

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Department of the Army announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by December 2, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Director of Admissions, U.S. Military Academy, Official Mail & Distribution Center, ATTN: (Joseph Dineen), 646 Swift Road, West Point, NY, 10996-1905. Consideration will be given to all comments received within 60 days of the date of publication of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call Department of the Army Reports Clearance Officer at (703) 692-1451.

*Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:* Candidate Procedures, USMA Forms: 21-26, 21-23, 21-25, 21-26, 5-520, 5-518, 5-597, FL 481, FL 546, FL 5-2 FL 5-26, FL 5-515, FL 48-1, FL 520, FL 261, FL 21-14, FL 21-8, OMB Control 0702-0061.

*Needs and Uses:* West Point candidates provide personal background information which allows the West Point Admissions Committee to make subjective judgments on non-academic experiences. Data is also used by West Point's Office of Institutional Research for correlation with success in graduation and military careers. The purpose of this activity is to obtain a group of applicants who eventually may be evaluated for admission to West Point.

*Affected Public:* Individual or Households.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 19,325.  
*Number of Respondents:* 92,525.  
*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.  
*Average Burden Per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title 10, USC 4346 provides requirements for admission of candidates to the US Military Academy. The US Military Academy USMA strives to motivate outstanding potential candidates to apply for admission to USMA. Once candidates are found, USMA collects information necessary to nurture them through successful completion of the application process.

**Luz D. Ortiz,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Board of Visitors, United States Military Academy

**AGENCY:** United States Military Academy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following committee meeting:

*Name of Committee:* Board of Visitors, United States Military Academy.

*Date:* November 18, 2002.

*Place of Meeting:* Superintendent's Conference Room, United States Military Academy (USMA) Taylor Hall, West Point, NY 10996.

*Start Time of Meeting:* Approximately 3:15 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lieutenant Colonel Edward C. Clarke, United States Military Academy, West Point, NY 10996-5000, (845) 938-4200.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Proposed Agenda:* Fall Annual Meeting of the Board of Visitors. Review of the Academic, Military, Moral, Ethical, and the Physical Programs at the USMA. Approval of the 2002 Annual Report to the President. All proceedings are open.

**Edward C. Clarke,**

*Lieutenant Colonel, US Army, Executive Secretary, USMA Board of Visitors.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement Titled: Donaldsonville to the Gulf, Hurricane Protection Feasibility Study

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, is initiating this study under the authority of a United States House of Representative; Transportation and Infrastructure Committee resolution adopted May 6, 1998. This study will investigate the feasibility of constructing a hurricane protection levee from Larose, Louisiana to the western Davis Pond guide levee located east of Boutte, Louisiana. Ecosystem restoration components in the Lac des Allemands drainage basin area north of U.S. Highway 90 will be incorporated into the study. The project location includes Ascension, Assumption, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James and St. John the Baptist Parishes, Louisiana.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions concerning the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) should be addressed to Mr. Gib Owen at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, PM-RS, P.O. Box 60267, New Orleans, LA 70160-0267, phone (504) 862-1337, fax number (504) 862-2572 or by e-mail at [gib.a.owen@mvn02.usace.army.mil](mailto:gib.a.owen@mvn02.usace.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The resolution authorized a study to determine the feasibility of constructing approximately 55 miles of hurricane protection levee from Larose, Louisiana to the western Davis Pond guide levee located east of Boutte, Louisiana. The proposed levee alignment would start at the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway in Lafourche Parish and proceed north parceling the east side of Bayou Lafourche to U.S. Highway 90 south of Raceland, Louisiana. The alignment would proceed northeast paralleling the south side of U.S. Highway 90 to Bayou Des Allemands. A water control structure would be built at Bayou des Allemands. Levee alignment would proceed northeast from east side of Bayou Des Allemands to join with the west Davis Pond guide levee east of Boutte, Louisiana. Additionally, ecosystem restoration activities and interior drainage issues will be investigated in the Lac des Allemands drainage basin between Donaldsonville and Des Allemands Louisiana.

## 1. Alternatives

### a. Hurricane Levees

Environmental and economic analysis will be used to determine the most practical plan, which would provide for the greatest overall public benefit. Alternatives recommended for consideration include several levee alignments along the east side of the Bayou Lafourche corridor in the vicinity of the wetland/cropland interface. Alternative alignments along the Bayou des Allemands to Davis Pond guide levee corridor would follow existing St. Charles Parish levees or along routes for which the parish has obtained permits. Alternatives will be investigated for levees of various elevations and widths that provide varying levels of protection, to determine the plan with the highest net benefits.

### b. Flood Control Structure at Bayou des Allemands

Alternatives will be investigated for several locations where levee would intersect Bayou des Allemands.

### c. Ecosystem Restoration Features in the Lac des Allemands Drainage Basin

Ecosystem restoration alternatives being considered include a freshwater diversion from the Mississippi River, breaching of existing spoil banks to create more overland flow of water through the basin, and drainage improvements to prevent stagnation.

## 2. Scoping

Scoping is the process for determining the range of alternatives and significant issues to be addressed in the EIS. For this analysis, a letter will be sent to all parties believed to have an interest in the analysis, requesting their input on alternatives and issues to be evaluated. The letter will also notify interested parties of public scoping meetings that will be held in the local area. Notices will also be sent to local news media. All interested parties are invited to comment at this time, and anyone interested in this study should request to be included in the study mailing list.

A series of public scoping meetings will be held in October and November 2002. Possible meeting sites are in the vicinity of Hahnville, Vacherie, Edgard, Ghens, Chackbay, Napoleonville and Donaldsonville, Louisiana. Additional meetings could be held, depending upon interest and if it is determined that further public coordination is warranted.

## 3. Significant Issues

The tentative list of resources and issues to be evaluated in the EIS

includes wetlands (marshes and swamps), bottomland hardwoods, agricultural lands, wildlife resources, aquatic resources including fisheries and essential fish habitat, water quality, air quality, threatened and endangered species, recreation resources, and cultural resources. Socioeconomic items to be evaluated in the EIS include navigation, flood protection, business and industrial activity, employment, land use, property values, public/community facilities and services, tax revenues, population, community and regional growth, transportation, housing, community cohesion, and noise.

## 4. Environmental Consultation and Review

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) will be assisting in the documentation of existing conditions and the assessment of effects of project alternatives through the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act consultation procedures. The USFWS will provide a Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act report. Consultation will be accomplished with the USFWS and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) concerning threatened and endangered species and their critical habitat. The NMFS will be consulted on the effects of this proposed action on Essential Fish Habitat. The draft EIS or a notice of its availability will be distributed to all interested agencies, organizations, and individuals.

## 5. Estimated Date of Availability

Funding levels will dictate the date when the draft EIS is available. The earliest that the draft EIS is expected to be available in the fall of 2004.

Dated: September 16, 2002.

**Peter J. Rowan,**

*Colonel, U.S. Army, District Engineer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Grant of Exclusive or Partially Exclusive Licenses

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, announces the general availability of exclusive, or partially exclusive licenses for the pending patents listed under

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.** Any license granted shall comply with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR part 404.

**ADDRESSES:** Humphreys Engineer Center Support Activity, Office of Counsel, 7701 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA 22315-3860.

**DATES:** Applications for an exclusive or partially exclusive license may be submitted at any time from the date of this notice. However, no exclusive or partially exclusive license shall be granted until January 2, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patricia L. Howland (703) 428-6672.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Title:* Method and Device for Securing a Knot. A device for securing a knot in a tight condition in a cord includes a generally tubular member defining a longitudinal hole therethrough. The Tubular member includes a score line for dividing it into two sections by applying a bending or torsional force on the ends thereof. The tubular member further includes a longitudinal slit extending substantially through the thickness thereof. A pre-stretched elastomeric band is disposed around the tubular member.

*Serial No.:* 09/645,517.

*Date:* 8/25/2000.

2. *Title:* System and Method for Visually Calculating and Displaying the Status of an Account. A graphical user interface (GUI) is provided a user to facilitate entry and maintenance of accounting information. It requires little or no *a priori* knowledge of accounting principles and thus is amenable for use by unskilled personnel. The system incorporates a "put and take" methodology. By entering an amount in a cell, *i.e.*, "putting," a user establishes a balance within that cell. The balance may be reduced by associated amounts with arrows from that cell to another, *i.e.*, "taking," to indicate a transfer of all or part of that balance. Each cell may be color coded to enable a user to readily ascertain the status of various cells within the GUI representing accounting information of interest. Although money is a common commodity tracked via accounting, any commodity that needs to be tracked, including commercial goods, fungible items, or data representing scientific results.

*Serial No.:* 09/662,460.

*Date:* 9/15/2000.

3. *Title:* Intelligent Amplifier System. Provided is a system and method for concurrently adjusting parameters of a system incorporating separate devices. In a preferred embodiment, a series of amplifiers used in an instrumentation system are able to be adjusted and