

DATES: Submit comments by January 18, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jack Sands, Project Manager, Walla Walla District, Corps of Engineers, CENWW-PM-PPM, 201 North Third Avenue, Walla Walla, WA 99362, phone (509) 527-7287, or Ms. Sandra Simmons, NEPA Coordinator, Walla Walla District, Corps of Engineers, CENWW-PD-EC, 201 North Third Avenue, Walla Walla, WA 99362, phone (509) 527-7265.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District (Corps) has the responsibility to operate and maintain the congressionally authorized Federal navigation channel in the lower Snake River from McNary reservoir on the mid-Columbia River up the Snake River to Lewiston, Idaho at the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater Rivers. The Corps is authorized by Congress to maintain a channel 250 feet wide and 14 feet deep as measured at minimum regulated flows. Historically the Corps has routinely dredged accumulated sediments from the navigation channel to maintain its operational efficiency. The Corps has not performed maintenance dredging in the channel since the winter of 1998-1999.

Presently sediment has accumulated in the Federal navigation channel to the point that the channel is less than 14 feet deep at minimum pool at several locations. Sediment has also accumulated in port berthing facilities in the Lewiston-Clarkston area, reducing the water depth at those facilities to less than 14 feet. The shallow water depths in the Federal channel and port facilities are interfering with commercial navigation and creating a potentially hazardous situation. Barge companies and commercial vessels are having difficulty accessing port facilities and navigating the federal channel due to shallow conditions. In response to these conditions they have made costly operational changes. Additional sediment accumulation could render these operational changes ineffective and increase the potential for safety hazards and additional economic impact.

The Corps recognizes the need to restore the authorized depth of the navigation channel and port facilities, and that additional sediment is likely to accumulate with each successive spring runoff. Therefore, the Corps proposes to take action at the first opportunity following the spring 2005 runoff to address the accumulated sediment. The local ports will fund any actions the Corps takes within the port facilities.

The Corps will consider both dredging and non-dredging measures, either separately or in combination. Measures identified to date include no action, sediment reduction, reservoir drawdown/flushing, dredging with traditional protocols, and dredging with beneficial use of dredged material.

At this time, the Corps does not plan to conduct public scoping meetings for this EIS. However, affected Federal, state, and local agencies; Indian tribes; and other interested organizations and individuals are invited to provide input to the Corps on the scope of this EIS. To ensure consideration, input on the scope should be provided to the Corps by comment date (*see DATES*).

Additional opportunities for public input on the EIS will be provided during the normal review periods for the draft and final EIS.

The draft EIS is currently scheduled to be available for public review in early 2005.

Randy L. Glaeser,

LTC, EN, Commanding.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Coastal Engineering Research Board; Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of 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: Coastal Engineering Research Board (CERB).

Date of Meeting: 6-7 January 2005.

Place: Hyatt Regency DFW, DFW Airport, Texas.

Time: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (6 January 2005). 8 a.m. to 12 noon (7 January 2005).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Inquiries and notice of intent to attend the meeting may be addressed to Colonel James R. Rowan, Executive Secretary, U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, Waterways Experiment Station, 3909 Halls Ferry Road, Vicksburg, Mississippi 39180-6199.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Proposed*

Agenda: An Executive Session of the Board will meet to discuss action items from past meetings and ongoing initiatives.

This meeting is open to the public, but since seating capacity of the meeting room is limited, advance notice of intent to attend, although not required, is requested in order to assure adequate arrangements for those wishing to attend.

Brenda S. Bowen,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7848-4]

Request for Nominations to the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency invites nominations to fill vacancies on its National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). The Agency seeks qualified senior-level decision makers from diverse sectors throughout the United States to be considered for appointments. EPA encourages interested applicants to send their resumes and qualifications as soon as possible. Additional avenues and resources may be utilized in the solicitation of nominees.

ADDRESSES: Submit nominations to: Ms. Sonia Altieri, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1601E), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

Background: NACEPT is a Federal advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92463. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency established NACEPT in 1988 to provide independent advice to the EPA Administrator on a broad range of environmental policy, technology and management issues. NACEPT consists of a representative cross-section of EPA's partners, stakeholders, and constituents who provide timely advice and recommendations on environmental issues, and serve as a sounding board for new strategies that EPA is developing.

We anticipate the Council addressing issues related to environmental technology, environmental foresight,

and collaborative approaches to environmental problems. NACEPT will provide advice in a timely manner and operate as a proactive and strategic body that will alert EPA to potential environmental challenges and issues that could impact the Agency's ability to protect public health and the environment, and options to address them.

Members are appointed by the Administrator of EPA for two year terms with the possibility of reappointment. The Council usually meets 3–4 times annually and the average workload for the members is approximately 10 to 15 hours per month. Members serve on the Council in a voluntary capacity; however, EPA does provide reimbursement for travel expenses associated with official government business.

Potential candidates should possess the following qualifications:

Occupy a senior position within their organization.

Broad experience outside of their current position.

Experience dealing with public policy issues.

Membership in broad-based networks.

Extensive experience in the environmental field.

Recognized expert in the subject matter to be addressed by NACEPT.

EPA is seeking nominees for representation from all sectors, in particular federal, state, local and tribal agencies, academia, industry, environmental justice, and non-governmental organizations. Nominations for membership must include a resume and short biography describing the educational and professional qualifications of the nominee and the nominee's current business address and daytime telephone number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sonia Altieri, Designated Federal Officer for NACEPT, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1601E), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 233-0061, e-mail: altieri.sonia@epa.gov.

Dated: December 7, 2004.

Sonia Altieri,

Designated Federal Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7847-3]

Proposed Agreement Pursuant to Section 122(h)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act for the MichCon Mercury Regulators Site

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment on proposed CERCLA 122(h)(1) agreement with Michigan Consolidated Gas Co., an operating subsidiary of DTE Energy Co., for the MichCon Mercury Regulators Superfund Site.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 122(i)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1984, as amended ("CERCLA"), notification is hereby given of a proposed administrative agreement concerning the MichCon Mercury Regulators hazardous waste site in and around Detroit, Michigan (the "Site"). EPA proposes to enter into this agreement under the authority of section 122(h) and 107 of CERCLA. The proposed agreement has been executed by Michigan Consolidated Gas Co., an operating subsidiary of DTE Energy Co. (the "Settling Party").

Under the proposed agreement, the Settling Party will pay \$160,000 to the Hazardous Substances Superfund to resolve EPA's claims against it for response costs incurred by EPA at the Site. EPA incurred response costs overseeing the Settling Party's response actions to investigate and mitigate potential imminent and substantial endangerments to human health or the environment presented or threatened by hazardous substances present at the Site.

For thirty days following the date of publication of this notice, the Environmental Protection Agency will receive written comments relating to this proposed agreement. EPA will consider all comments received and may decide not to enter this proposed agreement if comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the proposed agreement is inappropriate or inadequate.

DATES: Comments on the proposed agreement must be received by EPA on or before January 18, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard,

Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590, and should refer to: In the Matter of MichCon Mercury Regulators Site, U.S. EPA Docket No. V-W-05C-804.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas J. Krueger, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Regional Counsel, C-14J, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590, (312) 886-0562.

A copy of the proposed administrative settlement agreement may be obtained in person or by mail from the EPA's Region 5 Office of Regional Counsel, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590. Additional background information relating to the settlement is available for review at the EPA's Region 5 Office of Regional Counsel.

Authority: The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9601-9675.

Thomas Mateer,

Acting Director, Superfund Division, Region 5.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7848-5]

Whitehouse Oil Pits Superfund Site; Notice of Proposed Settlement

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 122(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9622(i), the Environmental Protection Agency proposes to enter into a settlement with Mrs. Eloise Gleaton concerning the Whitehouse Oil Pits Superfund Site near Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida. To resolve her potential liability at the Site, the Agreement requires Mrs. Gleaton to deed certain property and grant a temporary easement over other property to the City of Jacksonville that is needed for remediation of the Site. The Agreement also requires Mrs. Gleaton to place well drilling restrictions on certain property so as not to interfere with the integrity of the remedy being implemented at the Site. EPA will consider comments on the settlement until January 18, 2005. The Agency will consider all comments received and may modify or withdraw its consent to