

1996, entitled "Ceramic Ferroelectric Composite Material—BSTO—ZRO₂; 5,312,790, issued 17 May 1994, entitled "Ceramic Ferroelectric Material"; and 5,427,988, issued 27 Jun 1995, entitled "Ceramic Ferroelectric Composite Material—BSTO—MGO". Anyone wishing to object to the granting of these licenses has 60 days from the date of this notice to file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael D. Rausa, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Office of Research and Technology Applications, ATTN: AMSRL-CS-TT/Bldg. 459, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland 21005-5425, phone (410) 278-5028.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

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Corps of Engineers

Dredged Material Management Plan for the Port of New York/New Jersey

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The action being taken is the evaluation of the dredged material management alternatives for the Port of New York/New Jersey. The purpose of the CEIS is to produce a series of alternatives and preferred plan(s) for the disposal of dredged material. The selection(s) will be based on extensive scientific data including information currently being collected.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert J. Kurtz, or for the Interim Report Mr. Jeffery Fry at (212) 264-1275, Corps of Engineers, New York District, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10278-0090.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed action is the promulgation of a draft CEIS that will evaluate the proposed course(s) of action to dispose of sediment removed from Federal channels within the Port of New York/New Jersey. The authority for this draft CEIS is under existing Operations and Maintenance authority of the New York Harbor Navigation Project in accordance with EC 1165-2-200 (National Harbor Program: Dredged Material Management Plans).

Alternatives including the no-action alternative, will be considered in addition to the following: containment disposal facilities (contiguous to land, and as islands in the ocean and the

Atlantic Bight Apex); sub-aqueous borrow pits (both existing and new), upland disposal, beneficial uses (e.g. wetlands creation); and management options such as sediment decontamination, and sediment reduction.

The scoping process for the Dredged Material Management Plan for the Port of New York/New Jersey has been on-going and has included public involvement in the form of meetings, forums, and workshops to address the needs and concerns of the public. This process will continue through the current phase of planning and will also include close coordination for the draft CEIS. A public notice will be issued to inform all interested parties of any upcoming meetings.

Significant issues have been identified and include: contaminated sediment concerns and its adverse effects to the marine biota including fisheries, the food chain, endangered and threatened species, and marine mammals, as well as potential adverse effects on human health, such as the relationship of bioaccumulation and food supply, and loss of commercial and recreational fishing areas. Concern has also been expressed regarding the potential effects on tidal ranges, salinity currents, shoreline erosion, flooding, sediment transport, and other physical/chemical features of the system, as well as, groundwater, wetlands, aesthetic values and cultural resources. Further analysis will include adverse affects associated with a failure to act causing the Port of New York/New Jersey to be lost as a viable place to import and export cargo, and for contaminated sediments that accumulate in these areas.

The United States Army Corps of Engineers is the lead agency and has conducted a substantial number of studies performed in conjunction with previous EIS' on the management of dredged material for the Port of New York/New Jersey, and more are presently being conducted in concert with this draft CEIS. These studies include; sediment profile imagery, fishery data collection, hydrodynamic modeling, bathymetric, and side-scan sonar surveys, core sampling, cultural resources, and sediment contaminant investigations. Agencies including the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and the U.S. Geological Service (USGS) are cooperating to provide data and input to the draft CEIS.

The Dredged Material Management Integrated Working Group (DMMIWG) which is composed of Federal, New

York and New Jersey State agencies, the interested public, and environmental groups, have been reviewing the studies and alternatives during the formulation process and will continue to advise during the draft CEIS promulgation. Section 7 consultation will be conducted with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NMFS. Further, both the New York and New Jersey Natural Heritage Program offices will be consulted. Additionally, environmental review of Cultural Resources will be conducted by the State Historic Preservation Offices of New York and New Jersey.

A more detailed identification and preliminary assessment of impacts is contained in the Interim Report of the DMMP. Copies of the report are available from the point of contact identified at the beginning of this notice.

The time(s), date(s), and location(s) of scoping sessions are to be determined. The draft CEIS is currently estimated to be available for public review during July 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Financial Assistance Award (Grant)

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Solicitation of applications for grant awards for High-Energy-Density and Laser-Matter Interaction Studies.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 10 CFR Subpart 600.8, the U.S. DOE announces that it plans to conduct a technically competitive solicitation for basic research experiments in high-energy-density and laser-matter interaction studies at the National Laser Users' Facility (NLUF) located at the University of Rochester Laboratory for Laser Energetics (UR/LLE). Grant Solicitation No. DE-PS03-97SF21293

Universities or other higher education institution, private not-for-profit organizations, or other entities are invited to submit grant applications. The total amount of funding expected to be available for the Fiscal Year 1998 (FY98) program cycle is \$700,000. Multiple awards are anticipated.

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