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Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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should be mailed to ensure receipt no later than September 1, 1999.

Please direct written comments or request for further information concerning El Rancho Road Bridge Replacement Project to: James L. Johnston, 30 CES/CEV, 806 13th Street, Suite 116, Vandenberg AFB, CA 93437-5242, (805) 605-0633.

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improvements, and report its recommendations annually to the Secretary and Congress.

c. Appointment

The operation of the Board and appointment of its members are subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended) and departmental implementing regulations. Members serve without compensation but their expenses due to Board activities are reimbursable. The considerations specified in section 302 for the selection of the Board members, and certain terms used therein, have been interpreted, supplemented, or otherwise clarified as follows:

(1) Carriers and Shippers

The law uses the terms “primary users and shippers.” Primary users has been interpreted to mean the providers of transportation services on inland waterways such as barge or towboat operators. Shippers has been interpreted to mean the purchasers of such services for the movement of commodities they own or control. Individuals are appointed to the Board, but they must be either a carrier or shipper, or represent a firm that is a carrier or shipper. For that purpose a trade or regional association is neither a shipper or primary user.

(2) Geographical Representation

The law specifies “various” regions. For the purpose of selecting Board members, the waterways subjected to fuel taxes and described in Pub. L. 95-502, as amended, have been aggregated into six regions. They are (1) the Upper Mississippi River and its tributaries above the mouth of the Ohio; (2) the Lower Mississippi River and its tributaries below the mouth of the Ohio and above Baton Rouge; (3) the Ohio River and its tributaries; (4) the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway in Louisiana and Texas; (5) the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway east of New Orleans and associated fuel-taxed waterways including the Tennessee-Tombigbee, plus the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway below Norfolk; and (6) the Columbia-Snake Rivers System and Upper Willamette. The intent is that each region shall be represented by at least one Board member, with that representation determined by the regional concentration of the individual’s traffic on the waterways.

(3) Commodity Representation

Waterway commerce has been aggregated into six commodity categories based on “inland” ton-miles shown in Waterborne Commerce of the

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for El Rancho Road Bridge Replacement Project, Vandenberg Air Force Base, California

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the United States Air Force (USAF) is issuing this notice to advise the public that the USAF intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess potential environmental impacts of the proposed actions and possible alternatives for the El Rancho Road Bridge Replacement Project at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California. The proposed action is to construct a causeway bridge on El Rancho Road that will span the entire San Antonio Creek floodplain. Identified alternatives are to build a system of elevated culverts spanning the entire stream and bridge area, or to take no action and continue regular debris and sedimentation clearing in the affected area.

A scoping meeting is planned in Lompoc, California for the purpose of identifying environmental concerns that need to be addressed in the EIS. Notice of the time and location of the meeting will be made available to the community using the local news media. The schedule for the scoping meeting is as follows:

Date	Location	Time
18 Aug 99	Lompoc City Council	6:30 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to identify the environmental issues and concerns that should be analyzed in developing the EIS. Public input and comments are solicited concerning the environmental aspects of the proposed program. To assure the USAF will have sufficient time to fully consider public inputs on issues, written comments

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Inland Waterways Users Board

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice (Request for nominations).

SUMMARY: Section 302 of Public Law (PL) 99-662 established the Inland Waterways Users Board. The Board is an independent Federal advisory committee. Its 11 members are appointed by the Secretary of the Army. This notice is to solicit nominations for four (4) appointments or reappointments to two-year terms that will begin January 1, 2000 .

ADDRESSES: Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Department of the Army, Washington, DC 20310-0103. Attention: Inland Waterways Users Board Nominations Committee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Joseph W. Westphal, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), (703) 697-8986.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The selection, service, and appointment of Board members are covered by provisions of Section 302 of PL 99-662. The substance of those provisions is as follows:

a. Selection

Members are to be selected from the spectrum of commercial carriers and shippers using the inland and intracoastal waterways, to represent geographical regions, and to be representative of waterborne commerce as determined by commodity ton-miles statistics.

b. Service

The board is required to meet at least semi-annually to develop and make recommendations to the Secretary of the Army on waterways construction and rehabilitation priorities and spending levels for commercial navigation