

waiting period, the Department of the Army will complete a Record of Decision (ROD).

Questions and Requests for FEIS

Questions regarding the FEIS, or a request for a copy of the document may be directed to Mr. Alan Gehrt at the Kansas City District, Corps of Engineers, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64106-2896; phone: (816) 983-3142 or Telefax: (816) 426-2142.

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Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement [SEIS] for Remaining Construction of Main Stem Mississippi River Levees between Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and Head of Passes, Louisiana

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The Corps of Engineers is undertaking the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project in order to provide flood protection from the "project flood." As part of that project, the Corps has proposed enlarging levees and constructing berms and other appurtenances to provide that level of flood protection. The enlargement of remaining levees and appurtenant features within the boundaries of the Lower Mississippi Valley Division of the Corps would result in the loss of bottom-land hardwoods and forested wetlands and would have impacts on waterfowl and fisheries habitat. In order to determine the impacts of this element

of the project, the Corps intends to prepare a SEIS. That SEIS will include an evaluation of the no-action alternative, completion of the original project plan, and alternative plans that incorporate various design features that reduce negative environmental impacts.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Mississippi River and Tributaries Project was authorized by Congress in 1928. The project is designed to control a "project flood" with a discharge of 3 million cubic feet per second in the alluvial valley of the lower Mississippi River. A final Environmental Impact Statement for this project was filed with the Council on Environmental Quality on 8 April 1976.

1. Proposed Action: The proposed action is construction of the Mississippi River Mainline Levee Enlargement and Berm Construction Feature of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project on the Mississippi River between Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and Head of Passes, Louisiana. As currently proposed, the recommended plan would include the use of some or all of the following alternative mitigation measures—avoiding significant resources, using relief wells to reduce the amount of borrow area and replace berms, using hydraulic dredges to obtain dredged material from the river for berm construction to reduce the amount of borrow area, using construction measures that allow either reforestation of lands or creation of high quality fisheries, reforesting some lands, and purchasing and reforesting agricultural lands.

2. Alternatives: Preliminary alternatives that will be evaluated include no-action, completion of the original plan, and a plan that incorporates environmental design

features and results in no net losses to significant resources in the project area.

3. a. Public scoping meetings will be held at various locations within the project area. Initial public scoping meetings will be held in May or June 1997. The public will be notified of each of these meetings in advance. The studies will analyze impacts to significant environmental resources such as impacts to bottom-land hardwoods, wetlands, migratory birds, bats, water quality, endangered species, waterfowl, and fisheries. Public meetings to present the results of these studies and a recommended plan of action are scheduled to be held in February 1998 while the draft SEIS is under review by the public. In addition, workshops will be conducted to discuss issues, inform interested parties of the progress of the studies, and afford additional opportunity for public input. These workshops will be scheduled as needed and where most convenient for the analysis being conducted.

b. The draft SEIS is scheduled for public review in February 1998.

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Department of the Army Corps of Engineers

Grant of Exclusive Licenses

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.7(b)(1)(i), announcement is made of prospective exclusive licenses of the following foreign patent applications, each entitled "Concrete Armor Unit to Protect Coastal and Hydraulic Structures and Shorelines."

Country	Application No.	Filed
Peoples Republic of China	94192851.9	Aug. 17, 1994.
Indonesia	P-941654	Sep. 30, 1994.
Republic of Korea	95-703936	Aug. 17, 1994.
Republic of China	83108468	Sep. 14, 1994.
Malaysia	PI9402596	Sep. 29, 1994.
Argentina	333,588	Sep. 20, 1995.
Brazil	PCT/US94/ 09263.	May 27, 1996.
Chile	1518-95	Oct. 3, 1995.
Ecuador	SP-95-1552	Oct. 13, 1995.
France	(EP) 94926514.4	Aug. 17, 1994.
Italy	(EP) 94926514.4	Aug. 17, 1994.
Monaco	(EP) 94926514.4	Aug. 17, 1994.
United Kingdom	(EP) 94926514.4	Aug. 17, 1994.
Portugal	(EP) 94926514.4	Aug. 17, 1994.