

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army****Corps of Engineers****Environmental Analysis of Army Actions**

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

ACTION: Notice of intent; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The Army Corps of Engineers published a Notice of Intent in the **Federal Register** on June 17, 1993 (Vol. 58, No. 115, pp. 33436-7) to prepare a supplemental draft Environmental Impact Statement (sEIS) for the proposed Adam's Rib Recreation Area in Eagle County, Colorado. By written request dated May 9, 1997, the applicant withdrew his application for a Section 404 permit. Therefore, the sEIS will not be completed.

ADDRESSES: Army Corps of Engineers-Sacramento District, ATTN: CESPK-CO-R (Larry Vinzant, Project Manager), 1325 J Street, room 1480, Sacramento, California 95814.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Vinzant, (916) 557-5263.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army****Corps of Engineers****Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Dare County Beaches, Dare County, North Carolina**

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

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The Dare County beaches study area is located on the northern coast of North Carolina about 40 miles south of the North Carolina-Virginia state line. This area is at risk from hurricanes and winter storms which regularly damage or destroy structures near the shoreline. The proposed shoreline protection project involves the placement of berm and, where necessary, establishment of a dune line. Ongoing feasibility studies have identified potential project areas that cover a total shoreline distance of about 10 miles located north of Oregon Inlet.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the DEIS can be

answered by: Mr. Charles Wilson, Environmental Resources Section, at the U.S. Army Engineer District, Wilmington, P.O. Box 1890, Wilmington, North Carolina 28402-1890; telephone: (910) 251-4746.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed hurricane and storm damage reduction project would consist of a berm or combination of berm and dune, to be constructed along various reaches of the oceanfront within the study area. The selection of final project features and reaches for inclusion in the recommended plan will be based on a maximization of net project benefits. The sand volume required for project construction is expected to range from about 2.5 to 10.5 million cubic yards. Depending on the dredge plant utilized and dredging windows, construction time is estimated to be about 2 years or less. Potential offshore sources of borrow material for the project have been identified. Maintenance of project reaches are expected to require periodic renourishment every 3 to 5 years; however, renourishment of portions of the project area could be required more frequently. The periodic renourishment volume is expected to be 1 to 4 million cubic yards.

Alternatives to be evaluated include variations of project dimensions/features and no action. Alternative methods of beach nourishment and dredging of offshore borrow areas will also be evaluated including the use of an ocean-certified hydraulic pipeline or hopper dredge.

All private interests and Federal, State, and local agencies having an interest in the project are hereby notified and are invited to comment. A scoping letter requesting input to the study will be sent to all known interested parties concurrent with publication of this NOI. Comments received will be used to assist in identifying potential impacts to the quality of the environment and preparation of the DEIS. No formal scoping meetings are planned at this time, but based on the responses received, scoping meetings may be held with specific agencies or individuals as required.

A significant issue to be addressed in the DEIS is a determination of the most appropriate time of year for dredging and beach nourishment. The DEIS is being prepared in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and will address the project's relationship to all applicable Federal and State laws and Executive Orders.

The Draft EIS is currently scheduled for distribution to the public in August 1997.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army****Corps of Engineers****Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Toledo Harbor, Ohio, Long Term Dredged Material Management Plan Within the Context of the Maumee River Watershed Sediment Management Strategy (ER 200-2-2)**

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: This Notice of Intent is being published in accordance with ER 200-2-2, Procedures for Implementing NEPA. The potential project may be considered a major Federal action, of considerable Federal expense but generating considerable long term savings, and/or of considerable environmental and/or public interest.

The proposed project will involve implementation of measures shown to be feasible from the engineering and economic perspectives and acceptable from the environmental and social perspectives that will better manage water and sediment quality and loading conditions in the Maumee River Watershed, and dredging and disposal of dredged material from Toledo Harbor, Ohio. Component measures would include those pertaining to: Pollution reduction, sediment load reduction, dredging, open lake disposal, confined disposal facility (CDF) disposal and management, and beneficial use of dredged material.

A feasibility study is currently being conducted by the Toledo Harbor Planning Group in order to assess and evaluate various alternative component measures. The Toledo Harbor Planning Group consists of several Federal, State, and local agencies and interests. The study is being conducted under 33 CFR 337.9 (part 200 to end), revised July 1, 1991, 33 CFR 233 and 40 CFR 1501.7, and Section 356 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992. An initial scoping meeting for this project was conducted in May of 1992. Subsequent meetings have followed. Supplemental scoping letters were coordinated with agencies and interests known to have an

interest in the study in November of 1993.

Significant issues identified include those items identified in the previous paragraph. A reconnaissance (interim) report was completed and coordinated in February of 1996. Since Federal, State, and local interests have been involved with initiation of the study, and adequate coordination is already being conducted, no new formal initial scoping meeting is scheduled. Additional scoping input from potentially affected interests is invited by this notice. It is expected that a Draft Feasibility Report and Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be made available to the public about April 1999. When the Draft reports are completed, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and coordinated and reviewed under Federal Planning and the National Environmental Policy Act procedures. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tod Smith, 716-879-4175, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District, Environmental Analysis Section, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York 14207-3199.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Dated: June 29, 1997.

Michael J. Conrad, Jr.,

Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army Commanding,
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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting

AGENCY: National Assessment Governing Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming closed meeting of the Subject Area Committee of the National Assessment Governing Board. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES: July 30, 1997.

TIME: 8:30 A.M.—5:00 P.M. (closed) (et).

LOCATION: Ritz Carlton Hotel, Pentagon City, 1250 South Hayes Street, Arlington, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Ann Wilmer, Operations Officer, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC 20002-4233, Telephone: (202) 357-6938.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Assessment Governing Board is established under section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994 (Title IV of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994), (Pub. L. 103-382).

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Educational Progress. The Board is responsible for selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment objectives, identifying appropriate achievement goals for each grade and subject tested, and establishing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons.

The public is being given less than 15 days notice of this closed meeting because of summer schedules which made it difficult to find a date mutually agreeable to a quorum of the Committee.

On July 30, 1997 between the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. the Subject Area Committee of the National Assessment Governing Board will hold a closed meeting. The Committee will be reviewing items for the 1998 Civics assessment. This meeting must be conducted in closed session because references will be made to specific items from the assessment and premature disclosure of the information presented for review would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. Such matters are protected by exemption (9)B of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

Summaries of the activities of this closed meeting and related matters, which are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of section 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), will be available to the public within 14 days of the meeting

Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC, from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Roy Truby,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-628-000]

Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request under Blanket Authorization

July 17, 1997.

Take notice that on July 10, 1997, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin), 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77056-5310, filed in Docket No. CP97-628-000 a request pursuant to §§ 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.211) for authorization to construct a delivery point in New York, under Algonquin's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP87-317-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Algonquin proposes to construct and install two 4-inch tap valves and 4-inch check valves on Algonquin's existing 26-inch mainline and 30-inch loop, at approximate Mile Post 99.1 in Somers, New York. ConEd will install, or cause to be installed approximately 900 feet of 3-inch pipeline which will extend from the meter station to the taps, and the facilities to house and support Algonquin's meter and EGM equipment. Algonquin states that it will provide natural gas deliveries to Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (ConEd), a local distribution company and existing Algonquin customer.

ConEd will reimburse Algonquin for 100% of the costs and expenses that it will incur for installing the facilities. Such costs and expenses are estimated to be approximately \$212,000, excluding an allowance for federal income taxes.

Algonquin states that the installation of the delivery point will have no effect on its peak day or annual deliveries, that its existing tariff does not prohibit the additional point, that deliveries will be accomplished without detriment or disadvantage to its other customers and that the total volumes delivered will not exceed total volumes authorized prior to this request.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to § 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a