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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army

Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Improving the Regulatory Process in Lee and Collier Counties in Southwest Florida

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers intends to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for improving the regulatory process in Lee and Collier Counties in Southwest Florida. The study is a cooperative effort among the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other government entities being invited to participate. The invited parties include the two counties and certain other government agencies at the local, regional, state, and Federal level.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth Dugger, 904–232–1686, Environmental Branch, Planning Division, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, Florida 32232–0019.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, the Corps of Engineers has regulatory authority to permit the discharge of dredged or fill material into wetlands and other waters of the United States. The guidelines pursuant to Section 404(b) of the act require that impacts to the aquatic environment be avoided and minimized to the extent practicable. Also, unavoidable impacts are to be compensated (mitigated) to the extent practicable. In determining whether to issue a permit, the Corps must also comply with other requirements including, but not limited to, the Endangered Species Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, the Coastal Zone Management Act, Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, and other applicable Federal laws. Modifying land for new uses also involves zoning, land use planning, water management, and other regulatory/planning requirements at the local, regional, state, and Federal level.

The purpose of this effort is to establish a better foundation of information and knowledge of existing conditions and identification of future alternatives for balancing the demands of growth and conservation. The goal of this effort is a more effective, timely, streamlined, cost-conscious, objective, productive, and predictable environmental permitting process for projects within the study area. The proposed action consists of one or more of several measures (see Alternatives below). The purpose of these measures is to facilitate efficient, timely, and appropriate planning and permitting while affording an appropriate level of environmental protection and wise use of natural resources.

Alternatives

In addition to "no action", alternative measures being considered include the following: (1) Establishing overall conditions or concepts for permit approval; (2) identification of critical concerns, important natural resources, and sensitive ecological areas; (3) identifying an opportunity for one or more regional permits for expedited permitting of actions meeting established criteria; (4) establishing better communication and coordination among the regulating and planning agencies; and (5) other measures identified through scoping, public involvement, and interagency coordination.

Issues

The EIS will consider impacts on protected species, health, conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands (and other aquatic resources), historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people, and other issues identified through scoping, public involvement, and interagency coordination. At the present time, our primary areas of environmental concern are endangered species, wetland loss, mitigation, habitat fragmentation, surface water management, and surface water quality.

Scoping

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among the proposed cooperating and participating agencies is being developed concerning the EIS. A draft of this MOU was circulated for comment in July 1997. Comments on the draft were shared by notice of August 25, 1997. We expect additional public meetings will be held by the Corps and/or other cooperating agencies prior to completion of the Draft EIS. If a formal public scoping meeting is held by the Corps, it will be announced. In addition, all parties are invited to participate in the scoping process by identifying any additional concerns on issues, studies needed, alternatives, procedures, and other matters related to the scoping process.

Public Involvement

We invite the participation of affected Federal, state and local agencies, affected Indian tribes, and other interested private organizations and individuals.

Coordination

The proposed action is being coordinated with a number of Federal, state, regional, and local agencies including but not limited to the following: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, State Historic Preservation Officer, South Florida Water Management District, Lee and Collier Counties, Florida Department of Community Affairs, Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission, Florida Department of Transportation, Estero Bay Agency for Bay Management, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, Governor's Commission for Sustainable South Florida (Southwest Florida Issues Group), and other agencies as identified in scoping, public involvement, and agency coordination.

Other Environmental Review and Consultation

The proposed action would involve evaluation for compliance with guidelines pursuant to Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act, application (to the State of Florida) for Water Quality Certification pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, and determination of Coastal Zone Management Act consistency.

Agency Role

Cooperating agencies include the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and other Federal, state, and local agencies. The cooperating agencies will (1) help define and develop alternatives, (2) participate in or sponsor public meetings, and (3) provide technical assessment of impacts and benefits.

DEIS Preparation

We estimate that the DEIS will be available to the public on or about October 1998.

John R. Hall,

Acting Chief, Planning Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Program Subcommittee

AGENCY: U.S. Army Cadet Command.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92–463), announcement is made of the following committee meeting:

Name of Committee: Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Program Subcommittee

Dates of Meeting: February 3 & 4, 1998.

Place of Meeting: The Pentagon, Room (To be determined).

Time of Meeting: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on February 3, 1998, and 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on February 4, 1998.

Proposed Agenda: Review and discussion of changes to the major ROTC programs since the July 1997 meeting at the Pentagon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Roger Spadafora, U.S. Army Cadet Command, ATCC–TE, Fort Monroe, Virginia 23651–5000; phone (757) 727–4595.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. The Subcommittee will review the significant changes in ROTC scholarships, missioning, advertising strategy, marketing, camps and on-campus training, the Junior High School Program and ROTC Nursing.

2. Meeting of the Advisory Committee is open to the public. Due to space limitations, attendance may be limited to those persons who have notified the Advisory Committee Management Office in writing at least five days prior to the meeting of their intent to attend the February 3 & 4, 1998 meeting.

3. Any members of the public may file a written statement with the Committee before, during or after the meeting. To the extent that time permits, the Committee chairman may allow public presentations of oral statements at the meeting.

4. All communications regarding this Advisory committee should be directed to the above address.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability of U.S. Patent Application for Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive Licensing

AGENCY: U.S. Army Chemical and Biological Defense Command, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 and 37 CFR part 404, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of U.S. Patent application for non-exclusive, exclusive, or partially exclusive licensing. The patent application listed below has been assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Army, Washington, DC.

Title: Low Concentration Aerosol Generator.

Description: This invention relates to an apparatus which is capable of generating and counting low concentrations of individual aerosol particles.

Patent Application Number: 08/837,362.

Filing Date: April 17, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John Biffoni, Intellectual Property Attorney, U.S. Army CBDCOM, ATTN: AMSCB–GC (Bldg E4435), APG, MD 21010–5423, Phone: (410) 671–1158: FAX: 410–671–2534 or E/mail: ujbiffon@cbdcom.apgea.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Prospective Grant of Exclusive Patent License

AGENCY: U.S. Army Chemical and Biological Defense Command, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the provisions of 15 U.S.C. 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR Part 404.7(a)(1)(i), CBDCOM hereby gives notice that it is contemplating the grant of an exclusive license in the United States to practice the invention embodied in U.S. Patent Application Number 08/941,990 filed 10/1/97, entitled, "System and Method for Detection, Identification and Monitoring of Submicron-Sized Particles" to EnVirion, L.L.C. having a place of business in Midlothian, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John Biffoni, Intellectual Property Attorney, U.S. Army CBDCOM, *Attn:* AMSCB–GC (Bldg. E4434), APG, MD 21010–5423, *Phone:* (401) 671–1158; *FAX:* 410–671–2534 or *E-mail:* ujbiffon@cbdcom.apgea.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted, unless within sixty days from the date of this published Notice, CBDCOM receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7

U.S. Patent Application 08/941,990 pertains to an automated detection and monitoring device and method which samples submicron sized particles or macromolecules. It provides for the sampling of viruses and virus-like agents in bioaerosols and fluids, especially biological fluids.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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