facilities. These new facilities will be located adjacent to the existing USAMRIID facilities within the National Interagency Biodefense Campus on Area A of Fort Detrick and near the biomedical research facilities of mission partners, including the Agricultural Research Service Foreign Disease-Weed Research Unit, Department of Agriculture; the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases' Integrated Research Facility, Department of Health and Human Services; and the National Biodefense Analysis and Countermeasures Center, Department of Homeland Security. The USAMRIID facilities on Area A will be decommissioned and either demolished and/or re-used following occupancy of the new USAMRIID facilities.

The construction will occur in two stages. Stage 1 will provide approximately 700,000 gross square feet (gsf) of new building space for the replacement of outdated and compressed existing facilities in order to sustain the current mission and to expand medical test and evaluation (T&E) capacity in support of immediate Department of Defense (DoD) and national demand. Stage 2 will encompass approximately 400,000 gsf of new building space for the balance of USAMRIID's expanded mission and for additional capacity to meet intensified national requirements for medical T&E in support of biodefense research as well as to accommodate increased collaborative efforts among USAMRIID's mission partners. In addition, approximately 200,000 gsf of the existing USAMRIID facilities may be renovated and re-used for laboratory or non-laboratory use, to be determined by evolving biodefense requirements.

The significant issues analyzed in the DEIS included safety of laboratory operations and demolition of the existing biocontainment laboratories; public health and safety; handling, collection, treatment, and disposal of research wastes; analysis of other risks; and pollution prevention.

Three alternatives were considered: Construction and Operation of New USAMRIID Facilities and Decommissioning and Demolition of the Existing USAMRIID Facilities on Area A of Fort Detrick, Maryland (Alternative I), Construction and Operation of New USAMRIID Facilities and Decommissioning and Partial Demolition of the Existing USAMRIID Facilities and Re-Use of the Remaining Facilities on Area A of Fort Detrick, Maryland (Alternative II), and the No Action Alternative, under which the proposed new USAMRIID facilities would not be built and operated and the existing USAMRIID facilities would not be decommissioned and demolished and/or re-used.

The U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command and the U.S. Army Garrison of Fort Detrick will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the DEIS on Wednesday, August 30, 2006 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Governor Thomas Johnson High School, 1501 N. Market St., Frederick, MD 21701.

Dated: August 3, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment for an Airspace Proposal in the Savannah, GA, Hunter Army Airfield Area

AGENCY: Department of the Army. DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for an airspace proposal in the Savannah, GA, Hunter Army Airfield area. The airspace proposal is required for the establishment of Helicopter Aerial Refueling routes utilizing United States Army helicopters and United States Air Force and/or Marine Corp. airplanes to conduct air-to air refueling training. In order to use these routes on a recurring basis they are required to be published in the Department of Defense publication system therefore requiring an environmental study. The EA assesses the potential environmental impacts of all areas that underlie the flight routes. There are four routes in the proposal which will be utilized by an U.S. Army tenant unit of Hunter Army Airfield, GA.

DATES: The draft EA will be available for public review from August 9, 2006 through September 8, 2006. Written comments must be received by September 8, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Written comments are to be provided to Mr. Troy Wagner at United States Army Special Operations Command, Aviation Standardization Officer, ATTN: AOAO–STD, Bldg. E–2929, Desert Storm Drive, Ft. Bragg, NC 28310 or at *dennis.troy.wagner@us.army.mil.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chief Warrant Officer Four Troy Wagner, at (910) 432–7706.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. The Federal Aviation Administration is serving as a cooperating agency on the preparation of the EA.

2. The EA is available for review at the following location:

Dial-Cordy and Associates, Inc. Environmental Consultants Web site at: *http://www.dialcordy.com.*

Use the following steps to access the Ft. Campbell EA:

(1) Log onto the Dial Cordy Web site at *Dialcordy.com;*

(2) Click on ''Library'';

(3) Click on ''FTP Site'';

(4) Enter user name: dialcord_hunter;

(5) Enter password: 040784.

3. Public coordination and communications with the State Historical Preservation Offices from the states of Georgia, Florida, South Carolina and Alabama has been accomplished. Each of the states listed have reviewed the proposal and have returned correspondence stating that there will be no impacts to any historical sites during the conduct of the proposed training.

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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 Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Mississippi Coastal Improvements Program, Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson Counties, MS

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Mobile District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), intends to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to address the potential impacts associated with actions to comprehensively address hurricane and storm damage reduction, prevention of saltwater intrusion, preservation of fish and wildlife, prevention of erosion, and other related water resource purposes in coastal Mississippi. These actions are related to the consequences of hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005. The Corps will forward recommendations to Congress