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A determination of "active duty" under Public Law 95-202 is "for the purposes of all laws administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs" (38 U.S.C. 106). Benefits are not retroactive and do not include such things as increased military or Federal Civil Service retirement pay, or a military burial detail, for example. Entitlement to state veterans benefits vary and are governed by each state. Therefore, for specific benefits information, contact your nearest Veterans Affairs Office and your state veterans service office after you have received your Armed Forces discharge documents.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army****Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement on Transportable Treatment Systems for Non-Stockpile Chemical Warfare Materiel**

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (DPEIS) has been prepared by the Army in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, regulations of the President's Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR 1500-1508), and Army Regulation 200-2. The Department of the Army, as Executive Agent for the DoD, is responsible for destroying that portion of the nation's chemical warfare materiel (CWM) referred to as "non-stockpile" CWM. This non-stockpile CWM must be destroyed in order to protect human health and safety, comply with an international treaty, and carry out the requirements of the U.S. Congress. Non-stockpile CWM covered under this DPEIS includes: (1) Munitions containing chemical agent or industrial chemicals, (2) chemical agents or industrial chemicals contained in other than munitions configurations, and (3) chemical agent identification set items containing small quantities of pure or diluted agent used for training purposes.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 4, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Questions and written comments regarding the DPEIS, or a request for a copy of the document, should be directed to: Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization, ATTN:

SFAE-CD-NP (Mr. John K. Giesecking/PEIS), Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-4005 or via email at john.giesecking@pmcd.apgea.army.mil. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John K. Giesecking at (410) 436-3768 or by fax at (410) 436-8737.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Army's Product Manager for Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel has analyzed the potential environmental and socioeconomic consequences of two alternative courses of action in the DPEIS with respect to the Army's chemical demilitarization responsibilities:

(1) Using transportable chemical treatment systems, under which the Army would use as many as four different types of transportable systems currently being developed to chemically treat non-stockpile CWM.

(2) The no action alternative, under which the Army would discontinue development of the transportable treatment systems currently being developed and continue storage of non-stockpile CWM until other technologies are developed.

Other alternatives that were considered, but not evaluated in detail, are: (1) Using stockpile CWM disposal facilities; (2) using other treatment systems or technologies, none of which have currently been sufficiently developed as part of an integrated system for the treatment of non-stockpile CWM; and (3) using commercial treatment facilities, which would require changes in federal law and Army policy.

The Army has determined, based on the DPEIS, that the no-action alternative could lead to the United States violating the Chemical Weapons Convention timetable requirements for destroying currently stored non-stockpile CWM or CWM recovered in the near future. The Army further concludes that using stockpile disposal facilities, other treatment systems, or commercial treatment facilities are not feasible alternatives given certain legal requirements, in addition to the time restraints of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

The Army's preferred alternative course of action is to complete the development of transportable chemical treatment systems and make them available for deployment. Subsequent environmental reviews by the appropriate DoD authorities would address the impacts of actual deployment to specific locations.

A series of public meetings will be held at nine U.S. locations during the comment period to afford the public the

opportunity to provide oral and written comments on the DPEIS. These meetings will tentatively be held in the vicinity of Aberdeen, MD; Alexandria, LA; Anchorage, AK; Huntsville, AL; Indianapolis, IN; Salt Lake City, UT; San Antonio, TX; Santa Rosa, CA; and Tampa, FL. The specific time, locations, and dates of these meetings will be announced in appropriate news media at least 15 days prior to each meeting. Comments made at the public meetings and written comments received during the comment period will be used in the preparation of the Final PEIS.

Copies of the DPEIS have been forwarded to the EPA; other federal state, and local agencies; Native Americans; public officials; and organizations and individuals who previously provided substantive comments during the PEIS scoping process or have expressed interest in the Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel Program. Copies of the DPEIS can also be obtained by calling the Public Outreach and Information Office of the Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization at 1-800-488-0648 or (410) 436-3445; fax (410) 436-8737 or may be accessed at the following web site: <http://www-pmcd.apgea.army.mil/nscmp/index.html>.

Dated: October 14, 1999.

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DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION**Notice of Commission Meeting and Public Hearing**

Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Basin Commission will hold an informal conference followed by a public hearing on Wednesday, October 27, 1999. The hearing will be part of the Commission's regular business meeting. Both the conference and business meeting are open to the public and will be held in Courtroom #1 of the Carbon County Courthouse, at 4 Broadway, Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania.

The conference among the Commissioners and staff will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will include reports on the following subjects: hydrologic conditions in the basin; activities of the Flow Management Technical Advisory Committee; status of the Proposed Determination Regarding the Assimilative Capacity of the Tidal Delaware River for Volatile Organics

and Chronic Toxicity; and status of discussions with the Army Corps of Engineers regarding an agreement for storage of water at Francis E. Walter Reservoir and the matter of federal funding for the Commission. In addition, a presentation will be made on the stream restoration program of the Waterway Corridors Subcommittee of the Commission's Water Quality Advisory Committee.

The 1:30 p.m. business meeting will include a public hearing on the projects summarized below. In addition, the Commission will address the following: minutes of the September 30, 1999 business meeting; announcements; report on hydrologic conditions in the basin; reports of the Executive Director and General Counsel; a Resolution Establishing a Watershed Advisory Council; and public dialogue.

The subjects of the hearing will be as follows:

1. Borough of Brooklawn Water Department D-85-18 CP Renewal 2

An application for the renewal of a ground water withdrawal project to supply up to 15 million gallons (mg)/30 days of water to the applicant's distribution system from Well Nos. 1, 3 and 4. Commission approval on December 8, 1989 was extended to 10 years and will expire unless renewed. The applicant requests that the total withdrawal from all wells remain limited to 15 mg/30 days. The project is located in Brooklawn Borough, Camden County, New Jersey.

2. Moon Nurseries, Inc. D-88-28 Renewal

An application for the renewal of a ground water withdrawal project to supply up to 8 mg/30 days of water to the applicant's nursery irrigation system from Well No. 1. Commission approval on April 26, 1989 was extended to 10 years. The applicant requests that total withdrawal from the well remain limited to 8 mg/30 days. The project is located in Lower Makefield Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

3. Pennsauken Township D-98-36 CP

A project to withdraw up to 20 mg/30 days of water from the tidal reach of the South Branch Pennsauken Creek, for irrigation of the Pennsauken Country Club golf course. The proposed withdrawal will replace the existing municipal potable water supply system as the source of irrigation water. The project golf course is located just northeast of the intersection of Haddonfield Road and Moorestown Pike in Pennsauken Township, Camden County, New Jersey. The intake will be

situated at the eastern side of the golf course on the west bank of South Branch Pennsauken Creek.

4. Citizens Utilities Water Company of Pennsylvania D-98-43 CP

An application for approval of a ground water withdrawal project to supply up to 28 mg/30 days of water to the applicant's Penn Water District distribution system from new Well No. 27, and to retain the existing withdrawal limit of 127 mg/30 days from all wells. The project is located in South Heidelberg Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

5. Northeast Schuylkill Joint Municipal Authority D-99-33 CP

An application to construct a new 0.245 million gallons per day (mgd) sewage treatment plant (STP) to serve portions of Rush and Ryan Townships, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The proposed extended aeration/activated sludge STP will be situated just east of Barnesville at the northeast corner of State Route 54 and Holly Road (Township Road 856) in Rush Township, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, and will discharge to Pine Creek, a tributary of the Little Schuylkill River.

6. Allen Family Foods, Inc. D-99-49

An application to re-rate the applicant's existing 0.91 mgd wastewater treatment plant to an average monthly flow of 1.25 mgd. The plant will continue to provide secondary treatment only to the applicant's poultry processing facility, which is located on the west side of Route 5 approximately 1,400 feet south of Route 18 in the Village of Harbeson, Sussex County, Delaware. Treated plant effluent will continue to discharge to Beaverdam Creek, a tributary of Broadkill River.

7. Warwick Township Water & Sewer Authority D-99-51 CP

A project to expand the applicant's existing 0.12 mgd Country Crossing STP to provide advanced secondary treatment of 0.32 mgd. The STP is located just north of the intersection of Bristol and Mearns Roads in Warwick Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania and will continue to serve Warwick Township. Although the applicant will maintain its outfall to an unnamed tributary of Little Neshaminy Creek, the effluent will be conveyed to Heritage Creek Golf Course pond for irrigation purposes, as needed.

8. Toll Brothers, Inc. D-99-52

An application for approval of a surface water withdrawal project to supply up to 19.5 mg/30 days of water from Ponds A and G to irrigate the applicant's Laurel Creek Country Club golf course. The project is located in Moorestown Township, Burlington County, New Jersey.

Documents relating to these items may be examined at the Commission's offices. Preliminary dockets are available in single copies upon request. Please contact Thomas L. Brand at (609) 883-9500 ext. 221 concerning docket-related questions. Persons wishing to testify at this hearing are requested to register with the Secretary at (609) 883-9500 ext. 203 prior to the hearing.

Individuals in need of an accommodation as provided for in the Americans With Disabilities Act who wish to attend the hearing should contact the Secretary, Pamela M. Bush, at (609) 883-9500 ext. 222 or the New Jersey Relay Service at 1-800-852-7899 (TTY) to discuss how the Commission may accommodate your needs.

Dated: October 12, 1999.

Pamela M. Bush,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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State Vocational Rehabilitation Unit In-Service Training; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2000

Purpose of Program: This program is designed to support projects for training State vocational rehabilitation agency personnel in program areas essential to the effective management of the agency's program of vocational rehabilitation services or in skill areas that will enable personnel to improve their ability to provide vocational rehabilitation services leading to employment outcomes for individuals with disabilities.

Eligible Applicants: Only State agencies designated under a State plan for vocational rehabilitation services under section 101(a) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, are eligible to receive an award under this program.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: December 17, 1999.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: February 15, 2000.

Applications Available: Applications will be mailed to the Directors of the