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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Final Environmental Impact Statement on the Disposal and Reuse of the Stratford Army Engine Plant, Stratford, CT

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Public Law 101-510 (as amended), the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission recommended the closure of Stratford Army Engine Plant.

The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) evaluates the environmental consequences of the disposal and subsequent reuse of the 75 acres.

Alternatives examined in the EIS include encumbered disposal of the property, unencumbered disposal of the property, and no action. Encumbered disposal refers to transfer of conveyance of property having restrictions on subsequent use as a result of any Army-imposed or legal restraint.

Unencumbered disposal refers to transfer or conveyance of property without encumbrances on subsequent use as a result of any Army-imposed or legal restraint. Under the no action alternative, the Army would not dispose of property but would maintain it in caretaker status for an indefinite period. The impacts of reuse are evaluated in terms of land use intensities.

DATES: Review period for the FEIS will end 30 days after the publication of the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register** by the Environmental Protection Agency.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the Final EIS may be obtained by writing to Mr. Joe Hand, Corps of Engineers, Mobile District (ATTN: PD-EC), P.O. Box 2288, Mobile AL 36628-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Joe Hand at facsimile (334) 690-2721.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: While disposal of Stratford Army Engine Plant is the Army's primary action, the FEIS also analyzes the impacts of reuse as a secondary action by means of evaluating intensity-based reuse scenarios. The Army's preferred alternative for disposal

of Stratford Army Engine Plant property is encumbered disposal, with encumbrances pertaining to the possible presence of lead-based paint and asbestos-containing material, easements for aviation and public park, groundwater use prohibition, historical resource protection, floodplains obligations, wetlands, land use restrictions and remedial activities and the requirement for a right of reentry for environmental cleanup.

Therefore, based on the analysis found in the FEIS, which will be incorporated in the Record of Decision, it has been determined that no significant environmental or human effects are anticipated from the disposal of the Stratford Army Engine Plant, Stratford, Connecticut.

A public meeting was held at the Council Chambers at Stratford Town Hall on June 4, 1999. Public comments are addressed in the Final EIS.

The Final EIS is available for review at the Stratford Public Library, 2203 Main Street, Stratford, Connecticut 06497.

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Richard E. Newsome,

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Army (Environment, Safety and Occupational
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Enhanced Training and Operations at the National Guard Training Center (NGTC)—Fort Indiantown Gap (FTIG), Pennsylvania

AGENCY: National Guard Bureau (NGB), Department of the Army (DA), DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: This Notice of Intent is for the preparation of a Draft EIS for proposed actions at the NGTC-FTIG. The proposal includes 11 actions, consisting of 42 component projects, identified in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard's (PAARNG's) Range and Training Land Program Plan (RTLPP) and in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard's (PAANG's) Master Plan (MP) for NGTC-FTIG. The proposed actions include: Tracked Vehicle Training Complex (TVTC) Projects (8 projects); Ammunition Supply Point (ASP) Projects (2 projects); Artillery Training Support Projects (2 projects); Multi-Purpose Range Complex (MPRC)

Development Project (1 project); Garrison Improvement Projects (5 projects); Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and Collection System Project (1 project); Muir Army Airfield (MAAF) Complex Project (8 projects); Air-to-Ground range Projects (4 projects); Regional Equipment Operators Training School (REOTS) Projects (3 projects); Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP) Implementation Project (1 project); and Air-Guard Station Projects (7 projects).

The proposed actions are necessary to maintain NGTC-FTIG as an important training asset within the Total Force structure, which includes active and reserve component forces. By implementing the proposed actions, NGTC-FTIG will be better able to meet the specific missions of current military organization users and non-military tenants. Through these actions, the Pennsylvania National Guard (PANG) which includes both the PAARNG and the PAANG, will ensure that NGTC-FTIG will continue to provide the training and support facilities necessary to ensure the installation's long-term viability, sustainability, and value as a major NGB installation. A summary of impact analysis of previously completed EAs will be incorporated into the DEIS.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties can furnish written comments or materials to Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Richard Shertzer, NGTC-FTIG EIS Project Officer, Environmental Section, 1119 Utility Road, Annville, Pennsylvania 17003-5002. Commercial telephone number is (717) 861-2548; or to LTC Christopher Cleaver, NGTC-FTIG Public Affairs Officer, PADMVA Headquarters, Building 0-47, Annville, Pennsylvania 17003-5002. Commercial telephone number is (717) 861-8468.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Alternatives to the proposed actions to be analyzed are: Alternative 1, Preferred Project Alternative—under this alternative, the 11 proposed projects identified would be implemented, including a restricted maneuver TVTC, an east-to-west oriented MPRC, and a 6,000-foot military runway. On-going operations would continue, as modified by the proposed action. Alternative 2, Competing Build Alternative—under this alternative, the proposed actions are scaled down or modified versions of some or all of the proposed projects. Alternative 3, No Action Alternative—under this alternative, none of the proposed upgrade or facility construction actions called for in the PAARNG Range and Training Land Program Plan (RTLPP) and the PAANG Master Plan (MP) would be

implemented. On-going actions will be continued.

Scoping: The PAANG and NGB will conduct public scoping meetings to discuss public concerns and identify issues relating to the proposed actions. Resource categories that will be analyzed include: physical environment, water quality, ground water, air quality, biological resources (protected species, habitat, plant communities, wetlands, other), land use, socioeconomic, noise, health and safety, airspace, and cultural resources. Public participation in the EIS process is essential to assist the decisionmakers in defining the scope of the analysis considered in the EIS. Participation by Native Americans, concerned interest groups, individuals, and Federal, State, and local resource agencies is sought and encouraged in the public scoping process.

Public scoping meetings will be held at two locations, one in Dauphin County and one in Lebanon County in the vicinity of NGTC-FTIG. Dates, times, and exact locations for these meetings will be announced through letters, public notices, display advertisements, and legal advertisements and will be released to newspapers of general circulation a minimum of 15 days prior to the meeting. Those wishing to provide information or data relevant to the environmental analysis of the proposed actions or alternatives are encouraged to do so at the public scoping meetings.

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Richard E. Newsome,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health) OASA (I&E).

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection requests.

SUMMARY: The Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507 (j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures

are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by May 25, 1999. A regular clearance process is also beginning. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 26, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer: Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget; 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Comments regarding the regular clearance and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Pat-Sherrill@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or

Recordkeeping burden. ED invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: May 19, 1999.

William E. Burrow,

Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Projects with Industry.

Abstract: Data collection for the Projects with Industry compliance indicators, Annual Evaluation Plan and Application Content Requirements.

Additional Information: This revised information collection request reflects changes to the current data collection form that are necessary to comply with section 611 of the Rehabilitation Act. The 1998 Amendments changed the reporting requirements for the annual review and evaluation of the operation of the program under section 611(a)(5). Section 611(a)(5) of the Act now requires that data and information collected for use in conducting the annual review and evaluation of the operation of the project be the same types as described in subparagraphs (A) through (C) of section 101(a)(10) of the Act governing the State VR Services program, as determined appropriate by the Commissioner. The Amendments also modify the data collection and reporting requirements in section 101(a)(10) to conform with annual reporting and data collection requirements under section 136(d)(2) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, to the extent determined by the Secretary to be relevant in assessing program performance.

Finally, we are also requesting approval to combine the reporting requirements for the Projects With Industry (PWI) program from OMB form 1820-0566 (Projects with Industry Compliance Indicators and Annual Evaluation Plan) and OMB form 1820-