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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Used to study gait mechanics in multiple successive strides especially during movement at walking/marching speeds.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability for Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Application Concerning Ricin Vaccine and Methods of Making and Using Thereof

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6 and 404.7, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of U.S. Patent Application No. 110/083.336 entitled "Ricin Vaccine and Methods of Making and Using Thereof," filed February 27, 2002. Foreign rights are also available (PCT/US02/05732). The United States Government, as represented by the Secretary of the Army has rights in this invention.

ADDRESSES: Commander, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, ATTN: Command Judge Advocate MCMR-JA, 504 Scott Street, Fort Detrick, Frederick, MD 21702-5012.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Methods of immunizing against, treating, and preventing ricin intoxication are disclosed.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Corps of Engineers

Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for a Proposed Daguerre Point Dam Fish Passage Improvement Project

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

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) are lead agencies preparing a joint Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (DEIS/EIR), pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), to evaluate the Daguerre Point Dam Fish Passage Improvement Project. The purpose of the project is to improve fish passage at Daguerre Point Dam. The project has a goal to improve upstream and downstream fish passage for native anadromous fish species at Daguerre Point Dam and contribute to overall population recovery. Additional objectives are to keep water interests whole and not increase food risk. Stakeholder meetings have identified alternatives to consider during the preparation of the environmental document.

DATES: Written comments will be accepted no later than July 25, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to Ted Frink, Department of Water Resources Fish Passage Improvement Program, P.O. Box 942836, Sacramento, CA 94236-0001, phone (916) 651-9630, fax (916) 651-9607.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doug Grothe, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Englebright/Martis Creek Lakes, P.O. Box 6, Smartville, CA 95977, phone (530) 639-2342, fax (530) 639-2175.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Preliminary resource issues that have been identified and will be evaluated in the joint document include but are not limited to fish passage, water supply, sediment fate, and biological resources. In addition to No Action/No Project, four alternative concepts are being considered.

1. State-of-the-Art Fish Ladder(s)

This alternative concept would replace the two existing fish ladders with either one or two state-of-the-art

ladders. Potential siting and configuration depends on engineering design considerations.

2. Notch Dam to Passable Height

This alternative concept would cut a notch out of the existing dam to a height that adult fish can successfully pass. Accumulated sediment behind the dam may be dredged or released downstream naturally.

3. Natural River Channel Bypass Around Dam

This alternative concept would create a new river channel that bypasses the existing dam. The bypass channel length and width would be determined based on engineering design considerations. Daguerre Point Dam would remain in place.

4. Dam Removal

This alternative concept would remove Daguerre Point Dam. Accumulated sediment behind the dam may be dredged or released downstream naturally. The environmental review will be conducted pursuant to NEPA and CEQA, the Endangered Species Act, and other applicable laws, to analyze potential environmental impacts of implementing each feasible alternative. The Daguerre Point Dam Preliminary Fish Passage Improvement Study completed in 2001 by the USACE is the starting point for this process. Alternatives described in this report will be re-evaluated and updated to reflect current conditions and knowledge. Public input on additional alternatives or combination of alternatives that should be considered will be sought through the scoping process.

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, are typically made available for public review. Individual respondents may request their home addresses withheld from public disclosure. These requests would be honored to the extent allowable by law. Requests to withhold your home address must be stated prominently at the beginning of your comment letter. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available to the public in its entirety. A public scoping meeting for the DEIS/EIR was held on June 27, 2002 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Yuba-Sutter Chamber of Commerce (meeting room), 429 10th Street, Marysville, CA 95901. (See Dates and Addresses above for more information.)

Availability of the DEIS/EIR: The DEIS/EIR is estimated to be available in early 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Corps of Engineers

Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Subsequent Environmental Impact Report for a Permit Application for the Proposed West Basin Marine Terminal Improvement Projects in the Port of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, CA

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) Los Angeles District is considering future applications for Section 404 and Section 10 permits to conduct dredge and fill activities associated with a continuing program of waterside, marine terminal, and transportation improvement projects in the West Basin area of the Port of Los Angeles. Some of the project elements are completed and others are previously approved actions by the Port of Los Angeles (Port) and the Corps, including the Channel Deepening Project (Corps/Port 2000) that will dredge all navigational channels in the West Basin to - 53 feet and construct 43 acres of new landfill in the Southwest Slip. Major project elements to be covered in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Subsequent Environmental Impact Report/Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (EIS/SEIR) include: Dredging, wharf renovation and new wharf construction, to match the approved - 53 foot channel depths construction of new landfill, and potential channel realignment. Landside developments will include expansion, redevelopment and construction of marine terminal facilities, and transportation infrastructure improvements including a grade separation a bridge structure, an intermodal rail facility and potential realignment of road and railways.

The primary Federal concern is the dredging and discharging of materials within waters of the United States and potential impacts on the human environment. Therefore, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy

Act (NEPA), the Corps is requiring the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prior to consideration of any permit action. The Corps may ultimately make a determination to permit or deny the above project or permit or deny modified versions of the above project.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Port will serve as Lead Agency for the preparation of a subsequent Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for its consideration of development approvals within its jurisdiction. The Corps and the Port have agreed to jointly prepare a Draft EIS/SEIR in order to optimize efficiency and avoid duplication. The Draft EIS/SEIR is intended to be sufficient in scope to address both the Federal and the state and local requirements and environmental issues concerning the proposed activities and permit approvals.

DATES: A public scoping meeting for the Draft EIS/SEIR will be held at the Port of Los Angeles on July 16, 2002, at 6:30 P.M. Written comments will be received until August 5, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Copies of comments and questions regarding scoping of the Draft EIS/SEIR may be addressed to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Regulatory Branch. ATTN: File Number 2002-01070-AOA, P.O. Box 532711, Los Angeles, CA 90053-2325. Copies should also be sent to Dr. Ralph Apply, Director of Environmental Management, Port of Los Angeles, 425 S. Palos Verdes St., San Pedro, CA 90731.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phone messages or questions can be directed to Dr. Aaron O. Allen: (805) 585-2148.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Project Site and Background Information

The proposed project is located in the northwestern portion of the Port of Los Angeles, adjacent to the Wilmington and San Pedro Districts of the City of Los Angeles, CA. The proposed dredge activities would take place at various berths throughout the West Basin portion of the Port of Los Angeles, including the Berth 100-102 area, the Berth 118-131 area, and the Berth 136-147 area. Dredging would also be required if the navigation channel at Berths 121-127 was to be widened. Major areas of fill include the Southwest Slip and possibly the slip at Berths 132-134. The proposed improvement projects represent a continuation of a long-term, ongoing process of optimizing cargo handling efficiencies

and thereby reducing environmental impacts of increased container terminal operations in the West Basin area. The proposed improvement projects involve dredge and fill operations, new wharf construction, renovation of existing wharfs coupled with terminal expansion on adjacent areas of existing land, and improvement of transportation infrastructure.

Optimization of terminals and infrastructure in the West Basin was initially evaluated in the West Basin Transportation Improvements Program Environmental Impact Report (WBTIP EIR, LAHD 1997a). The 1997 EIR and subsequent CEQA and NEPA assessments have been used to certify and approve many project elements in the West Basin. Since the certification of the 1997 Program EIR many project elements have been completed and others are planned.

Key objectives of the new West Basin EIS/SEIR identified in this notice of intent will be to: (1) Establish an updated baseline of current Port operations and environmental conditions with the West Basin and (2) assess potential environmental effects of implementing currently proposed projects within this part of the Port of Los Angeles. A key component of this new EIS/SEIR will be to update the cargo-handling capacity of the West Basin container terminals and update environmental impacts of ship, truck, and rail traffic associated with proposed project elements.

2. Proposed Action

Construction of the proposed project would require dredging approximately 1,000,000 cubic yards of material if all project elements are implemented. Placement of sediment within the West Basin to construct additional landfill in the Southwest slip would require approximately 5,000,000 cubic yard of material and result in the permanent loss of 32 acres of open-water habitat. The placement of material generated by the federal channel deepening project in the Southwest slip to meet this need has been reviewed in terms of dredge disposal options in the Port of Los Angeles Channel Deepening Project SEIS/SEIR (2000). The potential channel widening between Berths 121 to 126 would create an additional 6 acres of open-water habitat and the potential fill between Berths 131 to 136 would remove 13 acres of open-water habitat. Additional material would originate from sources outside of the West Basin such as the Pier 400 storage area. In addition to project elements that may arise from the public scoping process will also be evaluated in the West Basin