

interest in and ideas about potential projects. The purpose of the second public meeting will be to provide information on preliminary alternatives and to gather public comments on the alternatives. It is anticipated that the first two meetings will be somewhat informal, informative, and highly interactive. A third public meeting will be held after the release of the draft feasibility report and draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) to present, discuss, and receive comments on the report and the recommended plan.

a. The public involvement program will include workshops, meetings, and other coordination with interested individuals and organizations, as well as with concerned Federal, state and local agencies. Information about the study will be provided through mailings, news releases, advertisements, and other media. Approximately 150 coordination letters and newsletters announcing the study initiation were sent to appropriate agencies, organizations, and individuals in April 1999.

b. The Baltimore District is preparing a DEIS which will describe the impacts of the proposed projects on environmental and cultural resources in the study area and the overall public interest. The DEIS will document all factors which may be relevant to the proposal, including the cumulative effects thereof. If applicable, the DEIS will also apply guidelines issued by the Environmental Protection Agency, under the authority of section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act of 1977 (Pub. L. 95-217).

Environmental issues will focus on, but are not limited to, effects on air quality, wetlands, water quality; fish and wildlife resources (including threatened and endangered species); hazardous, toxic, and radioactive waste; aesthetic resources; and cultural resources (including archaeological sites and historic architecture). Benefits, costs, and impacts will be examined in detail to determine which elements of the water resources plan are justified. The team will evaluate the environmental impacts (both adverse and beneficial) of the proposed actions.

The decision to implement these actions will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activities on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, will be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable costs.

c. In addition to the Corps, the Maryland Department of the Environment, Prince George's County, and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission-Prince George's County, other participants that will be involved in the study and DEIS process include the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; U.S. National Park Service; Maryland Department of Natural Resources; Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin; Natural Resource Conservation Service; and the Prince George's County Soil Conservation District. The Baltimore District invites potentially affected Federal, state, and local agencies, and other organizations and entities to participate in this study.

4. The Anacostia Levee Corridor Feasibility Study and integrated DEIS are scheduled for public review in October 2001.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Red River Navigation, Southwest Arkansas, Feasibility Report

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** Three or four locks and dams may be required to extend navigation on the Red River upstream of Shreveport/Bossier City, Louisiana, to the vicinity of Index, Arkansas.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Marvin Cannon (telephone (601) 631-5437), CEMVK-PP-PQ, 4155 Clay Street, Vicksburg, Mississippi 39183-3435.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Authority for this feasibility study is contained in section 402 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-303).

1. *Proposed Action:* The proposed action includes the construction of three or four locks and dams to extend navigation from Shreveport-Bossier City to the vicinity of Index, Arkansas (134 miles).

2. *Alternatives:* Four reasonable alternatives were identified during the reconnaissance study. These

alternatives included a no-action alternative; extension of navigation from Shreveport-Bossier City to the vicinity of Garland, Arkansas; extension of navigation from Shreveport-Bossier City to the vicinity of Fulton, Arkansas; and extension of navigation from Shreveport-Bossier City to the vicinity of Index, Arkansas.

3. a. Two public scoping meetings will be held. One meeting will probably be held in Texarkana, Arkansas, and the other one will probably be held in Shreveport/Bossier City, Louisiana. These meetings will probably be held in August-September 1999. The U.S. Coast Guard, Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and the Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission will be invited to become cooperating agencies. These agencies will review data and the feasibility report and appendixes. A public meeting will be held once the DEIS is completed, and all agencies, groups, tribes, and individuals will be sent copies of the DEIS and final EIS. Any significant issues identified in the scoping meetings will be analyzed in depth in the DEIS. Cooperating agencies will review data and appendixes.

b. The DEIS is estimated to be completed in September 2002.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC99-519-001, FERC-519]

#### Information Collection Submitted for Review and Request for Comments

July 12, 1999.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of submission for review by the office of Management and Budget (OMB) and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the energy information collection listed in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under the provisions of Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13).