

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per completion, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: Respondents, 3,000; Responses per respondent, 1; total annual responses, 3,000; preparation hours per response, 1; and total response burden hours, 3,000.

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Beverly Fayson,
FAR Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Corps of Engineers**

Intent to Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Proposed Middle Rio Grande Flood Protection Project, Bernalillo to Belen, New Mexico, Belen East and West Units

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

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: 1. *Proposed Action:* The Middle Rio Grande Flood Control Project was authorized by the U.S. Congress with the passage of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-662). The project entails the replacement of existing embankments along both sides of the Rio Grande with structurally competent levees capable of containing high volume, short duration flows up to the design discharge of 42,000 cubic feet per second (cfs), as well as low volume, long duration flows. In the Belen East Unit, levee reconstruction would begin near the New Mexico Highway 147 bridge on Isleta Pueblo and extend southward approximately 22 miles along the east side of the Rio Grande to a point 0.75 miles downstream of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe (AT&SF) Railroad bridge, south of Belen. In the Belen West Unit, on the west side of the Rio Grande, levee rehabilitation would begin south of Isleta Marsh, and extend approximately 19 miles southward to a point 2.2 miles downstream of the AT&SF Railroad bridge. The average height of the reconstructed levee would increase by approximately four feet. Seventy-five acres of wetland creation and 200 acres of riparian woodland restoration have been authorized to

mitigate for unavoidable losses of fish and wildlife habitat. An Environmental Impact Statement was completed in 1979, and a General Design Memorandum was completed in 1986.

In 1994, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers initiated a Limited Reevaluation study for the Belen East and West Units. The purpose of the study is to reaffirm the appropriate plan of flood protection and re-evaluate economic benefits and costs. Since 1979, population and urban development with the project area have increased substantially. Additionally, in light of newly listed endangered and threatened species, and an increased knowledge of riparian and riverine values and functions, potential environmental effects of the proposed project will be re-evaluated in a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. Coincident objectives are the preservation and conservation biological, recreational, social, cultural and aesthetic values.

2. Alternatives Considered:

Alternatives developed and evaluated during previous studies consisted of levee construction (2%-, 1%-, 0.37%-, and 0.16%-chance flood events), flood and sediment control dams, local levees, floodproofing and zoning, partial levee replacement, and no action.

3. Public Involvement Process:

Coordination is ongoing with both public and private entities having jurisdiction or an interest in land and resources in the middle Rio Grande Valley of New Mexico. These entities include the general public, local governments, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, the Pueblo of Isleta, and the Interstate Stream Commission. Coordination will continue throughout development of the SEIS through scoping letters, meetings and field visits, and if requested, scoping meetings. All interested parties including Federal, state, tribal, and public entities will be invited to submit comments on the draft SEIS when it is circulated for review.

The planning effort also is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to the requirements of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1972 and the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. Consultation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the New Mexico State Historic Preservation Officer is ongoing pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

4. Significant Issues to be Analyzed:

Significant issues to be analyzed in the

development of the SEIS include the effect of the recommended plan on endangered or threatened species and their critical habitat; floodplain development; water quality; riparian ecological systems; social welfare; human safety; cultural resources; and aesthetic qualities. Development of mitigation measures will be undertaken for any unavoidable impacts.

5. Public Review: The estimated date that the draft Limited Reevaluation Report will be completed and the draft SEIS circulated for public review is December, 1996.

6. Further Information: Questions or comments regarding the study and the SEIS may be directed to: Mr. William DeRagon, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 1580, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103-1580; phone (505) 766-3111.

Dated: November 9, 1995.

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Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Upper Mississippi River—Illinois Waterway System Navigation Study

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

ACTION: Notice intent.

SUMMARY: A DEIS will be prepared to address the Upper Mississippi River-Illinois Water System Navigation Study.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about the proposed action and DEIS can be answered by Mr. Ken Barr; (309) 794-5349; Commander, U.S. Army Engineer District, Rock Island, ATTN: CENCR-PD-E, Clock Tower Building, P.O. Box 2004, Rock Island, Illinois 610204-2004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Upper Mississippi River-Illinois Waterway System Navigation Study is being conducted under the authority of Section 216 of the Flood Control Act of 1970. The 9-foot navigation project is being reviewed for changed physical and economic conditions that may warrant structural or operational modifications to reduce congestion of commercial navigation traffic.

1. During reconnaissance studies, the primary problem identified with the navigation system was lockage delays, especially in the downstream portions of the systems.

2. Navigation improvements to reduce lockage delays identified to date include large- and small-scale measures.

Combinations of these, along with the "No Action" alternative, are being evaluated to form an array of alternatives which will eventually result in a recommended plan.

3. Significant issues and concerns identified to date include: system-wide impacts from potential navigation improvements and traffic increases; site-specific impacts from construction; effects on threatened and endangered species; defining and describing the "future without-project" condition; secondary effects; cumulative impacts, including the cumulative effects of the operation and maintenance of the existing navigation system; and the future condition and management of the river system.

4. Scoping for the Environmental Impact Statement builds on a knowledge base resulting from the history of navigation on the Upper Mississippi and Illinois Waterway Navigation Systems and includes interagency coordination, interagency meetings, and public meetings. The "Plan of Study" which evolved from the 2nd Lock at Lock and Dam 26 (Replacement) project provided a starting point for planning environmental studies. Interagency coordination and a "Reconnaissance Resolution Conference" held in December 1992 contributed further to an existing environmental study plan. A "Public Involvement" component of the study, and environmental, economic, engineering, and a "Governor's Liaison" committees have promoted dialogue and coordination. A study newsletter with a mailing list of approximately 9,500 is mailed out 3 times a year. Public meetings were held in the last quarter of 1993 and 1994, and open houses are scheduled for the last quarter of 1995. Interested Federal, State, and local agencies, Indian tribes, and other interested private organizations and parties are invited to participate.

5. Environmental studies will continue through 1997, followed by analysis and synthesis of data which is anticipated to be provided to the public in a DES in June 1999.

Dated: November 15, 1995.

Charles S. Cox,

Colonel, EN, Commanding.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Resources Group, 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 December 27, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Wendy Taylor, Desk Office, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday, through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3507 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 participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Director of the Information Resources Group publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

Dated: November 20, 1995.

Gloria Parker,

Director, Information Resources Group

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Application for the National Assessment of Educational Progress Data Reporting Program.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Not for Profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden: Responses: 15.

Burden Hours: 360.

Abstract: This form will be used by State Educational agencies to apply for funding under the National Assessment of Educational Progress Data Reporting Program. The Department will use the information to make grant awards.

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Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Resources Group, 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 January 26, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronic mailed to the internet address #FIRB@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Department of Education (ED) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection