitiveness Policy Council.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Public Information Collection Requirement Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review**

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paper Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Title and OMB Control Number:* Recreation Research—Use Surveys; OMB Control Number 0710-0002.

*Type of Request:* Expedited Processing—Approval date requested: 30 days following publication in the **Federal Register**.

*Number of Respondents:* 37,500.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 37,500.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 3,000.

*Needs and Uses:* The information collected hereby, will be used to

enhance research efforts directed toward evaluation, as well as increasing cost efficiency of, planning, design, and management of Corps of Engineers projects. It is also used to report visit information to Congress as required by statute.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Mr. Timothy G. Hunt.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Hunt at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

*DOD Clearance Officer:* Mr. William Pearce.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Pearce, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: September 6, 1995.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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**Office of the Secretary**

**Meeting of the Semiconductor Technology Council; Notice**

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of PL 92-463, the "Federal Advisory Committee Act," notice is hereby given that the Semiconductor Technology Council will hold its third meeting. The Council's mission is to: Link industry and national security needs to opportunities for cooperative investments, foster pre-competitive cooperation among industry, government and academia, recommend opportunities for new R&D efforts and potential to rationalize and align on-going industry and government investments. Part of the meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and pursuant to the appropriate provisions of Section 552b(c) (3) and (4), Title 5, U.S.C. There will be an open section from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. for a discussion of MicroElectroMechanical Systems (MEMS) technology. Advanced registration is required for this session.

**DATES:** September 18, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** 1300 N. 17th St., Suite 1450, Arlington, VA 22209.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Lance Glasser, Director, ARPA/ETO, 3701 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203-1714; telephone: 703/696-2213.

Dated: September 6, 1995.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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**Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers**

**Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed McDonald Gold Project, Lincoln, MT**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed action is an open-pit mining operation with ore processed by heap leaching, and gold and silver recovered by carbon adsorption. The project would be located in Lewis and Clark County, approximately 8 miles east of Lincoln, Montana. The project area covers 5,400 acres above the confluence of the Landers Fork with the Blackfoot River. The majority of the gold deposit lies on state land in Section 6, T14N, R7W. Major facilities would include rock piles, heap leach pads, solution ponds, processing equipment, and auxiliary buildings. Two miles of Montana Highway 200 would be relocated 1,200 feet to the south. A project life of 25 years, from construction to reclamation, is anticipated.

The applicant has determined that 205 million tons of ore can be mined and processed economically at a gold price of \$375/ounce. This will require the removal of 440 million tons of barren rock to uncover the ore, for a total of over 600 million tons of rock to be removed from the open pit. Phelps Dodge Mining Company, the majority partner in the Seven-Up Pete Joint Venture, will be the operator of the proposed mine. Phelps Dodge advocates a commitment to mining in an environmentally responsible manner.

The Seven-Up Pete Joint Venture identified 16 candidate sites for either rock pile or heap leach sites. All sites were within a 4-mile radius of the McDonald gold deposit. The Co-Lead agencies for preparation of the EIS have requested the applicant to consider additional alternative sites, and that some facilities be broken into smaller units (i.e., three 100 million ton waste rock piles instead of one 300 million ton waste rock pile. The Lead Agencies will

also specifically solicit comments from cooperating agencies and the interested public regarding alternatives.

**DATES:** Public Scoping Meeting, October 12, 1995, 7 p.m., Lincoln Community Hall, Lincoln, Montana.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District, Planning Division, 215 North 17th Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68102-4978; Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Hard Rock Bureau, Reclamation Division, 1625 11th Avenue Helena, Montana 59620-1601.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bob Nebel, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, (402) 221-4621, or Jim Robinson, Montana Department of Environmental Quality, (406) 444-4958.

**Gregory D. Showalter,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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### **Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Lower Atchafalaya Basin Reevaluation Study, Louisiana**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** This study proposes to develop recommendable solutions for flood control, navigation, and environmental problems in the Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System and adjacent backwater areas. Alternatives being considered consist of various structural and non-structural measures, and will be compared to the no-action alternative.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Questions regarding the proposed study should be addressed to Mr. Troy Constance, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Planning Division (CELMN-PD-FB), P.O. Box 60267, New Orleans, Louisiana 70160-0267, telephone (504) 862-2742.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 1. *Authority.* The Atchafalaya Basin project was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1928 and subsequently modified by the Acts of 1934, 1936, 1938, 1941, 1946, 1950, and 1954. The United States Senate Report to the 1994 Energy and Water Development Act (PL 103-126), dated 28 October 1993, directed the Corps to use available funds to investigate conditions at Wax Lake Outlet, Bayou Black, and other features and recommend any modifications desirable for flood protection, navigation, and environmental management.

2. *Proposed Action.* Under the proposed action, the existing project will be investigated to identify possible improvements to the navigation, flood control, environmental, and operation and maintenance features of the Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System, Louisiana, project.

3. *Alternatives.* The alternatives being considered include regulating water distribution in the lower floodway between the Lower Atchafalaya River and the Wax Lake Outlet; construction of a barrier around Morgan City, Louisiana, to prevent flooding from river backflooding events, moving the navigation channel from the Lower Atchafalaya River; and channel development in the upper backwater areas to facilitate drainage from rainfall events.

4. *Scoping Process.* a. Public input for scoping will be achieved through the distribution of a widely circulated Scoping Input Request to all segments of the public having an interest in the study/project. In addition, scoping meetings will be held in the vicinity of Plaquemine, Morgan City, and New Iberia, Louisiana, to request submission of views on alternatives, significant resources in the study area, and any other study-related issue considered important. Comments received as a result of this process will be compiled and analyzed, and a Scoping Document summarizing the results will be made available to all respondents.

b. A tentative list of significant resources to be evaluated in the EIS includes: wetlands; navigation facilities; flood control facilities; cultural resources; socio-economic resources; biological resources, including endangered and threatened species; recreational resources, and water quality.

c. The U.S. Department of the Interior will provide a Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Report. Coordination will be maintained with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service concerning endangered species. Coordination will be maintained with the Natural Resources Conservation Service regarding prime and unique farmlands. We will prepare a Section 404(b)(1) evaluation for review by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and other interested parties. Coordination will be maintained with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the State Historic Preservation Officer. The Louisiana Department of Natural Resources will be consulted regarding consistency with the Coastal Zone Management Act. Application will be made to the Louisiana Department of

Environmental Quality for a Water Quality Certificate.

d. A 45-day public review period will be allowed so that all interested agencies, groups, and individuals will have the opportunity to comment on the DEIS.

5. *Availability.* The DEIS is scheduled to be available to the public during the fall of 1998.

**Kenneth H. Clow,**

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

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### **Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Proposed Consolidation of the Finance and Accounting Activities of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to Memphis, TN**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice of availability is for the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) prepared for the consolidation of the finance and accounting activities of Corps' district, division and headquarters offices under the Department of Defense's Centralized Service to Millington Naval Air Station (NAS), Memphis, Tennessee.

The establishment of the USACE Finance Center (UFC) would provide the vehicle to realign existing resources to facilitate the continued development of Corps of Engineers Financial Management System (CEFMS) and deployment to all 60 USACE locations. Over a three year period CEFMS deployment and establishment of the UFC would enable USACE to consolidate the operating finance and accounting functions currently performed in all 60 locations into one site, freeing up about 67% FTE/ Manyears for redistribution or savings. The consistency/standardization of business processes in a CEFMS/single Finance & Accounting operating site would also enhance productivity and quality throughout USACE and provide additional opportunities for redistribution of effort.

The No Action alternative was evaluated and deemed unacceptable because it maintains the present finance and accounting activities at district, division, and headquarters. This alternative would not capitalize on savings which could be realized if the action was implemented. Therefore, the No Action alternative was not considered further.