

Canada border at Woodland (Burleyville) Maine and Westbrook Maine.

*Summary:* EPA requested additional information about the impacts of the proposed pipeline with regard to wetlands, eelgrass, drinking water, groundwater supply, and secondary impacts in order to fully evaluate the environmental acceptability of the proposed project.

ERP No. D-FRC-J02035-00 Rating EC2, Alliance Natural Gas Pipeline Project, Construction and Operation, Funding, NPDES Permit, COE Section 10 and 404 Permit, ND, MN, IA and IL.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns and requested additional information on the following areas; Purpose and Need, Alternatives Evaluation, Resource Surveys (Threatened and Endangered Species, Cultural and Historical), Agricultural Land/Non-Agricultural Land, Waterbody/Wetland Crossing Procedures, Wetland/Woodland Loss Compensation and description of Extra Work Areas.

ERP No. DS-COE-L36011-00 Rating EC2, Columbia and Lower Willamette River Federal Navigation Channel, Integrated Dredge Material Management Study, OR and WA.

*Summary:* EPA's expressed environmental concerns that the Corps should take more effort at advanced identification and management of in-stream dredged material disposal sites. EPA also requested more information regarding the environmental impacts of upland disposal of dredged material.

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**William D. Dickerson,**

*Director, Office of Federal Activities.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-5491]

### Designation of an Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site (ODMDS) Off Wilmington, NC, Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

**AGENCY:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the final designation of an ODMDS off Wilmington, North Carolina.

**PURPOSE:** The U.S. EPA, Region 4, in accordance with Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and in cooperation with the

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District, will prepare a Draft EIS on the designation of an ODMDS off Wilmington, North Carolina. An EIS is needed to provide the information necessary to designate an ODMDS. This Notice of Intent is issued Pursuant to Section 102 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, and 40 CFR Part 228 (Criteria for the Management of Disposal Sites for Ocean Dumping).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO BE PLACED ON THE PROJECT MAILING LIST

**CONTACT:** Mr. Douglas K. Johnson, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Coastal Programs Section, 61 Forsyth Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, phone 404-562-9386 or Mr. Philip M. Payonk, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District, Environmental Resources Section, P.O. Box 1890, Wilmington, North Carolina 28402-1890, phone 910-251-4589.

**SUMMARY:** Ongoing needs for ocean disposal of dredged sediments and proposed improvements to the Wilmington Harbor navigation channel have resulted in the need for designation of a new ODMDS off Wilmington, North Carolina. Based on site surveys and anticipated levels of site use, the capacity of the existing Wilmington ODMDS will be reached in seven to 10 years. The annual volume of maintenance dredged material taken to the ocean for disposal from the Wilmington Harbor area is about two million cubic yards per year. The recently authorized Wilmington Harbor Federal navigation channel improvements (deepening and other channel modifications) will produce approximately 19 million cubic yards of dredged material for ocean disposal. The channel improvements will realign the ocean bar channel directly across the Wilmington ODMDS rendering the site obsolete. The channel would be realigned to avoid rock dredging and blasting and the environmental concerns associated with those activities.

The relocation of the ODMDS would provide an opportunity to add separation between the Wilmington ODMDS and nearby shrimp trawling bottoms. The shrimpers have complained that wood debris attributed to dredged materials placed within the ODMDS interfere with shrimping.

**Need for Action:** The Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District, has requested that EPA designate a new ODMDS off Wilmington, North Carolina for the disposal of dredged material from the Wilmington Harbor area, when ocean disposal is the preferred disposal

alternative. An EIS is required to provide the necessary information to evaluate alternatives and designate the preferred ODMDS.

#### Alternatives:

1. No action. The no action alternative is defined as not designating an ocean disposal site.

2. Alternative disposal sites in the nearshore, mid-shelf, and shelf break regions.

**Scoping:** Scoping will be accomplished by correspondence and meetings, in late Spring or early Summer, 1998, with affected Federal, State and local agencies, and interested parties.

**Estimated Date of Release:** The Draft EIS will be made available in October 1999.

**Responsible Official:** John H. Hankinson, Jr., Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6010-9]

### Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community; Tentative Approval of an Alternative Liner System Design and Use of Alternative Daily Cover Material for the Salt River Municipal Solid Waste Landfill

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Tentative determination on application of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community for approval of an alternative liner system design and use of alternative daily cover material for the Salt River Municipal Solid Waste Landfill, public hearing and public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** Subtitle D of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), 42 U.S.C. 6941-6949a requires EPA to establish minimum federal criteria to ensure that municipal solid waste landfills are designed and operated in a manner that protects human health and the environment. These standards are codified at 40 CFR part 258. Generally, these criteria are technical standards and are self-implementing. For many of these criteria, part 258 also establishes a flexible performance-based standard as an alternative to the self-implementing regulations.

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community submitted applications for approval to use two of the flexible