

are contained in Army Regulations 340–21; 32 CFR part 505; or may be obtained from the system manager.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

From the individual; Army records and reports.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Availability of Information Bulletin, for a Replacement Lock, Sault Locks Complex, Sault Sainte Marie, MI

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

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Detroit District, is issuing this notice to announce the availability of an Information Bulletin for a proposed Replacement Lock, Sault Locks Complex, Sault Sainte Marie, MI. This bulletin provides information on the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review of the project that was presented in the Great Lakes Connecting Channels and Harbors Final Interim Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), 1986 and a Record of Environmental Consideration, 2000. Based upon the review of current site conditions and project plans, it appears that no new environmental impacts or issues have been identified since the 1986 FEIS and the 2000 Record of Environmental Consideration for the project. The planned construction of a second large lock at Sault Sainte Marie, MI, has been adequately assessed in accordance with NEPA and a Record of Decision (ROD) should be signed to allow construction to begin. The Bulletin is being provided for information and to solicit comments on any changed conditions or anticipated impacts that may effect the decision to sign the ROD.

DATES: The Information Bulletin will be available for public review from July 25, 2008 through August 25, 2008. Written comments must be received by September 2, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may request a copy of the Information Bulletin from Ms. Florence Bissell, Environmental Analysis Branch, U.S. Army Corps of

Engineers, Detroit District, 477 Michigan Avenue, P.O. Box 1027, Detroit, MI 48231–1027.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Florence Bissell at (313) 226–3510 or at florence.k.bissell@usace.army.mil.

Written comments are to be provided to Ms. Bissell.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Construction of a replacement lock at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Sault Locks Complex on the St. Mary's River, Michigan was proposed following a 1976 resolution of the Senate Public Works Committee to determine the advisability of providing additional lockage facilities. It was recommended that a lock of greater dimensions replace two smaller locks, the Davis and Sabin Locks, which were constructed during World War I. The proposed lock would be capable of handling the Great Lakes System's largest vessels (Class C) which account for more than half of the potential carrying capacity of the Great Lakes fleet and currently are limited to lockage through the Poe Lock. A disruption of the Poe Lock would result in significant national economic consequences therefore a second lock of the Poe Lock dimensions is needed. Congress has provided, in the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 that such a lock be constructed at Federal expense and funding has been appropriated to initiate construction.

Dated: July 18, 2008.

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Chief, Environmental Analysis Branch.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Nebraska; Department of Roads Nebraska Highway 12 Niobrara East and West Project

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the direct, indirect and cumulative effects of a proposed Nebraska State Highway project, Nebraska Highway 12 Niobrara East and West Project (project), by the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR). The project will provide a safe regional transportation corridor that meets

Nebraska State Highway design standards. The project is needed due to interrupted use, high maintenance, roadway stability issues, driver safety during high water events, and the importance of maintaining Nebraska Highway 12 as a regional transportation corridor. Alternatives under consideration include: (1) Taking no action; (2) re-construction on existing alignment; (3) providing a new two-lane highway on new alignment; (4) reducing or eliminating existing flooding through evaluation of methods to reduce Lewis and Clark Lake elevation through operations and/or maintenance. NDOR and Corps have not selected a project alternative but will be exploring a range of alternatives through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. Additional alternatives will be considered during the NEPA process. Construction of the project is expected to result in temporary and permanent impacts to jurisdictional waters of the United States, thereby requiring a Clean Water Act section 404 permit.

The Corps has prepared a scoping document to familiarize other agencies, the public and interested organizations with the preliminary project alternatives and potential environmental issues that may be involved. The scoping document includes a description of the problems that create the need for the project, a preliminary list of project alternatives, and various environmental/resource issues that will be addressed in the EIS. Copies of the scoping document will be available at the public scoping meeting or can be requested by mail. The EIS will be prepared according to the Corps' procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c), and consistent with the Corps' policy to facilitate public understanding and review of agency proposals.

DATES: A public scoping meeting will be held on August 28, 2008, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public scoping meeting will be held at the WFLA Conference Center located on Spruce and Park Avenue in, Niobrara, NE 68760.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding the proposed action and EIS should be addressed to Matt Wray, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nebraska Regulatory Office, Wehrspann Field Office, 8901 S. 154th Street, Omaha, NE 68138–3621 or at (402) 896–0896; Matt.T.Wray@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Nebraska Department Roads (NDOR) is