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7. A Public Meeting for the Plot community is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10, 1999, at 7 p.m., at St. Joseph's Lithuanian Church (corner of Main Avenue and Theodore Street), Scranton, Pennsylvania. A Public Meeting for the Green Ridge community is scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 1999, at 7 p.m., also at St. Joseph's Lithuanian Church. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the status of the reevaluation and related issues, and to address any comments, questions, and suggestions from the public.

Robert F. Gore,

Acting Chief, Planning Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army

Cancellation of the Notice of Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Dade County Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Project, for a Test Beach Fill Using a Foreign Source of Carbonate Sand

AGENCY: Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Cancellation notice.

SUMMARY: The Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hereby cancels its Notice of Intent to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement as published in FR, Vol. 63, No. 162, page 44850, August 21, 1998 and Vol. 63, No. 207, page 57282, October 27, 1998.

The Notice is cancelled because Congress, in the Conference Report for FY 1999 appropriations, stated that none of the funds added by Congress (in FY 1999) for the Dade County, Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Project shall be used for the acquisition of foreign source materials

for the project unless the Secretary of the Army provides written certification to the committees on Appropriations that domestic sources of material are not available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions can be forwarded to Mr. Kenneth Dugger, Environmental Branch, Planning Division, Jacksonville District, Corps of Engineers, Post Office Box 4970, Jacksonville, Florida 32232-0019, Phone: 904-232-1686.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Dated: February 8, 1999.

James C. Duck,

Chief, Planning Division.

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DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Notice of Determination Regarding the Assimilative Capacity of the Tidal Delaware River for Toxic Pollutants; Public Hearings

AGENCY: Delaware River Basin Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Commission determination and public hearings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Basin Commission will hold public hearings to receive comments on a determination that the assimilative capacity of the tidal Delaware River is being exceeded for certain toxic pollutants. This determination will authorize the Executive Director to establish wasteload allocations for specific point source discharges of these pollutants. **DATES:** The public hearings are scheduled as follows:

May 3, 1999 beginning at 1:30 p.m. and continuing until 5:00 p.m., as long as there are people present wishing to testify.

May 5, 1999 beginning at 1:30 p.m. and continuing until 5:00 p.m. as long as there are people present wishing to testify; and resuming at 6:30 p.m. and continuing until 9:00 p.m., as long as there are people present wishing to testify.

May 11, 1999 beginning at 1:30 p.m. and continuing until 5:00 p.m., as long as there are people present wishing to testify.

ADDRESSES: The May 3, 1999 hearing will be held in the Second Floor Auditorium of the Carvel State Building, 820 North French Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

The May 5, 1999 hearing will be held in the Goddard Conference Room of the

Commission's offices at 25 State Police Drive, West Trenton, New Jersey.

The May 11, 1999 hearing will be held in the Jefferson Room of the Holiday Inn at 400 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan M. Weisman, Commission Secretary, Delaware River Basin Commission, P.O. Box 7360, West Trenton, New Jersey 08628. Telephone (609) 883-9500 ext. 203.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Rationale

On October 23, 1996 the Delaware River Basin Commission amended its Comprehensive Plan, Water Code and Water Quality Regulations concerning water quality criteria for toxic pollutants, and policies and procedures to establish wasteload allocations and effluent limitations for point source discharges to the tidal Delaware River.

Specifically, water quality criteria for selected toxic pollutants were incorporated in the Comprehensive Plan and Article 3 of the Water Code and Water Quality Regulations as stream quality objectives. Article 4 of the Water Quality Regulations was amended to include policies and procedures to be used to establish wasteload allocations for those discharges containing pollutants which exceed the stream quality objectives and impact the designated uses of the river following a Commission determination that the assimilative capacity of a zone of the Delaware River is exceeded. These amendments provided a mechanism for identifying toxic pollutants which impair aquatic life and human health, and developing uniform and equitable wasteload allocations for those NPDES discharges to the tidal Delaware River which contribute to their impairment. The permitting authorities of the Basin states will utilize allocations developed by the Commission to establish effluent limitations for NPDES permittees in their jurisdiction, as appropriate.

The subject of the hearings is a proposed determination by the Commission that the assimilative capacity of the tidal Delaware River (Trenton, NJ to the head of Delaware Bay) is being exceeded for 1,2-dichloroethane, tetrachloroethene, chronic toxicity and acute toxicity. These parameters were selected based upon their mass loading to the estuary, minimal interaction with estuary sediments, and the availability of calibrated and validated water quality models that could be used to develop the wasteload allocations. This determination will authorize the

Executive Director to establish wasteload allocations for continuous point source discharges pursuant to Sections 4.30.7A.1. and 4.30.7B.2.c. of the Commission's Water Quality Regulations.

Seventy-six continuous point source discharges were considered in each of the wasteload allocation exercises, although the number included in any allocation varied from 10 to 55. The procedure used to develop the wasteload allocations is called Equal Marginal Percent Reduction or EMPR. EMPR is a two step process in which a discharge is first considered independently of all other discharges to the estuary. In this step called the Baseline Analysis, each discharge must meet stream quality objectives in and of itself. In the second step called Multiple Discharge Analysis, the cumulative impact of all discharges, discharging at the baseline loading established during step one, is evaluated against the stream quality objectives. If the analysis indicates that an objective is exceeded, then the baseline loads of all discharges significantly contributing to the violation are reduced by an equal percentage until the stream quality objective is met.

For 1,2-dichloroethane, 11 of 51 discharges were adjusted from their initial loading in order to meet the stream quality objectives. For tetrachloroethene, seven of 40 discharges were adjusted in order to meet the stream quality objectives. For chronic toxicity, ten of the 55 discharges were adjusted during the baseline analysis portion of the wasteload allocation. The multiple discharge analysis portion of the procedure will not be implemented for chronic toxicity so that additional data on the relationship between the concentration of specific chemicals and toxicity of both wastewater and ambient samples can be obtained. This portion will be deferred until Phase 2 of the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) is completed.

For acute toxicity, eight of the ten discharges evaluated were reduced from their initial wasteload allocation concentration during the baseline analysis portion of the allocation. As with chronic toxicity, the multiple discharge analysis which will determine the total surface area of the estuary assigned to mixing areas will be deferred until Phase 2 of the TMDL is completed.

In accordance with Section 4.30.7B.2.c.5). of the Commission's Water Quality Regulations, a document entitled Wasteload Allocations for Volatile Organics and Toxicity: Phase 1

TMDLs for Toxic Pollutants in the Delaware River Estuary has been prepared which describes the process used to develop wasteload allocations for continuous point source discharges as part of Phase 1 of a Total Maximum Daily Load for selected toxic pollutants for the tidal Delaware River. This document is available on the Commission's web site at www.state.nj.us/drbc, or by contacting Christopher Roberts, Public Information Officer, at (609) 883-9500 ext. 205.

The following supporting documents describing the mathematical models used in the process are also available from the Commission:

Calibration and Validation of a Water Quality Model for Volatile Organics and Chronic Toxicity in the Delaware River Estuary.

Calibration and Validation of the DYNHYD5 Hydrodynamic Model for the Delaware River Estuary.

Development of a Tidal Version of the CORMIX Models for Application to Discharges in the Delaware Estuary.

Copies of these documents may be obtained by contacting Christopher Roberts, Public Information Officer at (609) 883-9500, extension 205.

Persons wishing to testify are requested to notify the Secretary in advance. Written comments on the proposed determination should also be submitted to the Secretary.

Delaware River Basin Compact, 75 Stat. 688.

Dated: February 9, 1999.

Susan M. Weisman,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The International Research and Studies Program

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Publication of the 1998 annual report.

SUMMARY: Section 605 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), authorizes the Secretary of Education to provide assistance to conduct research, studies, and surveys and develop specialized instructional materials that further the purposes of Part A of Title VI of the HEA.

The activities conducted under section 605 of the HEA correspond in large part to the foreign language and area studies research activities previously supported under section 602 of Title VI of the National Defense Education Act.

Purpose

Under the International Research and Studies Program, the Secretary of Education awards grants and contracts for—

(a) Studies and surveys to determine the needs for increased or improved instruction in foreign language, area studies, or other international fields, including the demand for foreign language, area, and other international specialists in government, education, and the private sector;

(b) Studies and surveys to assess the utilization of graduates of programs supported under this title by governmental, educational, and private sector organizations and other studies assessing the outcomes and effectiveness of programs so supported;

(c) Evaluation of the extent to which programs assisted under Title VI that address national needs would not otherwise be offered;

(d) Comparative studies of the effectiveness of strategies to provide international capabilities at institutions of higher education;

(e) Research on more effective methods of providing instruction and achieving competency in foreign languages, area studies, or other international fields;

(f) The development and publication of specialized materials for use in foreign language, area studies, and other international fields, or for training foreign language, area, and other international specialists;

(g) Studies and surveys of the uses of technology in foreign language, area studies, and international studies programs;

(h) Studies and evaluations of effective practices in the dissemination of international information, materials, research, teaching strategies, and testing techniques throughout the education community, including elementary and secondary schools; and

(i) The application of performance tests and standards across all areas of foreign language instruction and classroom use.

1998 Program Activities

In fiscal year 1998, 9 new grants (\$958,266) and 22 continuation grants (\$1,931,090) were awarded under the International Research and Studies Program. These grants are active currently and will be monitored through progress reports submitted by grantees. Grantees have 90 days after the expiration of the grant to submit the products resulting from their research to the Department of Education for review and acceptance.