

Floridan Aquifer System for a minimum of two cycle tests. Each cycle test includes a period of water storage followed by a period of recovery and discharge. Recovered water will be monitored and treated, if needed, to insure compliance with appropriate water quality standards prior to discharge into surface water or canal.

*c. Preliminary Alternatives:*

Formulation of alternative plans will involve the selection of the most suitable site for the ASR wells, impoundment depth and configuration, collection well configuration, water treatment technologies, investigation of intake and discharge sites, and investigation of best configuration of surface facilities of the project.

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) evaluation of the pilot project will include an evaluation of adverse environmental impacts, including but not limited to, water quality, socio-economic, archaeological and biological. In addition to adverse impacts, the evaluation will also focus on how well the plans perform with regard to specific technologic performance measures.

*d. Issues:* The EIS will consider impacts on water quality, ecosystem habitat, threatened and endangered species, health and safety, aesthetics and recreation, fish and wildlife resources, cultural resources, water availability, flood protection, and other potential impacts identified through scoping, public involvement, and interagency coordination.

*e. Scoping:* Initial project scoping began in January 2001 at a public meeting in Palm Beach County. Additional workshops have been held in West Palm Beach on January 2002 to identify additional public concerns related to ASR and regional implementation. A scoping letter will be issued in May 2002 to interested parties. In addition, all parties are invited to participate in the scoping process by identifying any additional concerns on issues, studies needed, alternatives, procedures, and other matters related to the scoping process. At this time, there is no plan for a public scoping meeting.

*f. Public Involvement:* We invite the participation of affected Federal, state and local agencies, affected Indian tribes, and other interested private organizations and parties.

*g. 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.

*h. 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 right of ways, and determination of Coastal Zone Management Act consistency.

*i. Agency Role:* As cooperation agency, non-Federal sponsor, and leading local expert, SFWMD will provide information and assistance on the resources to be impacted and alternatives.

*j. DEIS Preparation:* The integrated Pilot Project Design Report, including a DEIS, is currently estimated for publication in June 2003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Future Dredging of Capron Shoal for the Fort Pierce Shore Protection Project in St. Lucie County, FL

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Jacksonville District intends to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for further dredging at Capron Shoal to renourish the Fort Pierce Shore Protection Project (SPP) in St. Lucie County, FL.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*a. Project background and Authorization.* Fort Pierce Inlet, originally cut by local interests in 1921, affects the littoral transport of sand north and south of the inlet. The north has accreted while there's been a significant loss of sand to the south. Accordingly, the Fort Pierce SPP, authorized by the River and Harbor Act

of 1965, provided for restoration of 1.3 miles of shoreline south of Fort Pierce Inlet and for subsequent periodic renourishment as needed. Since 1971 more than 2 million cubic yards (cy) of beach nourishment and maintenance dredge sand has been placed on the beach. The project provides for a fifty-foot protective berm extending 1.3 miles south of Fort Pierce Inlet. Extension of the project an additional one mile has been addressed in the Environmental Assessment (EA) dated August 1998. Groins are being considered for the eroding area south of the inlet and will be addressed in an EA.

*b. Need or Purpose.* This Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) evaluates the potential impacts of further dredging of Capron Shoal. The environmental analysis will incorporate the results of studies/surveys of bryozoans, reef (hard bottom) and borrow area impacts. This EIS fulfills term and condition 4 of the March 12, 1999 Joint Stipulation for Entry of Dismissal of the Case Winston, et al., vs. Lt. Gen. Ballard.

*c. Proposed Solution and Forecast completion Date.* Sand dredged from Capron Shoal would be used for placement on the Ft. Pierce Beach SPP as needed and appropriate.

*d. Prior EAs, EISs.* EAs were completed in 1998; 1993-revised 94 & 95 and in 1978 specifically for the nourishment of Ft. Pierce Beach SPP. In addition to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents prepared specifically for the Ft. Pierce Beach SPP; a 1993 EIS associated with the widening/deepening of the Ft. Pierce navigation channel; and, EAs for channel maintenance dredging were also prepared when sand from the channel was to be placed on Fort Pierce Beach.

*e. Alternatives.* A reevaluation of alternatives, including structural alternatives to minimize the frequency and extent of dredging and beach placement will be done. Alternatives will include the No Action alternative. This EIS will analyze reasonable alternatives to dredging at Capron Shoal, including potential alternatives that would avoid or minimize the need for dredging.

*f. Issues.* Those issues identified in b above shall be addressed in depth as well as the effects on Federally listed threatened and endangered species, essential fish habitat and community response to beach restoration impacts. Additionally, 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 will be discussed.

g. *Scoping Process.* A scoping meeting is not scheduled. The public will be involved in the planning process through mail solicitations and advisements. As a minimum, all parties who have expressed interest in the Fort Pierce SPP will be invited to participate in the planning process. Federal, state and local agencies, and other interested groups will also be involved. Meetings to address discrete issues or parts or functions of the study area may be called.

h. *Public Involvement.* We invite the participation of affected Federal, state and local agencies, other interested private organizations, parties and the public.

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

j. *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.

k. *Agency Role.* The Corps and the non-Federal sponsor, St. Lucie County, will provide extensive information and assistance on the resources to be impacted, mitigation measures, and alternatives.

l. *DEIS Preparation.* It is estimated that the DEIS will be available to the public on or about June 2002.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### **Federal Pell Grant, Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Work-Study, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Federal Family Education Loan, and William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Programs**

**AGENCY:** Federal Student Aid, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of revision of the Federal need analysis Methodology for the 2003-2004 award year.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Education announces the annual updates to the tables that will be used in the statutory "Federal Need Analysis Methodology" to determine a student's expected family contribution (EFC) for award year 2003-2004 under Part F of Title IV of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, as amended, Title IV, HEA Programs. An EFC is the amount a student and his or her family may reasonably be expected to contribute toward the student's postsecondary educational costs for purposes of determining financial aid eligibility. The Title IV, HEA Programs include the Federal Pell Grant, campus-based (Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Work-Study, and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Programs), Federal Family Education Loan, and William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Programs.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Part F of Title IV of the HEA specifies the criteria, data elements, calculations, and tables used in the Federal Need Analysis Methodology EFC calculations.

Section 478 of Part F of the HEA requires the Secretary to adjust four of the tables—the Income Protection Allowance, the Adjusted Net Worth of

a Business or Farm, the Education Savings and Asset Protection Allowance, and the Assessment Schedules and Rates—each award year to take into account inflation. The changes are based, in general, upon increases in the Consumer Price Index.

For the award year 2003-2004 the Secretary is charged with updating the income protection allowance, adjusted net worth of a business or farm, and the assessment schedules and rates to account for inflation that took place between December 2001 and December 2002. However, since the Secretary must publish these tables before December 2002, the increases in the tables must be based upon a percentage equal to the estimated percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers for 2001. The Secretary estimates that the increase in the Consumer Price Index for all urban Consumers for the period December 2001 through December 2002 will be 2.8 percent. The updated tables are in sections 1, 2, and 4 of this notice.

The Secretary must also revise, for each award year, the table of asset protection allowances as provided for in section 478 (d) of the HEA. The Education Savings and Asset Protection Allowance table for the award year 2003-2004 has been updated in section 3 of this notice.

Section 477(B)(5) of Part F of the HEA also requires the Secretary to increase the amount specified for the Employment Expense Allowance to account for inflation based upon increases in the Bureau of Labor Statistics budget of the marginal costs for a two-earner compared to a one-earner family for meals away from home, apparel and upkeep, transportation, and housekeeping services. Therefore, the Secretary is increasing this allowance as described in section 5 of this notice.

The HEA provides for the following annual updates:

1. *Income Protection Allowance.* This allowance is the amount of living expenses associated with the maintenance of an individual or family that may be offset against the family's income. It varies by family size and number in college. The income protection allowance for the dependent student is \$2,380. The income protection allowances for parents of dependent students and independent students with dependents other than a spouse for award year 2003-2004 are: