

this intended exclusive patent license at the above address. Written comments or objections must be filed within fifteen (15) days from the date of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Intent To Grant an Exclusive License of a U.S. Government-Owned Patent

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(e) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i), announcement is made of the intent to grant an exclusive, royalty-bearing, revocable license to U.S. patent number 6,387,665 issued May 14, 2002 entitled "Method of Making a Vaccine for Anthrax," and U.S. patent number 6,316,006 issued November 13, 2001 entitled "Asporogenic B. Anthracis Expression System" to VaxGen, Inc. with its principal place of business at 1000 Marina Blvd., Suite 200, Brisbane, Ca 94005. The exclusive field of use will be in field of preventive vaccines against anthrax infection.

DATES: File written objections by January 14, 2003.

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For patent issues, Ms. Elizabeth Arwine, Patent Attorney, (301) 619-7808. For licensing issues, Dr. Paul Mele, Office of Research & Technology Assessment, (301) 619-6664, both at telefax (301) 619-5034.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license can file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any, within 15 days from the date of this publication. Written objections are to be filed with the Command Judge Advocate (see **ADDRESSES**).

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Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Port of the Americas Port Complex

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Port of the Americas (the applicant) is proposing the development of a transshipment port facility. The proposal included the development of hubs at one or more sites on the south coast of Puerto Rico, in the Municipalities of Ponce, Peñuelas, and Guayanilla. The proposed terminals would need section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, section 404 of the Clean Water Act permits and section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act at one or more of the sites.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edwin E. Muñoz, (787) 729-6905/6944, Chief, Antilles Regulatory Section, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 400 Fernandez Juncos Avenue, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 28, 2001, the Corps of Engineers published a Notice of Intent to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Las Americas Transshipment Port Complex being proposed by the Puerto Rico Infrastructure Financing Authority (AFI) acronym in Spanish, the original applicant. On September 20, 2002, the Corps issued the Notice of Availability of the DEIS for the Proposed Port of the Americas. In the DEIS, the applicant's preferred alternative consisted in the development of terminals at the Guayanilla and Ponce harbors to accommodate Post-Panamax vessels. In the Guayanilla-Peñuelas area, this alternative would include the following:

- Construction of a new pier with a maximum length of 6,000 feet, with support facilities capable of handling as many as four Post-Panamax vessels;
- Discharge of fill material in approximately 110 acres of shallow navigable waters, including approximately 12 acres of mangrove coastal wetlands in the Punta Gotay area, for the development of loading-unloading storage areas and other support facilities;
- Development for value-added activities of as much as 300 acres of a parcel owned by Union Carbide in Peñuelas adjoining Punta Guayanilla;

- Development and/or improvements to other infrastructure within the Guayanilla-Peñuelas area to operate the terminal efficiently, including water, sewers, power, highways and communication services.

In Ponce, the Applicant's Preferred Alternative would include:

- Expansion of the existing transshipment pier to a maximum length of about 3,610 feet to allow simultaneous handling of as many as two Post-Panamax vessels;
- Immediate dredging of the navigation channel and berthing areas to a minimum depth of 45 feet and a maximum of 53 feet to allow the navigation of Post-Panamax vessels;
- Disposal of part of the dredged material at the EPA designated offshore disposal site south of Ponce, while reclaiming for beneficial use for either the fill at the Guayanilla Harbor or fill at uplands in the vicinity;
- Development of approximately 132 acres of upland adjacent to the port for value-added activities.

The applicant (Port of the Americas) notified the Corps of Engineers of their decision to modify their preferred alternative as follows:

- a. The elimination of the proposed fill in the Guayanilla Harbor;
- b. The reduction in length of the proposed pier in the Guayanilla Harbor to a maximum length of 3,000 feet to service Panamax vessels; and
- c. The proposal to fill approximately 70 acres of waters of the U.S. at the Ponce harbor adjacent to the proposed expansion of pier number 8.

Because the proposed changes are significant changes to what was previously proposed, a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (S-DEIS) for the Port of the Americas Port Complex will be prepared.

Pursuant to section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act structures the Corps of Engineers has regulatory authority over structures and/or work in or affecting navigable waters of the United States. Under section 404 of the Clean Water Act, the Corps of Engineers has regulatory authority to permit the discharge of dredged or fill material into wetlands and other waters of the United States. Also, under section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act, the Corps of Engineers has regulatory authority over the transportation of dredged material for the purpose of dumping it in ocean waters at dumping sites designated under 40 CFR part 228. The guidelines pursuant to section 404(b) of the act require that impacts to the aquatic environment be avoided and minimized to the extent practicable. Permit