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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Public Hearing for the Joint Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environment Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the Disposal and Proposed Reuse of the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Oakland, CA

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15170, the Department of the Navy, in coordination with the Port of Oakland, has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency a joint Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the Navy disposal and Port of Oakland reuse of the Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Oakland (FISCO) property and structures in Oakland, California. The Navy will be the EIS lead agency for the NEPA documentation and the Port of Oakland will be the EIR lead agency for the CEQA documentation. The Federal Highway Administration is a cooperating agency for the EIS and the California Department of Transportation is a responsible agency for the EIR. FISCO is scheduled to close in September 1998 in compliance with the 1995 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) directive from Congress. The Draft EIS/EIR addresses the potential impacts to the environment that may result from the disposal of FISCO via special legislation (Public Law 104-106 Section 2867) to the Port of Oakland.

FISCO is within the planning jurisdiction of the Port of Oakland. The Port of Oakland Vision 2000 Program proposes development of ship, railroad, and truck freight handling facilities to meet the anticipated demand for transportation services in the San Francisco Bay area and northern California and an intermodal port of national and international commerce. The Vision 2000 Program also includes development of public waterfront access and marine habitat enhancement.

The joint EIS/EIR provides a program level analysis supporting both the Navy NEPA requirements to describe potential environmental impacts associated with the property disposal at FISCO, and the Port of Oakland CEQA requirements to analyze environmental impacts of implementing the Vision 2000 Program.

The Draft EIS/EIR evaluates a "No Action" alternative and four Port of Oakland reuse alternatives. The "No Action" alternative would result in the federal government indefinitely retaining ownership of the nonreversionary Navy property. Under the "No Action" alternative, the Navy would continue leasing the property to the Port of Oakland under the existing 50 year lease agreement allowed by Public Law 102-484.

The four reuse alternatives combine the common land use components of a railroad terminal, marine terminals, public waterfront access and marine habitat enhancement. As FISCO is within the Port of Oakland jurisdiction and is designated as a Port Priority use area in the April 1996 San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission Seaport Plan Update, these four alternatives emphasize port-related activities. The Port of Oakland Vision 2000 Program may require additional property outside the FISCO boundary in order to meet the objectives of the Program.

ADDRESSES: The Draft EIS/EIR is available for review at the following public libraries in the vicinity of FISCO: (1) West Oakland Public Library, 1801 Adeline Street, Oakland, CA; (2) Oakland Main Library, 125 14th Street, Oakland, CA; and (3) Alameda Main Library, 2264 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda, CA. The Navy will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, April 8, 1997, at 7:00 p.m., in the West Oakland Library, 1801 Adeline Street, Oakland, California. Federal, state and local agencies, and interested individuals are invited to be present or represented at the hearing. Oral comments will be heard and transcribed by a stenographer. To assure accuracy of the record, all comments should be submitted in writing. All comments, both oral and written, will become part of the public record in the study. In the interest of available time, each speaker will be asked to limit oral comments to five minutes. Longer comments should be summarized at the public hearing and submitted in writing either at the hearing or mailed to the address listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: All written comments concerning the Draft EIS/EIR must be submitted no later than April 22, 1997 to Mr. Gary J. Muneke (Code 1852GM), Engineering Field Activity West, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 900 Commodore Drive, San Bruno, California 94066-5006, telephone (415) 244-3022, fax (415) 244-3737. For information regarding the Port of Oakland Vision 2000 Program or the Draft EIR, please contact Ms. Loretta Meyer, Port of Oakland, Environmental Assessment Section, 530 Water Street, Oakland, California 94607, telephone (510) 272-1181, or fax (510) 465-3755. A limited number of additional Draft EIS/EIR documents are available on request.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Multi-Purpose Pilot Plant Campus; Expression of Interest and Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Savannah River (SR) Office.

ACTION: Expressions of interest.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) at SR is requesting Expressions of Interest and soliciting comments on several key issues which could significantly affect the Multi-Purpose Pilot Plant Campus (MPPC, formerly known as "TNX") located at the Savannah River Site in Aiken, South Carolina. DOE is in the initial phases of executing a program to: (1) obtain a manager, operator, and marketer for the MPPC as a location for technology research, development, demonstration and commercial operations; (2) establish partnerships with industry to develop applied technologies for commercialization; and, (3) manage and operate Centers of Excellence in the program areas of soil remediation, groundwater contamination, radioecology, and (municipal) solid waste minimization.

DATES: Due April 7, 1997.

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