

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army****Notice of Intent To Prepare Environmental Impact Analyses for Defense Base Realignment and Disposal Actions Resulting From the 1995 Commission's Recommendations**

AGENCY: United States Army, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Correction.

SUMMARY: In previous Federal Register notice (Vol 60, No. 184, pages 49263-49264) Friday, September 22, 1995, make the following correction:

On Page 49264 in column one, paragraph c. in the third line the word "closure" should be deleted. The sites listed for environmental assessment NEPA documentation for real property available for disposal were erroneously listed as "closure" locations. The installations shown are a mixture of closure and realignment installations having real property for disposal.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, see the listing of Public Affairs Office contacts for each installation in the original notice.

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Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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Record of Decision (ROD) for Proposed Deep Draft Dredging at Military Ocean Terminal, Sunny Point, NC

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Military Ocean Terminal, Sunny Point (MOTSU) located along the west bank of the Cape Fear River in southeastern North Carolina, is 25 miles south of Wilmington and 5 miles north of Southport. The recommended improvements consist of dredging to deepen the south and center basins and their entrance channels from 34 feet mean low water (m.l.w.) to 38 feet m.l.w., plus 2 feet of overdepth, and to widen these entrance channels from 300 feet to 400 feet. Also, a portion of the center basin will be widened from 800 to 1,000 feet wide to 1,500 feet wide. Existing permanent navigation facilities require improvements to provide sufficient depth and width to allow the safe passage and maneuvering of modern deep-draft vessels and to permit loading them to their designed capacity and draft. Dredged material disposal will be at the Wilmington Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site or at

existing confined disposal area 4 at MOTSU.

Three alternatives were considered in detail: the proposed improvements to the MOTSU channels and basins, the proposed improvements to the MOTSU channels and basins with mitigation measures to avoid or minimize adverse environmental effects, and the no action alternative. The proposed MOTSU improvement alternatives are only alternatives that will provide MOTSU with the capability to meet current operational requirements. Present and foreseeable national defense needs make the no action alternative unacceptable.

All applicable laws, executive orders, and regulations were considered during development and evaluation of alternative plans. The recommended plan is in full compliance with these requirements.

ADDRESSES: For a copy of the ROD contact District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District, (Attention: Mr. Philip Payonk), P.O. Box 1890, Wilmington, North Carolina 28402-1890. The telephone number is (919) 251-4589.

Dated: October 5, 1995.

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Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health) OASA (I,L&E).

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Department of the Navy**Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Disposal of U.S. Navy Shipboard Solid Waste**

Pursuant to Executive Order 12114 (Environmental Effects Abroad of Major Federal Actions) and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy is announcing its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for disposal of U.S. Navy shipboard solid waste as defined in the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL V) (1973).

The work process will entail the compilation, analysis, and extrapolation of relevant data necessary to investigate specific issues and potential environmental impacts associated with disposal of U.S. Navy shipboard solid waste for Navy vessels operating world wide, with special emphasis given to

the special areas identified under MARPOL V.

The Department of the Navy initially announced its intent to develop a plan for compliance with Regulation 5 of Annex V to the MARPOL Convention in the Federal Register on July 21, 1994. That Federal Register Notice discussed the background issues surrounding shipboard solid waste disposal, the underlying requirements of international conventions and U.S. domestic laws, the requirement to submit a special area compliance plan to Congress by November 1996, and the requirement to ensure public participation in the development of that plan. The Department of the Navy held a public meeting in September 1994 to solicit public comments on preparation of a special area compliance plan.

The Department of the Navy has determined that it is appropriate at this time to evaluate the environmental impacts of alternative methods for disposal of shipboard solid waste identified in the July 21, 1994 Federal Register Notice. The Department of the Navy intends to use the EIS to support recommendations in a report to be submitted to Congress by November 1996. Even though the scope of the geographic area covered in the EIS will be broader than that covered by the special area compliance plan, the EIS and the plan will discuss the same range of alternatives. Consequently, comments received during the EIS scoping process will be considered as comments on the development of the special area compliance plan as well.

The Navy will evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with the following solid waste disposal alternatives for Navy vessels:

- a. Store and/or retrograde all non-food solid waste; discharge food waste overboard in accordance with current restrictions and requirements.
- b. Store and retrograde plastics; discharge food waste overboard in accordance with current restrictions and requirements; pulp or shred and discharge all other solid waste.
- c. Store and retrograde plastics; discharge food waste overboard in accordance with current restrictions and requirements; develop high-tech Thermal Destruction solution (e.g., incineration and plasma arc pyrolysis) for all other solid waste.

- d. No-action: Discharge solid waste overboard in accordance with the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships [33 U.S.C. 1902(c)(3)] and the Navy's Environment and Natural Resources Program Manual [Chief of Naval Operations Instruction 5090.1B], i.e., discharge of non-plastic

solid waste at distances greater than 25 NM from the coast.

Analysis of alternatives will include, at a minimum, the following components:

a. Cause/effect relationship of discharge (by alternative type) within the marine and nearshore environs of all designated special areas and world-wide oceans through direct use and/or extrapolation of available data/information or compiled from review of pertinent scientific literature.

b. Impact on health and morale of ship crews.

c. Impact on operational readiness.

Federal, state, and local agencies, and interested individuals are encouraged to participate in the scoping process for the EIS to determine the range of issues and alternatives to be addressed. Two public scoping meetings to receive oral and written comments will be held: (1) At 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 24, 1995, at Old Colony Inn, 625 First Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; and (2) at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 26, 1995, at Clift Hotel, 495 Geary Street, San Francisco, CA 94102. In the interest of available time, each speaker will be asked to limit oral comments to five (5) minutes. Longer comments should be summarized at the public meeting or mailed to the address listed at the end of this announcement.

All written comments should be submitted no later than 30 November 1995 to Mr. Robert Ostermueller, Planner In Charge (PIC), Northern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 10 Industrial Highway, Mail Stop #82, Lester, PA 19113-2090, telephone (610) 595-0759, fax (610) 595-0778.

Dated: October 6, 1995.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Disposal of The S1C Prototype Reactor Plant

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Naval Reactors (Naval Reactors) announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42

U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508) and the DOE NEPA regulations (10 CFR Part 1021), and to conduct a public scoping meeting. This Environmental Impact Statement will address final disposal of the S1C Prototype reactor plant, located in Windsor, Connecticut. Naval Reactors is preparing this Environmental Impact Statement to focus on the potential for significant environmental impacts and to consider reasonable alternatives.

The preferred alternative is prompt dismantlement of the S1C Prototype reactor plant and disposal of the resulting radioactive waste at a DOE radioactive waste disposal site. Naval Reactors also will evaluate a deferred dismantlement alternative, where the reactor plant would be maintained in protective storage for 30 years to allow most of the radioactivity in the reactor plant to decay before it is dismantled, and the "no action" alternative, where the reactor plant would be maintained in protective storage indefinitely.

Naval Reactors also will examine several other alternatives. These alternatives include permanent on-site entombment or burial, and removal and offsite disposal as a single large reactor compartment package.

Naval Reactors invites interested agencies, organizations, and the general public to submit written comments or suggestions concerning the scope of the issues to be addressed, alternatives to be analyzed, and the environmental impacts to be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The public also is invited to attend a scoping meeting in which oral comments and suggestions will be received. Oral and written comments will be considered equally in preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement. Those not desiring to submit comments or suggestions at this time, but who would like to receive a copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for review when it is issued, should write to Mr. C.G. Overton at the address below. When the Draft Environmental Impact Statement is complete, its availability will be announced in the Federal Register and in the local news media. A public hearing will be held, and comments will be solicited on this document.

DATES: Written comments postmarked by November 6, 1995 will be considered in preparation of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Comments postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Oral and written comments

will be received at a public scoping meeting to be held at the following location and time: Ramada Inn—Bradley, October 18, 1995, 7 p.m.—10 p.m., 5 Ella Grasso Turnpike, Windsor Locks, CT.

The meeting will be chaired by a presiding officer but will not be conducted as an evidentiary hearing; speakers will not be cross examined although the presiding officer and Naval Reactors representatives present may ask clarifying questions. To ensure that everyone has an adequate opportunity to speak, five minutes will be allotted for each speaker. Depending on the number of persons requesting to speak, the presiding officer may allow more time for elected officials, or speakers representing multiple parties, or organizations. Persons wishing to speak on behalf of organizations should identify the organization. Persons wishing to speak may either notify Mr. Overton in writing at the address below or register at the meeting. As time permits, individuals who have spoken subject to the five minute rule will be afforded additional speaking time. Written comments also will be accepted at the meeting.

ADDRESSES: Written comments, suggestions on the scope of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, or requests to speak at the public scoping meeting should be submitted to Mr. C.G. Overton, Chief, Windsor Field Office, Office of Naval Reactors, U.S. Department of Energy, P.O. Box 393, Windsor, CT 06095; telephone (860) 687-5610.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The S1C Prototype reactor plant is located on the 10.8 acre Windsor Site in Windsor, Connecticut, approximately 5 miles north of Hartford. The S1C Prototype reactor plant first started operation in 1959 and served for more than 30 years as both a facility for testing reactor plant components and equipment and for training Naval personnel. As a result of the end of the Cold War and the downsizing of the Navy, the S1C Prototype reactor plant was shut down in 1993. Since then, the S1C Prototype reactor plant has been defueled, drained, and placed in a stable protective storage condition.

Preliminary Description of Alternatives

1. Preferred Alternative—Prompt Dismantlement

Because the S1C Prototype reactor plant is the only activity at this small site and there is no further need for this plant, the preferred alternative is to