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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Broward County, Florida, Beach Erosion Control and Navigation Project was authorized by Public Law (Pub. L.), Public Works—River and Harbor (79 Stat. 1073) passed 27 October 1965 in accordance with the recommendations of the Chief of Engineers in House Document 91, 89th Congress. Authorization for periodic beach nourishment of the Project was extended to 50 years from the date of original construction by Section 506(a)(1) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996. The Project will involve placement of approximately 3.5 million cubic yards of material along 17.35 miles of Broward County's coastline. The authorized Project includes two segments. In Segment II (Hillsboro Inlet to Port Everglades), fill will be placed along beaches in southern Pompano Beach, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, and northern and central Fort Lauderdale. In Segment III (Port Everglades to the south County line), fill will be placed along the entire segment, including John U. Lloyd Beach State Recreation Area, Dania Beach, Hollywood, and Hallandale Beach. Fill will be obtained from seven discrete borrow areas located offshore of the central and northern portion of the County. Previous beach fill construction, totaling approximately twelve miles of beach length, has occurred twice in Segment II (Pompano Beach/Lauderdale-By-The-Sea in 1970 and 1983) and twice each in two areas of Segment III (John U. Lloyd Beach State Recreation Area in 1976 and 1989, and Hollywood/Hallandale in 1979 and 1991). Authorization for Federal participation in periodic beach nourishment of Segment II expires in 2020 and in Segment III in 2030.

Alternatives: Alternatives considered include no action, continued nourishment of previously restored areas, initial restoration of previously unconstructed areas, modifications to beach fill amounts, widths, elevations, and/or extent, construction of groins and/or breakwaters, and beach fill/groin combination. Alternative sand sources in addition to the use of a borrow area for nourishment, include the use of other sand sources such as upland sources, Bahamian sand, other foreign sands, or other distant sources.

Issues: The EIS will consider impacts on coral reefs and other hardbottom communities, protected species, shore protection, health and safety, water quality, aesthetics and recreation, fish and wildlife resources, cultural

resources, energy conservation, socio-economic resources, and other impacts identified through scoping, public involvement, and interagency coordination.

Scoping: The scoping process will involve Federal, State, County and municipal agencies and other interested persons and organizations. A scoping letter will be sent to interested organizations and individuals and to Federal, State, County, and municipal agencies, requesting their comments and concerns.

Public Involvement: We invite the participation of affected Federal, State and local agencies, affected Indian tribes, and other interested private organizations and parties. At this time, we have no plans to hold a public scoping meeting.

Coordination: The proposed action is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, with the FWS under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, and with the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Other Environmental Review and Consultation: The proposed action would involve evaluation for compliance with guidelines pursuant to Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act; application (to the State of Florida) for Water Quality Certification pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act; certification of state lands, easements, and rights of way; and determination of Coastal Zone Management Act consistency.

Agency Role: As cooperating agency, non-Federal sponsor, and leading local expert; The Broward County Department of Planning and Environmental Protection, Biological Resources Division, will provide extensive information and assistance on the resources to be impacted, mitigation measures, and alternatives.

DEIS Preparation: It is estimated that the DEIS will be available to the public by January 2000.

Dated: October 1, 1999.

James C. Duck,

Chief, Planning Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Public Hearing for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Transfer and Reuse of Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant (NWIRP), Bethpage, NY

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) a DEIS for the transfer and reuse of NWIRP Bethpage, New York. A public hearing will be held for the purpose of receiving oral and written comments on the DEIS. Federal, state and local agencies, and interested individuals are invited to be present or represented at the hearing.

DATES: The public hearing will be held on November 18, 1999, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Bethpage High School, Cherry Street, Bethpage, New York.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Ostermueller (Code 202) at Northern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 10 Industrial Highway, Lester, Pennsylvania 19113, telephone (610) 595-0759, facsimile (610) 595-0778).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy has prepared and filed with the EPA a DEIS for the transfer and reuse of NWIRP Bethpage, New York. A Notice of Intent for this DEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on March 8, 1999 and a public scoping meeting was held in Bethpage, New York, on March 23, 1999.

The proposed action is the U.S. Navy's transfer of the NWIRP Bethpage to the County of Nassau, New York. The transfer of NWIRP Bethpage was authorized by the Department of Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1998. The legislation authorizes the Secretary of the Navy to convey NWIRP Bethpage to Nassau County, New York for economic redevelopment purposes or such other public purposes. The NWIRP Bethpage property consists of two non-contiguous land parcels encompassing approximately 109.5 acres and an individual building (Plant 5) located within the former 605-acre Northrop Grumman manufacturing campus in the hamlet of Bethpage,

Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County, New York. Currently, the property is developed with manufacturing, light industrial, and administrative land uses. In December 1998, Nassau County, through the Grumman Master Planning Council, identified a Preferred Reuse Plan for NWIRP Bethpage, described in Navy/Grumman Site Reuse Plan-Alternative Report. This plan is presented as the preferred reuse alternative that, along with its alternatives, is analyzed in the DEIS.

The DEIS evaluates three reuse alternatives. The Reuse Plan Alternative (preferred alternative) proposes a mix of light industry and office, with some warehousing on the 105-acre parcel and commercial use on the 4.5-acre parcel. The Preferred Reuse Plan would result in an estimated 5,410 full-time jobs. "Reuse Alternative A" comprises a mix of light industry and warehousing with limited office use. "Reuse Alternative B" would develop the properties entirely for office use. A "No Action Alternative" was also evaluated that assumes no disposal, and therefore, retention of the property by the U.S. Navy in caretaker status.

Potential impacts evaluated in the DEIS include, but are not limited to: Land use, socioeconomic, community facilities, transportation, air quality, noise, infrastructure, cultural resources, natural resources, hazardous wastes and soils contamination. Analysis includes the evaluation of direct, indirect, short-term, and cumulative impacts; and irreversible and irretrievable commitment of resources associated with the proposed action. No decision on the proposed action will be made until the NEPA process has been completed and a Record of Decision is signed.

The DEIS has been distributed to various federal, state, and local agencies, elected officials, and special interest groups and public libraries. The DEIS is also available for public review at the Bethpage Public Library located at 47 Powell Avenue, Bethpage, New York 11714.

Navy will conduct a public hearing to receive oral and written comments concerning the DEIS. A brief presentation will precede a request for public information and comments. Navy representatives will be available at the hearing to receive information and comments from agencies and the public regarding issues of concern. Federal, state, and local agencies, and interested parties are invited and urged to be present or represented at the hearing. Those who intend to speak will be asked to submit a speaker card (available at the door). Oral comments

will be heard and transcribed by a stenographer. To ensure accuracy of the record, all statements should also be submitted in writing. All statements, both oral and written, will become part of the public record in the study. Equal weight will be given to both oral and written comments. In the interest of available time, each speaker will be asked to limit oral comments to three minutes. Longer comments should be summarized at the public hearing and submitted in writing either at the hearing or mailed to: Commanding Officer, Northern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Code 202, 10 Industrial Highway, Lester, Pennsylvania 19113, (Attn. Mr. Robert Ostermueller, telephone (610) 595-0759, facsimile (610) 595-0778). Written comments must be received not later than Monday, December 13, 1999.

Dated: October 26, 1999.

C.G. Carlson,

Major, U.S. Marine Corps, Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Meeting of the Board of Visitors of Marine Corps University

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Board of Visitors of the Marine Corps University (BOV MCU) will meet to review, develop and provide recommendations on all aspects of the academic and administrative policies of the University; examine all aspects of professional military education operations; and provide such oversight and advice as is necessary to facilitate high educational standards and cost effective operations. The Board will be reviewing the fiscal plan for next year and the status of the University's accreditation process with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. All sessions of the meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday and Tuesday, November 15-16, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Marine Corps University Research Center, 2040 Broadway Street, Room 164, Quantico, Virginia 22134.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Garry Smith, Executive Secretary, Marine Corps University Board of Visitors, 2076 South Street, Quantico, Virginia 22134, (703) 784-4037.

Dated: October 19, 1999.

J.L. Roth,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DOE Response to Recommendation 99-1 of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Safe Storage of Fissionable Material called "Pits".

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board published Recommendation 99-1, concerning the safe storage of fissionable material called "pits," on August 27, 1999 (64 FR 46894). Under section 315(e) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2286d(e), the Department of Energy was required to transmit a response to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board by October 12, 1999. The Secretary's response follows.

DATES: Comments, data, views, or arguments concerning the Secretary's response are due on or before November 29, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, data, views, or arguments concerning the Secretary's response to: Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David E. Beck, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Military Application and Stockpile Operations, Defense Programs, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington DC, 20585.

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Mark B. Whitaker, Jr.,

Departmental Representative to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

The Honorable John T. Conway, *Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004.*

Dear Mr. Chairman: The Department of Energy acknowledges receipt of Recommendation 99-1, issued on August 11, 1999, and published in the **Federal Register** on August 27, 1999, and accepts the Board's recommendations.

The Department has initiated activities to develop and implement improved pit storage programs and to develop a shipping container for transporting pits to the plutonium disposition facility. We also implemented a pit repackaging program to ensure that pits are stored in accordance with applicable specifications.