

Secretary of the Army on waterways construction and rehabilitation priorities and spending levels for commercial navigation improvements, and report its recommendations annually to the Secretary and Congress.

c. Appointment. The operation of the Board and appointment of its members are subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended) and departmental implementing regulations. Members serve without compensation but their expenses due to Board activities are reimbursable. The considerations specified in Section 302 for the selection of the Board members, and certain terms used therein, have been interpreted, supplemented, or otherwise clarified as follows:

(1) *Carriers and Shippers.* The law uses the terms "primary users and shippers." Primary users have been interpreted to mean the providers of transportation services on inland waterways such as barge or towboat operators. Shippers have been interpreted to mean the purchasers of such services for the movement of commodities they own or control. Individuals are appointed to the Board, but they must be either a carrier or shipper, or represent a firm that is a carrier or shipper. For that purpose a trade or regional association is neither a shipper or primary user.

(2) *Geographical Representation.* The law specifies "various" regions. For the purpose of selecting Board members, the waterways subjected to fuel taxes and described in Public Law 95-502, as amended, have been aggregated into six regions. They are (1) the Upper Mississippi River and its tributaries above the mouth of the Ohio; (2) the Lower Mississippi River and its tributaries below the mouth of the Ohio and above Baton Rouge; (3) the Ohio River and its tributaries; (4) the Gulf intracoastal Waterway in Louisiana and Texas; (5) the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway east of New Orleans and associated fuel-taxed waterways including the Tennessee-Tombigbee, plus the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway below Norfolk; and (6) the Columbia-Snake Rivers System and Upper Willamette. The intent is that each region shall be represented by at least one Board member, with that representation determined by the regional concentration of the individual's traffic on the waterways.

(3) *Commodity Representation.* Waterway commerce has been aggregated into six commodity categories based on "inland" ten-miles shown in Waterborne Commerce of the United States. These categories are (1)

Farm and Food Products; (2) Coal and Coke; (3) Petroleum, Crude and Products; (4) Minerals, Ores, and Primary Metals and Mineral Products; (5) Chemicals and Allied Products; and (6) All other. A consideration in the selection of Board members will be that the commodities carried or shipped by those individuals or their firms will be reasonably representative of the above commodity categories.

d. Nomination. Reflecting preceding selection criteria, the current representation by the seven (7) Board members whose terms expire December 31, 2002 is one member representing region 1, one member representing region 2, two members representing region 3, one member representing region 4, one member representing region 5, and one member representing region 6. Also, these Board members represent five carriers, one shipper, and one shipper/carrier. Two of the seven members whose terms expire December 31, 2002, are eligible for reappointment. Nominations to replace Board members whose terms expire December 31, 2002, may be made by individuals, firms or associations. Nominations will:

- (1) State the region to be represented.
- (2) State whether the nominee is representing carriers, shippers or both.
- (3) Provide information on the nominee's personal qualifications.
- (4) Include the commercial operations of the carrier and/or shipper with whom the nominee is affiliated. This commercial operations information will show the actual or estimated ton-miles of each commodity carried or shipped on the inland waterways system in a recent year (or years) using the waterway regions and commodity categories previously listed.

Nominations received in response to last year's **Federal Register** notice (66 FR 36757) published on July 13, 2001 have been retained for consideration. Renomination is not required but may be desirable.

e. Deadline for Nominations. All nominations must be received at the address shown above no later than August 31, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Armament Retooling and Manufacturing Support Executive Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of the next meeting of the Armament Retooling and Manufacturing Support (ARMS) Executive Advisory Committee (EAC). The EAC encourages the development of new and innovative methods to optimize the asset value of the Government-Owned, Contractor-Operated ammunition industrial base for peacetime and national emergency requirements, while promoting economical and efficient processes at minimal operating costs, retention of critical skills, community economic benefits, and a potential model for defense conversion. The U.S. Army, Operations Support Command, will host this meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to update the EAC and public on the status of ongoing actions, new items of interest, and suggested future direction/actions. Topics for this meeting will include: ARMS Loan Program; Effects of TIM on Consideration; Security Issues; and Arsenal Support Program Initiative Update. This meeting is open to the public.

Date of Meeting: August 28-29, 2002.

Place of Meeting: Isle of Capri Hotel, 1777 Isle Parkway, Bettendorf, IA 52722.

Time of Meeting: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on August 28 and 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m. on August 29.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mike Perez, U.S. Army Operations Support Command, and Attn: AMSOS-CCM-I, Rock Island Arsenal, IL 61299, phone (309) 782-3360.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A block of rooms has been reserved at the Isle of Capri Hotel for the nights of August 27-28, 2002. The Isle of Capri Hotel is located at 1777 Isle Parkway, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722, local phone (563) 359-7280. Please make your reservations by calling 800-724-5825. Be sure to mention the guest code acronym ARMS Meeting. Reserve your room prior to August 8th to get the Government Rate of \$55.00 a night. Also notify this office of your attendance by notifying Mike Perez, perez@mosc.army.mil, and (309) 782-3360 (DSN 793-3360). *To insure adequate arrangements (transportation,*

conference facilities, etc.) for all attendees, we request your attendance notification with this office by August 8, 2002. Corporate casual is meeting attire.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Lake Okeechobee Aquifer Storage and Recovery Pilot Project at Three Sites Adjacent to Lake Okeechobee, With Components in Martin, Okeechobee, and Glades Counties, FL

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), intends to prepare an integrated Pilot Project Design Report and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Lake Okeechobee Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Pilot Project. The study is a cooperative effort between the Corps and the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), which is also a cooperating agency for this DEIS. One of the recommendations of the final report of the Central & South Florida (C&SF) Comprehensive Review Study (Restudy) was the Lake Okeechobee ASR Pilot Project. This project will determine the feasibility of using ASR technology for water storage and the treatment regimes needed for an operational ASR well system. It will also collect scientific data to address the uncertainties associated with the ASR technology and for future optimization and design studies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Rebecca Weiss, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Planning Division, Environmental Branch, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, FL 32232-0019, telephone (904) 899-5025.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

a. Authorization: Section 101(a)(16) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 (WRDA 1999) (Pub. L. 106-53) authorized construction of two pilot projects, Lake Okeechobee ASR and Hillsboro ASR. Although these two pilot projects were authorized separate from the Central and Southern Florida Project, they are also integral elements

of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) as authorized in Title VI of WRDA 2000 (Pub. L. 105-541, Section 601). Therefore, these two projects were included in the CERP Design Agreement between the Corps and the local sponsor, SFWMD, and required design studies are now proceeding.

b. Project Scope: The Pilot project will determine the feasibility of ASR technology for water storage at each site, the water quality characteristics of source waters, native subsurface waters and recovered waters, appropriate water treatment requirements, and recommend operational goals for a full scale ASR project at Lake Okeechobee. As proposed, the pilot project would include construction at 3 locations of one ASR well, a surface water intake and discharge system, pre-injection and post recovery water treatment facilities, and other associated piping, treatment systems, and surface facilities. Each ASR well will be used to store and recover freshwater in the upper Floridian Aquifer System. After preliminary analysis of collected data, one site will be chosen for construction of 2 additional ASR wells and associated pumps, piping, water treatment facilities and monitoring wells, in order to test the effects of a multi-well facility.

Operational plans for the test pilot are to collect surface water from adjacent canal or tributaries, treat collected water to applicable drinking water quality standards, and inject water into the Floridian 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, surface water collection system configuration, water treatment technologies, investigation of intake and discharge sites, and investigation of best configuration of surface facilities of the project. The DEIS 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 DEIS 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: An initial public workshop was held in West Palm Beach on January 2001 to introduce the Lake Okeechobee pilot project plan and gather comments. In addition, a public workshop was held in West Palm Beach on January 2002 to identify public concerns related to ASR technology and regional implementation. A scoping letter will be issued in July 2002 to interested parties. All parties are invited to participate in the scoping process by identifying any additional concern 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 Services (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; certification of state lands, easements and right of ways, and determination of Coastal Zone Management Act consistency.

i. Agency Role: As the cooperating 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 November 2003.

Dated: July 10, 2002.

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Chief, Planning Division.

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