

meeting that is the subject of this notice. After reviewing the written comments, the Chairperson and the Designated Federal Officer may choose to invite the submitter of the comments to orally present their issue during an open portion of this meeting or at a future meeting.

The Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the U.S. Army War College Subcommittee Chairperson, may, if desired, allot a specific amount of time for members of the public to present their issues for review and discussion by the U.S. Army War College Subcommittee.

Scott Horton,

Colonel, U.S. Army, Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Publication of Revision and Consolidation of Military Freight Traffic Rules Publications (MFTRP) 1C-R (Motor), 10 (Rail), 30 (Barge), 6A (Pipeline), 4A (Tank Truck), Military Standard Tender Instruction Publication (MSTIP) 364D, SpotBid Business Rules, and SDDC Military Class Rate Publication No. 100A to a Consolidation of Procurement Requirements for the Purchase of Commercial Transportation Services into the Military Freight Traffic Unified Rules Publication (MFTURP) No. 1

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DOD.

SUMMARY: The Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC) is providing notice that it intends to publish its consolidated procurement requirements of commercial transportation services publication, the MFTURP No. 1, which governs the purchase of surface freight transportation in the Continental United States (CONUS) by DOD using Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) exempt transportation service contracts.

The purpose for this new procurement procedure is to streamline the transportation requirements to reflect the current needs of the DOD. SDDC will accept comments—geared towards strengthening the DOD's procurement contracts for commercial transportation—to be utilized during quarterly updates of this publication.

DATES: Comments must be received by April 27, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to Publication and Rules Manager,

Strategic Business Directorate, Business Services, 661 Sheppard Place, ATTN: SDDC-OPM, Fort Eustis, VA 23604-1644. Request for additional information may be sent by e-mail to: dora.elias1@us.army.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Dora J. Elias, (757) 878-5379.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Reference: Military Freight Traffic Rules Publications (MFTRP) 1C-R (Motor), 10 (Rail), 30 (Barge), 6A (Pipeline), 4A (Tank Truck), Military Standard Tender Instruction Publication (MSTIP) 364D, SpotBid Business Rules, and SDDC Military Class Rate Publication No. 100A.

Background: SDDC's various rules publications have gone through many revisions and updates since its inception. With various subject matter owners within SDDC being responsible for the publication, attempts to update the publications proved cumbersome. To make the update and revision process more efficient, SDDC has consolidated its rules publications into one document that is applicable to all surface modes. This also places the responsibility of maintaining the publication with one Publications Team.

The current procurement procedures were developed during a period of extensive economic regulation of the various transportation modes. The purpose behind the consolidation, revision, and change to these various modal procurement documents was to ensure the procurement procedures reflect the current transportation needs of the DOD as well as the state of the commercial transportation industry. It also streamlines documentation and procedures, as well as standardizes procurement terms as much as possible between the various transportation modes.

Miscellaneous:

- This publication, as well as the other SDDC publications, can be accessed via the SDDC Web site at: <http://www.sddc.army.mil/Public/Global%20Cargo%20Distribution/Domestic/Publications/>.

- Submit comments, in writing, to SDDC via e-mail at dora.elias1@us.army.mil or mail to Publication and Rules Manager, Business Services, Strategic Business Directorate (see **ADDRESSES**).

- Deadline for comments is April 27, 2009.

C.E. Radford, III,

Division Chief, G9, Strategic Business Directorate.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Morehead City Harbor Project, Dredged Material Management Plan, Carteret County, NC

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Wilmington District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is conducting a study to evaluate the long-term (20-year) dredged material placement needs and opportunities for Morehead City Harbor, NC. The study area encompasses Morehead City Harbor and the Ocean Bar approach channels extending seaward to deep water through Beaufort Inlet in Carteret County, near Morehead City, NC. The study will include the preparation of an integrated (combined) Dredged Material Management Plan (DMMP) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and will identify, evaluate, screen, prioritize, and ultimately optimize placement alternatives resulting in the recommendation of a plan for the placement of dredged materials for at least the next 20 years.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions regarding the DMMP and DEIS should be directed to: Mr. Stacy Samuelson; Environmental Resources Section; U.S. Army Engineer District, Wilmington; 69 Darlington Avenue; Wilmington, NC 28402-1890; telephone: (910) 251-4480.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The USACE, Engineering Regulation (ER) 1105-2-100 mandates that the Corps Districts develop DMMPs for all Federal navigation projects where there is an indication of insufficient capacity to accommodate maintenance dredging for the next 20 years. The ER further requires that the Districts consider options that provide opportunities for beneficial uses of dredged material.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, options for dredged material management will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. The decision will reflect the national concern for the protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which may reasonably be expected to accrue from the proposal, will be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors that may be relevant to the proposal will be

considered, including wetlands; fish and wildlife resources; cultural resources; land use; water and air quality; hazardous, toxic, and radioactive substances; threatened and endangered species; regional geology; aesthetics; environmental justice; and the general needs and welfare of the public.

The alternatives currently being considered for the DMMP include, but are not limited to: offshore disposal in the Environmental Protection Agency designated Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site (ODMDS), nearshore disposal on the ebb tide delta, beach disposal, and upland disposal at Brandt Island. Additional beneficial uses of dredged material will also be investigated for the DMMP. The DEIS will address environmental effects of reasonable alternatives.

All private parties and Federal, State, and local agencies having an interest in the study are hereby notified of the intent to prepare a DEIS and are invited to comment at this time. A scoping letter was mailed to a standard mailing list November 26, 2007 and all comments received as a result of the scoping letter and this notice of intent will be considered in the preparation of the DMMP and DEIS.

The lead agency for this project is the U.S. Army Engineer District, Wilmington. Cooperating agency status has not been assigned to, nor requested by, any other agency.

The DEIS is being prepared in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and will address the relationship of the proposed action to all other applicable Federal and State Laws and Executive Orders.

The DMMP and DEIS is currently scheduled to be available in July 2010.

Dated: March 17, 2009.

Jefferson M. Ryscavage,
Colonel, EN, Commanding.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Army Corps of Engineers

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report for Natomas Levee Improvement Program Phase 4a Landside Improvements Project, Sacramento, CA

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The action being taken is preparation of an environmental impact statement/environmental impact report (EIS/EIR) for the Natomas Levee Improvement Program (NLIP) Phase 4a Landside Improvements Project (Phase 4a Project). The Corps is considering a request to issue both 408 permission to the Central Valley Flood Protection Board and 404 permit to Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) for work on the NLIP. Under 33 U.S.C. 408, the Chief of Engineers may grant permission to alter an existing Federal project if it is not injurious to the public interest and does not impair the usefulness of the project. Under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, the District Engineer permits the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States if the discharge meets the requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency's 404(b)(1) guidelines and is not contrary to the public interest. The NLIP is located in Sacramento and Sutter Counties, CA. The 408 permission is required for structural improvements to the Sacramento River east levee and the Natomas Cross Canal south levee. A 404 permit is needed for dredge and discharge of fill materials into waters of the United States resulting from levee improvements, relocation of the Riverside Canal, and development of associated habitat.

DATES: A public scoping meeting will be held on April 13, 2009 from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at South Natomas Community Center, Activity Room (see **ADDRESSES**). Send written comments by April 27, 2009 to (see **ADDRESSES**).

ADDRESSES: Public Scoping Meeting, South Natomas Community Center, Activity Room, 2921 Truxel Road, Sacramento, CA. Send written comments and suggestions concerning this study to Ms. Elizabeth Holland, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, Attn: Planning Division (CESPK-PD-R), 1325 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814-2922. Requests to be placed on the mailing list should also be sent to this address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the proposed action and EIS/EIR should be addressed to Ms. Elizabeth Holland at (916) 557-6763, e-mail

Elizabeth.g.holland@usace.army.mil or by mail (see **ADDRESSES**).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Proposed Action.* The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is preparing an EIS/EIR to analyze the impacts of the work proposed by SAFCA to implement the

NLIP Phase 4a Project. The overall purpose of the NLIP is to bring the entire 42-mile Natomas Basin perimeter levee system into compliance with applicable Federal and state standards for levees protecting urban areas. The NLIP Phase 4a Project is a component of the NLIP proposed by SAFCA to improve a portion of the Natomas Basin's perimeter levee system in Sacramento and Sutter Counties, CA.

2. *Alternatives.* The EIS/EIR will address an array of flood damage reduction alternatives. Alternatives analyzed during the investigation will consist of a combination of one or more flood risk reduction measures. These measures include strengthening the existing levee in place, constructing seepage berms, constructing adjacent setback levees, installing relief wells and cutoff walls, and relocating irrigation ditches.

3. *Scoping Process.* a. A public scoping meeting will be held on April 13, 2009 to present information to the public and to receive comments from the public. This meeting will begin a process to involve concerned individuals, and local, State, and Federal agencies with the Phase 4a Project.

b. Significant issues to be analyzed in depth in the EIS/EIR include effects on agricultural resources, land use, geology and soils, hydrology and hydraulics, water quality, biological resources (including fisheries, vegetation and wildlife resources, special-status species, and wetlands and other waters of the U.S.), cultural resources, paleontological resources, transportation and circulation, air quality, noise, visual resources, utilities and service systems, hazards and hazardous materials, socioeconomics and population and housing, and environmental justice. The EIS/EIR will also evaluate the cumulative effects of the proposed NLIP (including the past and anticipated future NLIP project phases) and other related projects in the study area.

c. The Corps is consulting with the State Historic Preservation Officer to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service to provide a Biological Opinion, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to provide a Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Report.

d. A 45-day public review period will be provided for individuals and agencies to review and comment on the draft EIS/EIR. All interested parties are encouraged to respond to this notice and provide a current address if they