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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### **Availability of the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Proposed Sauquoit Creek Flood Control Project at Whitesboro, NY**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—New York District Department of the Army, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Section 205 of the Flood Control Act of 1948, the New York District Office of the Corps of Engineers proposes to provide flood protection for the town of Whitestown through modification of the Sauquoit Creek. The Corps has identified a history of frequent and serious flooding along the Sauquoit Creek in the town of Whitestown. The flooding is caused by both fluvial and ice-jam related events. The project extends from the entrance ramp of Route 5A to 1,000 feet above the confluence of Sauquoit Creek with the Mohawk River. The total length of the channel modification is approximately 1 mile ending with a 2,000 foot long V notch pilot channel. The channel modifications include widening, realigning and deepening along with construction of a low flow channel within the main channel. Bioengineering techniques will be utilized to stabilize the channel. The V notch pilot channel will serve to provide a smooth transition between the channel modifications and the natural streambed. The plan prevents damages from fluvial events up to the 25-year level.

**DATES:** Written comments received within 45 days of the publication of the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability will be considered by the Corps in preparing the Final EIS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
 Address: New York District Corps of Engineers, CENAN-PL-ES, 26 Federal Plaza, New York NY 10278-0090.

Project Planner, Joseph Redican, Attn: CENAN-PL-FB, (202) 264-1060

Project Biologist, Kimberly Rightler,  
 Attn: CENAN-PL-ES, (202) 264-9846

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was filed in the **Federal Register** April 14, 1986. A Detailed Project Report comprised of a main report containing basic objectives, a final environmental impact statement (FEIS) and supporting documentation with the Sauquoit Creek project was completed in June 1986 and revised October 1987, but was never published in the **Federal Register** nor had a Record of Decision prepared.

Various structural and nonstructural alternatives to minimize flooding and ice jams were originally considered. Three plans were studied in detail (40, 50, 60 foot Channel Plan). The 60 Foot Channel Plan (Plan D3a) was designated the preferred plan by the New York District for its high benefits compared with its costs. The Plan consisted of channel modifications such as realignment, widening, deepening and a riprap armored trapezoidal channel along with constructing a high flow diversion channel connecting Sauquoit Creek to the Mohawk River.

Funding constraints and changes in administration policy delayed proposed implementation of the recommended plan and the FEIS was not filed in the **Federal Register**, pending resolution of these issues. Work resumed on the project in 1995 with the preparation of the plans and specifications phase. Due to the time that has lapsed and the project design changes, an updated draft EIS is necessary. The objective of this revised draft Environmental Impact Statement is to provide a description of the original and current projects, and to account for any potential impacts that may occur from construction disturbances since the original draft statement was written in 1984. Major revisions that have substantially reduced the amount of adverse impacts of the project made since the development of the 1984 DEIS include: (1) Elimination of the diversion channel and opening the culverts under the Conrail Bridge; (2) Incorporating bioengineering methods into the plan in lieu of all rip rap; (3) Installation of a low flow channel and a pilot channel.

Several scoping meetings were held at the time of the original environmental assessment for this project and significant issues related to the project were identified. The changes in the project design have decreased the environmental impacts; therefore an

additional scoping meeting was not considered necessary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### **Notice of Availability of A Novel Quantum-Well for Exclusive, Partially Exclusive or Non-Exclusive Licenses**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Research Laboratory, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army announces the general availability of exclusive, partially exclusive or non-exclusive licenses relative to a novel quantum-well technology as described in the U.S. Patent #5,579,331; "Delta-strained quantum-well semiconductor lasers and optical amplifiers"; Shen, *et al.*; November 26, 1996. Licenses shall comply with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
 Michael D. Rausa, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Office of Research and Technology Applications, ATTN: AMSRL-CS-TT/Bldg 459, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland 21005-5425, Telephone: (410) 278-5028.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** None.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### **Notice of Intent to Grant an Exclusive or Partially Exclusive License to Optical Crossing, Inc.**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Research Laboratory, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with 37 CFR 404 *et seq.*, the Department of the Army hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to Optical Crossings, Inc., a corporation having its principle place of business at 411 N. Central Ave. Suite 70, Glendale, CA 91203, an exclusive or partially exclusive license relative to a patented ARL technology (U.S. Patent # 5,579,331; "Delta-strained quantum-well semiconductor lasers and optical amplifiers"; Shen, *et al.*; November 26,

1996.). Anyone wishing to object to the granting of this license has 60 days from the date of this notice to file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Michael D. Rausa, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Office of Research and Technology Applications, ATTN: AMSRL-CS-TT/Bldg 459, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland 21005-5425, Telephone: (410) 278-5028.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** None.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### **Public Hearing for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Replacement Pier and Dredging at Naval Station San Diego, San Diego, CA**

**AGENCY:** Department of Navy, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Navy (Navy) has prepared and filed with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for a Replacement Pier and Dredging at Naval Station (NAVSTA) San Diego, San Diego, California. A public hearing will be held to receive 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 16, 2000 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The hearing will be held at the Holiday Inn, Terrace Ballroom, 700 National City Boulevard (at 8th Street), National City, California.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Grace S. Penafuerte, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest Division, telephone (619) 556-7773, facsimile (619) 556-8929, or e-mail: [penafuertegs@efds.w.navy.mil](mailto:penafuertegs@efds.w.navy.mil).

**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 Navy has prepared and filed with the EPA a DEIS for a replacement pier and dredging at NAVSTA San Diego, California, to

support ships currently homeported in the San Diego Naval Complex.

A Notice of Intent for this DEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on May 12, 1999 (64 FR 25480). A public scoping meeting was held in National City, California, on June 9, 1999.

The proposed action includes demolition of two inadequate piers, construction of a new pier, provision for requisite utilities, dredging, and dredged material disposal. The replacement pier would be 120 feet wide and 1,500 feet long with a power intensive electrical supply (19,800 amps at 450 volts). Dredging to 37 feet (11.3 meters) below mean lower low water would be necessary to accommodate modern Navy ships. A total volume of approximately 763,545 cubic yards of sediment would be dredged, of which an estimated 47,966 cubic yards is unsuitable for ocean disposal.

The purpose of the proposed action is to develop a replacement pier to provide berthing, logistics support, and maintenance and utility requirements for ships currently homeported in the San Diego Region. The need for the proposed action is to address the current shortfall in pier infrastructure and capacity in the San Diego Naval Complex.

Two alternatives for pier replacement are considered in the DEIS: (1) Replacement of existing Piers 10 and 11 with a new pier, or (2) replacement of existing Piers 11 and 12 with a new pier. Two alternative pier construction techniques are considered: a pile-supported pier and a mole pier. Dredged material suitable for ocean disposal is proposed to be disposed at the LA-5 Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site. Sediments unsuitable for ocean disposal are proposed to be dewatered and disposed at an approved upland disposal site. Two dewatering options for unsuitable sediments are evaluated: confined disposal facilities and barge dewatering. Various disposal options for unsuitable dredged sediment are also evaluated, including confined nearshore disposal sites, upland landfill and reclamation sites, and upland reuse areas. The DEIS also considers the No-Action Alternative which is no demolition, no pier construction, and no dredging and disposal.

The DEIS evaluates the environmental effects associated with each of the alternatives and options. Issues addressed in the DEIS include: Water resources, biological resources, topography/geology, air quality, health and safety, land use, noise, transportation, aesthetics, cultural resources, utilities, socioeconomics, and environmental justice. Impact analyses

include an evaluation of the direct, indirect, short-term, and cumulative impacts.

No decision on the proposed action will be made until the NEPA process is complete. The decision will be announced when the Secretary of the Navy releases the Record of Decision.

The DEIS has been distributed to various federal, state and local agencies, elected officials, and special interest groups. The DEIS is available for public review at the following public libraries:

National City Public Library, 200 E. 12th Street, National City, California

San Diego Library (Science & Industry Section), 820 E Street San Diego, California.

The Navy will conduct one public hearing to receive oral and written comments concerning the DEIS. A Spanish-language interpreter will be available at the hearing. The public hearing will begin with a brief presentation followed by a request for comments on the DEIS. Federal, state and local agencies, and interested parties are invited 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 transcribed by a stenographer. To assure accuracy of the record, all statements should 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 Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest Division, 2585 Callaghan Highway, Building 99, San Diego, California 92136-5198 (Attn: Ms. Grace S. Penafuerte, Code 5SPR.GP.) Written comments are requested not later than December 4, 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### **Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office