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**AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

10 U.S.C. 8013, Secretary of the Air Force; Air Force Instruction 36-2201, Air Force Training Program; and E.O. 9397 (SSN).

**PURPOSE(S):**

Used as a record of attendance and training, class standing, completion or elimination, as locator, supply issue, and as a source of statistical information.

Routine uses of records maintained in the system, including categories of users and the purposes of such uses: In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy act, these records or information contained therein may specially be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

The DoD 'Blanket Routine Uses' published at the beginning of the Air Force's compilation of systems of records notices apply to this system.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

**STORAGE:**

Maintained in paper files, and on computer and computer output products.

**RETRIEVABILITY:**

Retrieved by name and Social Security Number.

**SAFEGUARDS:**

Records are stored in security file containers/cabinets or rooms. Records are accessed by the custodian of the system or persons responsible for maintenance of the records in course of their official duties. Computer records are protected by computer system software.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

Retain graduate records for 10 years after course completion by affiliate schools; student grade books and training review board records are destroyed one year after completion of training; summary training records are retained in office files for two years after completion or discontinuance of course;

other records are retained in office files until superseded, obsolete, no longer needed for reference or on inactivation. Records are destroyed by tearing into pieces, shredding, pulping, macerating or burning. Computer records are destroyed by erasing, deleting or overwriting.

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Superintendent for PME at each Major Command, commandant at each academy or leadership school or director of personnel at each base where a school is located. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Air Force's compilation of systems of records notices.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system should address written inquiries to or visit the Superintendent for PME at each Major Command, commandant at each academy or leadership school or director of personnel at each base where a school is located. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Air Force's compilation of systems of records notices.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

Individuals seeking access to information about themselves contained in this system should address written inquiries to or visit the Superintendent for PME at each Major Command, commandant at each academy or leadership school or director of personnel at each base where a school is located. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Air Force's compilation of systems of records notices.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

The Air Force rules for accessing records, and for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are published in Air Force Instruction 33-332; 32 CFR part 806b; or may be obtained from the system manager.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Information obtained from students, staff, correspondence generated within the agency in the conduct of official business, educational institutions, and civil authorities.

**EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:**

None.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Army**

**Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Leasing of Lands at Fort Bliss, Texas for the Proposed Siting, Construction, and Operation by the City of El Paso of a Brackish Water Desalination Plant and Support Facilities**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) evaluating the potential environmental impacts that could result from granting an easement to the City of El Paso, El Paso Water Utilities (EPWU), to use land in the South Training Areas of Fort Bliss for construction and operation of a desalination plant and support facilities, including wells, pipelines, and disposal sites for the residual brine resulting from the desalination process. The purpose of the proposed plant is to treat brackish (salty) water pumped from the Hueco Bolson Aquifer to provide an additional reliable source of potable water for use by the City of El Paso and Fort Bliss. Pumping of fresh water by EPWU, Fort Bliss, Ciudad Juárez, and others has resulted in declining groundwater levels in the aquifer. In addition, brackish water is intruding into the aquifer's freshwater layer and has the potential to affect water wells on Fort Bliss and in other areas of El Paso.

A sizable volume of brackish water exists adjacent to the freshwater zone of the Hueco Bolson Aquifer. Desalination of the brackish water offers a way to extend the life of the freshwater aquifer as a source of potable water that is to the mutual benefit of Fort Bliss and the City of El Paso. The proposed desalination plant would reduce withdrawals of fresh water from the aquifer, extending its useful life and intercepting the flow of brackish water to wells that are operated by Fort Bliss. Both Fort Bliss and the City of El Paso have considered constructing desalination facilities to tap into this potential water source. The Army and EPWU believe that building a single desalination plant to provide potable water for both the installation and the city would be more efficient and cost effective than constructing separate desalination plants.

**DATES:** The public comment period for the DEIS will end September 27, 2004. A public hearing will be held in El Paso, TX, for the purpose of receiving comments on this DEIS. Additional details about the hearing will follow in

the media, or can be obtained by contacting the Fort Bliss Public Affairs Office at (915) 568-4505. Public comments received on the DEIS will be addressed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and considered by the Army in its Record of Decision.

**ADDRESSES:** To obtain copies of the DEIS, contact John F. Barrera (915) 568-3908 or write to: Fort Bliss Directorate of the Environment, ATTN: AZC-DOE-C, Building 624, Pleasanton Road, Fort Bliss, TX 79916-6812. Written comments on the DEIS should be submitted to the same address or can be e-mailed to [desaleis@bliss.army.mil](mailto:desaleis@bliss.army.mil).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Contact John F. Barrera, (915) 568-3908.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed desalination plant would treat brackish water drawn from the Hueco Bolson Aquifer using a technology called reverse osmosis (RO). RO uses semipermeable membranes to remove dissolved solids (primarily salts) from brackish water, producing fresh water. Water for the desalination process would be drawn from existing EPWU wells on the east side of El Paso International Airport and from proposed new wells to be installed on Fort Bliss land north of Biggs Army Airfield. The plant is being designed to produce approximately 27.5 million gallons per day (MGD) of drinking water and 3.0 MGD of a brine called concentrate. To implement the proposed desalination project, EPWU is applying for an easement for land in the South Training Areas of Fort Bliss for a desalination plant site, 16 new water wells, concentrate disposal sites, and various connecting pipelines.

The DEIS considers seven alternatives, six action alternatives and the No Action Alternative. The six action alternatives include various combinations of three potential sites for the proposed desalination plant and two methods of disposal of the concentrate. The three alternative desalination plant sites are located in Training Area 1B of the South Training Areas of Fort Bliss, adjacent to El Paso International Airport, north of Montana Avenue, and west of Loop 375. The two concentrate disposal methods under consideration include (1) injecting the concentrate underground into a confined zone where it would be isolated from potable water sources, or (2) piping the concentrate to evaporation ponds, where the liquid would evaporate leaving a solid salt residue that would be trucked to a landfill for final disposal.

Under the No Action Alternative, the Army would not provide land on Fort

Bliss for construction and operation of the proposed desalination plant. None of the proposed facilities would be constructed on Army land at Fort Bliss. This alternative could, however, include one or more of the following actions without Army action or participation: construction and operation of a desalination plant on non-Army land, increase in water conservation measures, development of other water sources in the El Paso region, and/or importation of water from sources outside El Paso. Without the proposed desalination project, EPWU would continue to pump from the freshwater layer of the Hueco Bolson Aquifer until it no longer met drinking water standards.

The Army has not yet selected a preferred alternative, which will be identified in the FEIS.

The DEIS analyzes the environmental consequences each alternative could have on geology and soils; water resources; utilities and services; hazardous materials, hazardous waste, and safety; air quality; biological resources; land use and aesthetics; transportation; cultural resources; and socioeconomic and environmental justice.

Copies of the DEIS are available for review at the following libraries in El Paso, TX: El Paso Public Library, 501 N. Oregon Street; Richard Burges Branch Library, 9600 Dyer; Irving Schwartz Branch Library, 1865 Dean Martin; and Westside Branch Library, 125 Belvidere. The document can also be reviewed at <http://www.bliss.army.mil>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Improvements to the Cedar Bayou Navigation Channel Near Baytown in Harris and Chambers Counties, TX

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed study to improve the existing channel on Cedar Bayou was authorized by the Water Resources Development Act of 2000, Section 349. The proposed action to be addressed in the Draft Environmental

Impact Statement (DEIS) is to evaluate several widening and deepening alternatives to improve navigation efficiency and safety of the Cedar Bayou Navigation Channel from the Houston Ship Channel in Galveston Bay up Cedar Bayou to the State Highway (Hwy) 146 crossing in Harris and Chambers Counties, Texas. The existing navigation channel has dimensions of 10 feet depth and 100 feet width from the Houston Ship Channel to approximately Mile 3.0 in the lower reach of Cedar Bayou. The study will focus on alternatives for improving the navigability of Cedar Bayou and examine the impacts of extending the channel another 8 miles upstream to Hwy 146. The project is located in the City of Baytown, which is located approximately 25 miles east of the City of Houston. The non-federal sponsor for the project is the Chambers County Cedar Bayou Navigation District (CCCBND).

**DATES:** A public meeting will be scheduled during the 45-day public review period for the Draft EIS in January 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments for the public review period and meeting should be forwarded to Dr. Terrell Roberts, Environmental Lead, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 1229, Galveston, TX 77553-1229; fax: (409) 766-3064.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions about the proposed action and DEIS can be answered by: Mr. Richard Tomlinson, Project Manager, Project Management Branch, Telephone: (409) 766-3917, E-mail: [richard.d.tomlinson@usace.army.mil](mailto:richard.d.tomlinson@usace.army.mil) or Dr. Terrell Roberts, Environmental Lead, Environmental Section, Telephone: (409) 766-3035, E-mail: [terrell.w.roberts@usace.army.mil](mailto:terrell.w.roberts@usace.army.mil).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Background:* The study process began in 1997 when the CCBND was created by the 75th Texas State Legislature to improve the navigability of Cedar Bayou. The feasibility study began in 1999 and will determine the most cost-effective alternative for improving the channel while protecting the local environment.

2. *Alternative:* Several construction alternatives and an "no-action" alternative will be evaluated for deepening and widening Cedar Bayou Channel. Alternatives will also be evaluated for the management of dredged material. The alternatives to be evaluated are: (1) Deepening and widening the channel to dimensions of 12 feet deep and 125 feet wide from the