

project. These alternatives will be further formulated and developed during the scoping process and an appropriate range of alternatives, including the no action alternative, will be considered in the Supplemental Draft EIS.

5. *Scoping Process.* A public scoping meeting (see **DATES**) will be held to receive public comment and assess public concerns regarding the appropriate scope and preparation of the DSEIS. Participation in the public meeting by Federal, State, and local agencies and other interested organizations and persons is encouraged.

The COE will also be consulting with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under the Endangered Species Act and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, and with the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Magnuson-Stevens Act and Endangered Species Act. Additionally, the EIS will assess the potential water quality impacts pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, and will be coordinated with the North Carolina Division of Coastal Management (DCM) to determine the projects consistency with the Coastal Zone Management Act. The COE will closely work with DCM through the EIS to ensure the process complies with all State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requirements. It is the COE and DCM's intentions to consolidate both NEPA and SEPA processes to eliminate duplications.

6. *Availability of the Draft Supplemental EIS.* The DSEIS is expected to be published and circulated sometime in early 2007, and a public hearing will be held after the publication of the DSEIS.

Dated: December 4, 2006.

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Colonel, U.S. Army, District Commander.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Review and Comments From the Interested Public on Draft Programmatic Agreement on the Effect on Historic Properties Due to Project Operations on the Federal Columbia River Power System

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in cooperation with Bonneville Power Administration and the Bureau of Reclamation (together referred to as "Lead Federal Agencies"), has released a draft of the Systemwide Programmatic Agreement (PA) under the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*; 36 CFR 800.14(b). The Lead Federal Agencies (Corps, BPA, and Reclamation) have released the draft PA for the management of historic properties affected by the multipurpose operations of fourteen dam/reservoir projects of the Federal Columbia River Power System (Libby, Albeni Falls, Chief Joseph, McNary, John Day, the Dalles, Bonneville, Dworshak, Lower Granite, Lower Monumental, Little Goose, Ice Harbor, Grand Coulee, and Hungry Horse) on the Columbia or Snake rivers in the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

DATES: Comments are due on Friday, January 19, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Tribal Affairs—DKT-7, Bonneville Power Administration; P.O. Box 14428; Portland, OR 97293-5884. They may also be faxed to (503) 230-5884 or e-mailed to comment@bpa.gov. Please include with your comments the title "Draft FCRPS Systemwide PA".

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kimberly St. Hilaire, BPA Cultural Resource Manager, (503) 230-5361; Lynne MacDonald, Bureau of Reclamation Regional Archeologist, (208) 378-5316; or, Gail Celmer, Corps Regional Archeologist, (503) 808-4762.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This proposed agreement has been under development for over 10 years following commitments made by the agencies in Records of Decision in 1997 following the analysis of the System Operation Review Environmental Impact Statement. Agencies found that the Project operations have the potential to adversely affect and may continue to threaten historic properties eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The Lead Federal Agencies developed this draft of the PA in cooperation and consultation with tribes, State and tribal historic preservation officers, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Federal land managing agencies, and other interested parties. Comments are now being sought on the draft PA which is available at http://efw.bpa.gov/environmental_services/culturalresources.aspx. The Lead Federal Agencies would appreciate any comments from interested members of the public.

Dated: December 5, 2006.

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Deputy Division Commander.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education (DOE).

SUMMARY: The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 13, 2007.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. 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 IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. 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. OMB 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