

as the installation adopts revisions to the installation's Master Plan, the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan, Cultural Resources Management Plan, and the Range Modernization Plan.

Fort Bliss has approximately 1.1 million acres of land in Texas and New Mexico comprising a complex of facilities and ranges to support training and test activities of the U.S. Army and other organizations. The main components of this complex include the main cantonment area (which houses most support facilities), Biggs Army Airfield, and three military training ranges: South Fort Bliss, Dona Ana Range, and McGregor Range.

The installation is the home of the Army Air Defense Artillery (ADA) Center and Fort Bliss, the Army Air Defense Artillery School, and over 30 tenant units. It is among the largest Army posts in the continental United States (CONUS) and is the only troop training installation in CONUS capable of supporting long-range missile firings.

The following organizations are currently located or anticipated for stationing on the installation:

- The Test and Experimentation Command's Air Defense Artillery Test Directorate provides the ADA Center with an independent organization capable of conducting air defense weapons experimentation, force development, and operational testing.
- Joint Task Force Six provides assistance and support to various law enforcement agencies with drug interdiction missions.
- The U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy trains enlisted leaders.
- The William Beaumont Army Medical Center, a part of the Army Medical Command, provides full-service medical treatment for all military services in Arizona, New Mexico, and West Texas.
- Fort Bliss is the home station for the German Air Force Command in the United States and Canada, and the German Air Defense School.
- Four ADA Brigades aligned under the U.S. Army Forces Command are scheduled to be stationed at Fort Bliss.

**Alternatives:** The EIS will identify existing mission activities and reasonably foreseeable mission and activity changes projected for Fort Bliss through the installation's Master Plan, Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan, Cultural Resources Management Plan, and Range Modernization Plan. The EIS will describe the existing environment, cultural and natural resources, social, economic, and environmental justice conditions and impacts to those existing

conditions associated with the overall mission of Fort Bliss. The EIS will consider reasonable alternatives including the status quo, implementation of the Master Plan, and full mobilization of active Army and reserve forces planned for Fort Bliss as described in the installation's Mobilization Plan.

Significant issues that will be addressed are current and planned Fort Bliss activities that could potentially impact over 1.1 million acres of the installation. Within this area are at least 13,900 known archaeological sites, 2,000 of which may be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, and potentially five federally listed endangered or threatened species. Implementation of the Master Plan will also result in demolition and new construction of facilities throughout the main cantonment area.

Additional significant issues that must be considered but will be covered with their own environmental documentation are: Continued withdrawal of land from public domain (McGregor Range) for military training; and the U.S. Air Force's Holloman Air Force Base proposal to locate a target area on McGregor Range.

**Scoping:** Scoping meetings in connection with this EIS will be held in three communities: Las Cruces and Alamogordo, New Mexico, and El Paso, Texas. Meeting times and locations will be published in local newspapers. These meetings will provide the opportunity for the public to become aware of the EIS and for the Army to gather public input regarding the scope of the study. Those unable to attend the scheduled scoping meetings may submit written comments regarding the scope of the EIS throughout the scoping period. A mailing list has been prepared for public scoping and review throughout the process of preparation of this PEIS. This list includes local, state and Federal agencies with jurisdictions or other interests in the project. In addition, the mailing list includes all adjacent property owners, affected municipalities and other interested parties such as conservation organizations. Anyone wishing to be added to the mailing list should contact the person identified below.

**For Further Information:** Please direct written questions or comments concerning the scope of the Fort Bliss Mission and Master Plan EIS to: Mr. Keith Landreth, Chief of the Cultural/Natural Resource Division, Directorate of Environment, U.S. Army Air Defense Center and Fort Bliss, ATTN: ATZC-

DOE-C, Fort Bliss, Texas 79916; telephone (915) 568-3782.

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## Corps of Engineers

### **Cancellation of Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for a Municipal Solid-Waste Landfill Proposed by Resource Investments, Inc. in Pierce County, Washington**

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

**ACTION:** Cancellation notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Seattle District, Corps of Engineers hereby cancels its Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) as published in FR, Vol. 59, No. 74, page 18373, 18 April 1994. A Draft EIS was finalized in December 1995 for the proposed municipal solid waste landfill.

The Notice is canceled because the permit application for the proposed landfill was denied on 30 September 1996 and completion of the Final EIS is not required. The basis for permit denial was that Resource Investments, Inc. failed to clearly demonstrate that there are no less environmentally damaging practicable alternatives for achieving the project purpose; and that the proposed landfill represents an unacceptable risk to public health and safety due to the potential contamination of the Central Pierce County Aquifer System.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions can be forwarded to Mr. James Green, Regulatory Branch, Operations Divisions, Seattle District, Corps of Engineers, Post Office Box 3755, Seattle, WA 98124-3755, Phone (206) 764-3495.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** None.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### **Intent to Establish the Advisory Committee on Appliance Energy Efficiency Standards**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to establish.