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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Second Supplemental Record of Decision (ROD) for the Disposal of Portions of the Former Homestead Air Force Base (AFB), FL

On January 15, 2001, the Air Force signed the Second Supplemental ROD for Portions of the Former Homestead AFB. The ROD was developed based on consideration of the December 2000 Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), correspondence received by the Air Force, and other relevant factors.

The Air Force decided in the ROD to offer approximately 717 acres of surplus property to Miami-Dade County for mixed-use development, but will not allow construction of a commercial airport at the site. The Air Force will retain the runway and airfield areas at the former base for its own use. Those areas will continue to be maintained by the Air Force and used by the Air Force Reserve, the Florida Air National Guard, Customs Service, and other federal agencies.

If the county opts not to apply for the transfer or declines the surplus property, the Air Force then will act upon a request for the property from the Department of the Interior, which hopes to trade the land for other valuable property. This transaction also would be in support of mixed-use development of the Homestead property.

This decision struck a balance between the federal interests in economic development of realigned military bases and the protection of environmental values in two nearby national parks. Although this decision is a reversal of one made by the Air Force in 1994, the new decision sought to protect the County's interests by giving

the County the first opportunity to accept the land for redevelopment. The County is the local redevelopment authority under the base closure laws, and offering the property to the County first reflects policy that local redevelopment authorities be given a central role in the determination of how base closure property is to be reused.

More details about the decision can be found in the Second Supplemental Record of Decision (ROD) for Disposal of Portions of the Former Homestead Air Force Base (AFB), Florida, which is available on request by contacting Mr. John Corradetti, Jr. Program Manager, Division A, Air Force Base Conversion Agency, 1700 N. Moore Street, Suite 2300, Arlington, VA 22209-2809. A copy can also be viewed electronically at <http://www.denix.osd.mil/SEIS>.

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DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Revised Proposed Amendment to the Delaware River Basin Commission's Water Code and Comprehensive Plan To Establish Water Usage Reporting Requirements and Proposed Amendment to the Commission's Water Metering Requirements

SUMMARY: The Delaware River Basin Commission ("Commission") will hold a public hearing to receive comments on revised proposed amendments to its Water Code and Comprehensive Plan to establish water usage reporting requirements for source water withdrawals and water service and to receive comments on proposed amendments to its water metering requirements. On October 23, 2000 the Commission published on its web site a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to establish water usage reporting requirements to ensure that the Commission has the source and service information needed to evaluate how and where water is being used in the basin. Notice also was published in the **Federal Register** on November 29, 2000 (65 FR 71094). The Commission held a public hearing on the proposed rulemaking on January 9, 2001. Today, in response to written and oral testimony, including recommendations of the Commission's Water Management Advisory Committee, substantive changes are proposed to the previously noticed amendments to the Water Code and Comprehensive Plan. The

Commission deems the changes significant enough to warrant this revised notice, a new opportunity for comment, and a second hearing before it adopts the proposed amendments. The proposal that is the subject of today's notice differs significantly from the original in that it extends the water usage reporting obligation set forth in proposed Section 2.50.3 of the Water Code to users subject to the Commission's Ground Water Protected Area Regulations for Southeastern Pennsylvania, including the owner(s) of each water supply system serving the public and each person, firm, corporation, or other entity, other than water supply systems serving the public, subject to the Ground Water Protected Area Regulations for Southeastern Pennsylvania. Minor changes to the proposed water usage reporting requirements include additional requests for data on acres irrigated (for irrigated uses only), whether water is recycled or reclaimed, and the percentages recycled or reclaimed. These data are requested only if available and only in an initial report and thereafter when changes occur. The revised proposed water usage reporting requirements differ from the original proposed requirements in one further respect. They provide that in the absence of an administrative agreement between the Commission and the state agency serving as the designated agency, the Commission shall administer and enforce the regulations. To ensure consistency, a similar revision as to administration and enforcement is proposed in Sections 2.50.1 and 2.50.2, concerning water metering requirements.

DATES: The public hearing will be held on Thursday, April 19, 2001 during the Commission's regular business meeting. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. and continue until all those present who wish to testify are afforded an opportunity to do so. Persons wishing to testify at the hearing are asked to register in advance with the Commission Secretary.

The deadline for submission of written comments will be April 6, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will be held at the New York City Municipal Building, One Centre Street, Building One, Room 1019, in lower Manhattan. Directions will be posted on the Commission's web site, www.drbc.net, by mid-March. Written comments should be submitted to Pamela M. Bush, Delaware River Basin Commission, P.O. Box 7360, West Trenton, NJ 08628-0360.