

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers****Availability of Draft General Reevaluation Report and Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Poplar Island Environmental Restoration Project, Talbot County, MD**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Baltimore District has prepared a Draft General Reevaluation Report (GRR) and Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Poplar Island Environmental Restoration Project (PIERP) to evaluate the vertical and/or lateral expansion of the PIERP, design modifications to the existing project, the addition of recreational/educational opportunities to the existing project, and the potential to accept dredged material from additional channels not specified in the 1996 EIS for the existing project.

The preferred alternative includes a northern lateral expansion consisting of approximately 575 acres, of which 60% will be wetland habitat and 40% upland habitat; construction of a 5-ft vertical raising of the existing upland Cells 2 and 6 at the PIERP; amending the existing project authorization and Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) to include the placement of dredged material from the southern approach channels to the Chesapeake and Delaware (C&D) Canal and other small Federal navigation projects; incorporation of design modifications required for the completion of the existing project, and development of recreational and educational enhancements for the PIERP. The Corps is making the Draft integrated GRR/SEIS available to the public for a 45-day review and comment period.

**DATES:** Comments need to be received on or before August 8, 2005, to ensure consideration in final plan development. Two public meetings will be held for the PIERP integrated Draft GRR/SEIS. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for meeting dates and addresses.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments concerning this proposed project to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, Attn: Mr. Mark Mendelsohn, CCENAB-PL-P, P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore, MD 21203-1715. Submit

electronic comments to [mark.mendelsohn@usace.army.mil](mailto:mark.mendelsohn@usace.army.mil). See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic comment guidance.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Mark Mendelsohn, (410) 962-9499 or (800) 295-1610.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** PIERP is located in the Chesapeake Bay; approximately 39 miles south-southeast of the Port of Baltimore, and two miles northwest of Tilghman Island in Talbot County, MD. Approximately 10,000 acres of remote island habitat has been lost throughout the Chesapeake Bay in the last 150 years. Dredged material from the Upper Chesapeake bay Approach Channels to the Port of Baltimore is being beneficially used to restore 1,140 acres of wetland and upland habitat (approximately 570 acres of wetland habitat and 570 acres of upland habitat), and it is estimated that by 2014 the PIERP will provide up to 40 million cubic yards (mcy) of dredged material placement capacity. To date, approximately 12 mcy of dredged material have been placed at the site. Construction and site operation at the PIERP is a collaborative effort that is cost shared between the Federal sponsor, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Baltimore District (USACE-Baltimore) and the non-Federal sponsor, Maryland Port Administration (MPA).

To address the predicted dredged material placement capacity shortfall, USACE-Baltimore and MPA initiated the Poplar Island Expansion Study (PIES) under the existing PIERP Congressional Authorization, Section 537 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1996. authorization for ecosystem restoration projects using dredged material is included in Section 204 of the WRDA of 1992, as amended by Section 207 of the WRDA of 1996. A Notice of Intent (NOI) to initiate the integrated General Reevaluation Report (GRR)/ Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) was published in the **Federal Register** in June 2003 (68 FR 33685). The USACE-Baltimore District, and a non-Federal sponsor, MPA, under the auspices of the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), are the sponsors for the PIERP GRR/SEIS.

This Draft integrated GRR/SEIS documents the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance for the proposed expansion of the PIERP, provides information specific to the actions of the GRR, and supplements the Poplar Island Restoration Study, Maryland: Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement

(ERP No. D-COE-D350557-MD) (USACE/MPA, 1996).

The first public meeting will be held at the Talbot County Public Library, Easton Branch, 100 West Dover Street, Easton, Maryland 21601, in the conference room on Tuesday, July 19, 2005 beginning at 6 p.m. The second public meeting will be held at Tilghman Elementary School, 21374 Foster Avenue, Tilghman, Maryland 21617, in the cafeteria on Wednesday, July 20, 2005 beginning at 7 p.m. Staff will be available one hour prior to the meeting start time. Both meetings will provide an opportunity for the public to present oral and/or written comments. If you submit your comments electronically, please provide them in body of your message; do not send attached files. Please include your name and address in your message.

All persons and organizations that have an interest in the PIERP integrated GRR/SEIS are urged to participate in one or both meetings.

You may view the Draft integrated GRR/SEIS and related information on our Web page at <http://www.nab.usace.army.mil/projects/Maryland/PoplarIsland/expansion.html>

After the public comment period ends on August 8, 2005, USACE will consider all comments received. The Draft integrated GRR/SEIS will be revised as appropriate and a Final integrated GRR/SEIS will be issued.

The Draft integrated GRR/SEIS has been prepared in accordance with (1) The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and (3) USACE regulations implementing NEPA (ER-200-2-2).

**Mark Mendelsohn,**

*Study Manager.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection

requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507 (j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by June 24, 2005. A regular clearance process is also beginning. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 22, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Carolyn Lovett, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget; 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or recordkeeping burden. ED invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) Will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) Is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) How might the

Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) How might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: June 16, 2005.

**Angela C. Arrington,**

*Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

### Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* State Plan for Assistive Technology.

*Abstract:* States that wish to receive funds under the Assistive Technology Act of 1998, as amended, will be required to provide to the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) a State Plan for Assistive Technology (AT). The State Plan for AT requires States to describe the activities of statewide comprehensive programs that increase access to AT for individuals with disabilities, and the goals to be achieved by undertaking those activities during the three-year period covered by the plan.

*Additional Information:* Each State will be required to submit a State Plan every three years in order to be eligible for an AT State Grant. In addition to providing a set of assurances, the State Plan for AT requires a State to describe the activities it will undertake in operating its Statewide AT Program, and the goals to be achieved by undertaking those activities during the three-year period covered by the plan. The information being requested is required by section 4(d) of the statute or is directly related to other provisions in the AT Act. RSA needs all of this information in order to determine a State's full compliance with the AT Act and to improve the performance of the program.

*Frequency:* Every three years.

*Affected Public:* State, local, or tribal gov't, SEAs or LEAs; not-for-profit institutions.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 56.

Burden Hours: 5,040.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2792. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should

be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address [OCIO\\_RIMG@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov) or faxed to (202) 245-6621. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements, contact Sheila Carey at her e-mail address [Sheila.Carey@ed.gov](mailto:Sheila.Carey@ed.gov).

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Nevada

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EMSSAB), Nevada Test Site. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Wednesday, July 13, 2005, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Amargosa Valley Community Center, 821 East Amargosa Farm Road, Amargosa Valley, Nevada.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kay Planamento, Navarro Research and Engineering, Inc., 2721 Losee Road, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89130, phone: 702-657-9088, fax: 702-295-5300, e-mail: [NTSCAB@aol.com](mailto:NTSCAB@aol.com).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

*Tentative Agenda:* Members of the Citizens' Advisory Board's (CAB) Underground Test Area Committee will provide a briefing to update stakeholders on their work related to groundwater issues at the Nevada Test Site. CAB members will also discuss technical committee activities and their work plan developed for FY 2006 activities.

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either