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Corps of Engineers

Final Environmental Impact Statement/ Report for Proposed U.S. Food & Drug Administration Laboratory, Irvine, California

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) plans to consolidate the functions of several of its California facilities as recommended by the April 15, 1994 document, "Proposal for Implementing and Managing the Restructuring of the Field Laboratories". As a consolidated facility, the laboratory would be multi-functional with respect to FDA activities, including administration functions, such as investigation and compliance activities, and laboratory testing and analytical services. The facility would have a Food Chemistry Branch, Drug Chemistry Section, Pesticide Branch, Microbiology Branch, and Biochemistry section for its testing and analytical services. In addition, the FDA, in cooperation with University of California, Irvine, may utilize portions or functions of the laboratory for educational purposes.

No long-term adverse ecological or environmental health effects are expected due to the land acquisition for, and the construction and operation of the proposed U.S. Food and Drug Administration Laboratory. No significant impacts are expected to occur.

The Draft EIS/EIR was released for a 45 day public comment period on June 14, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the FEIS/EIR or for further information, please contact Mr. Dale Bulick, (213) 452-4010, or by writing to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District (Attn: CESPL-PM-C), P.O. Box 2711, Los Angeles, CA 90053-2325. Written comments on the Final EIS/EIR can be sent to Mr. Dale Bulick, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at the above address, or Faxed to him at (213) 452-4213.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Scoping: A Public Hearing was held in Irvine, California on July 10, 1996. Public notices requesting comments from the public concerning the environmental impact statement were issued in the regional area surrounding University of Irvine Campus. Separate notification of the hearing was sent to all parties on the project mailing list.

The Final EIS/EIR has been prepared as an addendum to the Draft, and includes all comments received on the Draft document, responses to the comments, and changes made to the text of the document.

Copies of the FEIS/R, including the Draft EIS/EIR, are available for review at the following locations:

UCI Main Library, Government Publications, P.O. Box 19557, Irvine, California 92623-9557
Heritage Park Regional Library, 14361 Yale Avenue, Irvine, California 92714
Newport Beach Public Library, Central Library, 1000 Avocado Avenue, Newport Beach, California 92660
University Park Library, 4512 Sandburg Way, Irvine, CA 92715
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Environmental Resources Branch, 911 Wilshire Boulevard, 14th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017

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Corps of Engineers

Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Environmental Restoration, Jackson Hole, Wyoming

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

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Walla Walla District, intends to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The EIS will evaluate the environmental effects of providing environmental restoration to riverine, wetland, and riparian habitat for four sites within the active Snake River channel between Grand Teton National Park and the South Park Elk Feed Grounds in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Teton County and the Teton County Natural Resources District are cost sharing sponsors and participating partners in the project and in developing the EIS.

The objective of this study is to provide site-specific restoration measures. Formulation of the restoration activities focuses on examining the condition of the existing ecosystem and determining the feasibility of restoring degraded ecosystem structure, function, and dynamic processes to a less degraded and more natural condition. Ecosystem restoration provides a more comprehensive approach than focusing only on fish and wildlife habitat for addressing problems associated with disturbed and degraded ecological resources.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact Mr. Bill MacDonald, Study Manager, Walla Walla District, Corps of Engineers, CENPW-PL-PF, 201 North Third Avenue, Walla Walla, WA 99362, phone (509) 527-7253 or Ms. Anneli Aston, NEPA Coordinator, Walla Walla District, Corps of Engineers, CENPW-PL-ER, 201 North Third Avenue, Walla Walla, WA 99362, phone (509) 527-7263.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By focusing on the Upper Snake River ecosystem structure, the Corps' interdisciplinary planning team will identify parameters that are altering water quantity or quality and adversely impacting the ecosystem, or parts thereof, within the watershed. Consideration must be given, during plan formulation, to those activities and conditions in the watershed that may influence the success and resilience of the restoration proposal, even though they may exist outside of the study area. Hydrology and sediment transport are two key functions that must be investigated in order for this restoration effort to be successful.

Alternatives: Along a 25-mile reach of the Snake and Gros Ventre rivers, twelve locations which showed the best potential for restoration were selected for evaluation. In an effort to reduce the scope and cost of the study, the number of sites was reduced to four. Alternatives that could be implemented at the four sites include:

- a. Channel restoration to rehabilitate fisheries.
- b. Island protection measures to preserve riparian island values.
- c. Island restoration measures to restore riparian island values.
- d. Fish habitat creation through stream structure alteration.
- e. Headgate opportunities to provide for future water diversions to restore spring creeks, wetlands, and riparian habitats.
- f. No action.

Scoping Process: The Corps invites affected Federal, state and local