

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of The Army; Corps of Engineers****Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Proposed Dredged Material Management Plan for Cleveland Harbor, OH**

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500–1508) and Public Law 102–484 Section 2834, as amended by Public Law 104–106 Section 2867, the Department of the Army hereby gives notice of intent to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the subject Dredged Material Management Plan (DMMP). The Buffalo District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be the lead agency in preparing the EIS.

The EIS will consider Federal actions associated with the development of a DMMP for the Federal harbor in the city of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, OH. The DMMP is a study conducted to develop a long-term (20-year) strategy for providing viable dredged material placement alternatives that would meet the needs of maintaining the Federal channels at Cleveland Harbor. The overall goal of the DMMP is to develop a plan to maintain channels necessary for commercial navigation within Cleveland Harbor and to conduct dredged material placement in the most economically and environmentally sound manner, and maximize the use of dredged material as a beneficial resource.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael Asquith, Project Manager, Buffalo District, Corps of Engineers, CELRB-PM-PM, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, NY 14207–3199, telephone (716) 879–4352, or Ms. Patti McKenna, NEPA Coordinator, Buffalo District, Corps of Engineers, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, NY 14207–3199, Telephone: (716) 879–4367.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Cleveland Harbor is located on Lake Erie at the mouth of the Cuyahoga River. Included in the study area are the Outer Harbor and Cuyahoga River Channels. The harbor is protected by a breakwater system: an east breakwater (20,970 feet long), a west breakwater (6,048 feet long), and the east and west arrowhead breakwaters (each measuring 1,250 feet).

Cleveland Harbor is dredged twice each year. The average dredging volume per year from 1998 through 2005 is 305,000 cubic yards, which includes Federal and non-Federal dredging activities. In accordance with joint U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) protocols contained in the Great Lakes Dredged Material Testing and Evaluating Manual (1998), all sediment dredged from Cleveland Harbor and Cuyahoga River Channels is unsuitable for open lake and nearshore placement. All dredged material is currently placed in a Confined Disposal Facility (CDF). Since the 1960s, five CDFs have been constructed at Cleveland Harbor (9, 10B, 12, 13, and 14). The current operational CDF (10B) is nearing design capacity. Planning efforts are underway for interim placement solutions at CDF 10B. However, to address long-term dredging and dredged material management needs, additional placement sites for dredged material disposal must also be made available.

Proposed Action: In accordance with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulation 1105–2–100, a DMMP is prepared for a Federal navigation project to ensure that maintenance dredging activities are performed in an environmentally acceptable manner, use sound engineering techniques, are economically warranted, and that sufficient confined disposal facilities are available for at least the next 20 years. The proposed DMMP will focus on the management of dredged material from maintaining Federal navigation channels at Cleveland Harbor, and will take into consideration non-Federal dredging projects permitted by the Buffalo District. The approved DMMP will be consistent with sound engineering practices and meet all Federal environmental compliance standards, including those established by the Clean Water Act. In addition, the DMMP will be consistent with State plans such as the Ohio Coastal Zone Management Program.

Reasonable Alternatives: The alternatives for the DMMP will consist of an array of disposal and beneficial use options. It is Corps of Engineers planning policy to consider all practicable and relevant alternative management measures. Options for managing dredged material at Cleveland Harbor that are being considered include the following: (1) Open-lake Placement. To date, all sediment dredged from Cleveland Harbor and Cuyahoga River Channels is unsuitable for open lake placement; (2) Confined Disposal. Additional capacity would be

created in one of the existing CDFs through adaptive management and/or the construction of internal dikes; (3) New Confined Disposal Facility. The construction of a new in-water CDF will also need to be evaluated. There are eight potential locations that are being assessed; (4) Beneficial Use. Dredged material would be transported to upland sites for use as cover or fill, with particular emphasis on the value of restoring or creating habitat; (5) Best Management Practices. Measures will be considered to reduce erosion and sedimentation within the watershed and consequently reduce harbor dredging needs; and (6) “No Action”. No Federal action would be taken to address dredging needs at Cleveland Harbor. The EIS will address measures, alternatives and impacts to the selected or preferred alternative(s).

Scoping Process: The Corps of Engineers invites affected Federal, State and local agencies, affected Native American tribes, and other interested organizations and individuals to participate in the development of the EIS. The Corps of Engineers anticipates conducting a public scoping meeting for this EIS in the summer of 2006. The exact date, time and location of this meeting has not yet been determined. This information will be publicized once the meeting arrangements have been made.

The Draft EIS is currently scheduled to be available for public review in June 2007. The Final EIS is currently scheduled to be available for public review in January 2008.

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

AGENCY: Department of Education.

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 May 16, 2006.

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 collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: March 10, 2006.

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Institute of Education Sciences

Type of Review: New.

Title: Impact Evaluation on Student Achievement of Teacher Professional Development in Mathematics.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs; Individuals or household.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 102.

Burden Hours: 51.

Abstract: Data collection for impact evaluation of intensive academic reading and math instruction in after-school programs.

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 3003. 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 ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-245-6623. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@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

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC06-544-000; FERC-544]

Commission Information Collection Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension

March 10, 2006.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due May 19, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Copies of sample filings of the proposed collection of information can be obtained from the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filings/elibrary.asp>) or from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Attn: Michael Miller, Office of the Executive Director, ED-34, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those parties filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filing, the original and 14 copies of such comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First

Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 and refer to Docket No. IC06-544-000. Documents filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in WordPerfect, MS Word, Portable Document Format, or ASCII format. To file the document, access the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> and click on "Make an E-filing", and then follow the instructions for each screen. First time users will have to establish a user name and password. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgement to the sender's e-mail address upon receipt of comments.

All comments may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely via the Internet through FERC's homepage using the eLibrary link. For user assistance, contact FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676. or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected under the requirements of FERC-544 "Gas Pipeline Rates: Rate Change (Formal)", (OMB No. 1902-0153) is used by the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the statutory Provisions of Sections 4, 5, and 16 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717c-717o, Pub. L. 75-688). The Commission implements FERC-544 filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR part 154.

General rate change applications filed under section 4(e) of the Natural Gas Act reflect changes in rates based generally upon changes in the pipeline company's overall costs of providing service. Staff analyses are performed to determine whether the proposed rates and charges are consistent with the Commission's statutory responsibilities, policies, conditions. A preliminary review and report to the Commission of all changes filed under the NGA must be made by staff. Based upon the report, the Commission determines whether the filing should be accepted or suspended and set for hearing and investigation. 18 CFR 154.301-154.313 govern the filing requirements for rate changes and define the statements and schedules pipeline companies must file in support of their proposed rates and changes. 18 CFR 154.205 governs the filing requirements for changes relating to suspended tariffs, executed agreements or parts thereof. 18 CFR 154.206 permits the proposed change in rate, charge,