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 Lee Ann Carpenter,
 Director, Technical Advisory Committee Unit.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary of Defense

Department of Defense Wage Committee; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of Public Law 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that closed meetings of the Department of Defense Wage Committee will be held on March 4, 1997; March 11, 1997; March 18, 1997; and March 25, 1997; at 10:00 a.m. in Room A105, The Nash Building, 1400 Key Boulevard, Rosslyn, Virginia.

Under the provisions of section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, the Department of Defense has determined that the meetings meet the criteria to close meetings to the public because the matters to be considered are related to internal rules and practices of the Department of Defense and the detailed wage data to be considered were obtained from officials of private establishments with a guarantee that the data will be held in confidence.

However, members of the public who may wish to do so are invited to submit material in writing to the chairman concerning matters believed to be deserving of the Committee's attention.

Additional information concerning the meetings may be obtained by writing to the Chairman, Department of Defense Wage Committee, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000.

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 L.M. Bynum,
 Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.
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Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

The Draft Baltimore Harbor, Anchorages and Channels Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact Statement Information Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463),

announcement is made of the following meeting.

Name of Meeting: The Draft Baltimore Harbor, Anchorages and Channels Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact Statement Information Meeting.

Date of Meeting: February 26, 1997.

Place: Maryland Port Authority, 2310 Broening Hwy, Point Breeze Maritime Center II, Baltimore, MD 21224-6621, Room 235 (2nd floor conference room).

Time: 7:00 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Inquiries and notice of intent to attend the meeting may be addressed to Mr. Daniel Bierly, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, ATTN: CENAB-PL, P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore, Maryland 21203, phone (410) 962-6139.

Gregory D. Showalter,
 Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.
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Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the New Castle County Water Supply Project in New Castle County, Delaware

AGENCY: U.S. Corps of Engineers—Philadelphia District, DOD; Cooperating Agency: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency—Region III.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The proposed action evaluates the need for and the alternative methods of providing additional water supply capacity to meet present and projected water demands in northern New Castle County, Delaware.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about the proposed action and DEIS can be answered by Ms. Mary Marshall, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Environmental Resources Branch (CENAP-PL-E), Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107-3390; phone: 215-656-6561, fax: 215-656-6543.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Proposed project: The applicant, the Water Resources Agency for New Castle County previously applied for a Department of the Army Permit to construct a 2 billion gallon, 250 acre off-stream reservoir in a freshwater tidal wetland, Churchmans Marsh. Based on extensive coordination and technical studies, the applicant re-evaluated the feasibility of reservoir construction at Churchmans Marsh.

The applicant decided to resubmit the permit application, siting Thompsons Station as the proposed location for

reservoir construction. The proposed project site is north of Newark, on an unnamed tributary to the White Clay Creek near the intersection of Thompson Station and Pleasant Hill Roads. The proposed project is a 132 acre, 1.9 billion gallon storage facility. Water would be pumped into the proposed reservoir from White Clay Creek during periods of high stream flow.

2. Alternatives that will be addressed by the Draft Environmental Impact Statement include:

- a. The proposed Thompsons Station reservoir impoundment;
- b. Churchmans Marsh reservoir impoundment;
- c. Artesian Marsh (or Churchmans Marsh South) reservoir impoundment;
- d. Water transfer via existing and/or proposed pipelines;
- e. Desalination of brackish surface water; and
- f. No action.

3. Significant issues to be addressed in the EIS regarding the proposed project include:

- a. Biological impacts, including loss of freshwater wetlands;
- b. Fish and wildlife habitat impacts, including threatened and endangered species;
- c. Physical impacts, including water quality and hydrology;
- d. Stream and riparian impacts;
- e. Cultural resource impacts;
- f. Mitigation plans;
- g. Disposal of excavated material; and
- h. Water supply alternatives to the proposed action.

4. The following paragraphs detail the scoping actions that have occurred to date:

- a. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District sponsored a previous Public Workshop/Scoping meeting on April 11, 1996.
- b. The applicant has taken a number of steps to solicit input from the public including the development of a citizens advisory group. Numerous public information meetings have been held to discuss the status of the project and obtain public comments. In addition, numerous pre-application and pre-scoping meetings have been held with agency participation from the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the National Park Service and the Delaware River Basin Commission.

c. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III have executed a Cooperating Agency Agreement for the development