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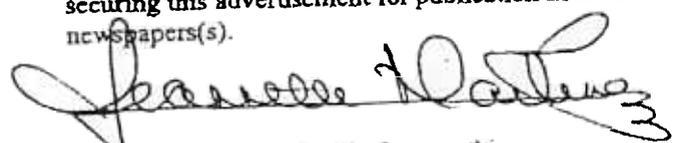
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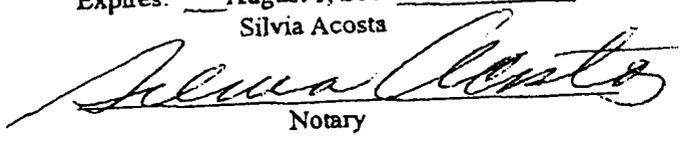
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Notary

**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT**

PUBLIC MEETING
Tuesday, May 6, 2003
6:30 p.m.
Port of Miami - Terminal T2
1200 Port Blvd.
Miami, FL 33138
(305) 371-7678

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will hold a public meeting to discuss the recently released draft General Reevaluation Report (GRR) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Miami Harbor Navigation Project, Miami-Dade County, Florida.

The purpose of the meeting is to present the results of the Miami Harbor Study document with draft GRR and EIS. Interested individuals, groups and agencies will be given an opportunity to express their views and furnish specific data to support their views for consideration in preparing the final report.

Written statements may be obtained prior to or within five (5) days after the meeting. Contact: District Engineer, ATTN: Richard Powell, CESAJ-PD-PN, P.O. Box 4870, Jacksonville, FL 32232-0019.

The DEIS is posted on the Internet at www.usace.army.mil/pd/envdoc/envdocab.htm. Two copies of the GRR and EIS are also available at the Miami-Dade County Main Public Library, 101 West Flagler Street, Miami, Florida.

For more information or if you need special accommodations, contact Ms. Terri Jordan at (904) 232-1817.



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Environmental Branch

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This announces a public meeting to discuss the recently released draft General Reevaluation Report (GRR) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Miami Harbor Navigation Project, Miami-Dade County, Florida.

The public meeting is scheduled as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, May 6, 2003
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: Terminal 12 – Port of Miami
1200 Port Blvd
Miami, Florida

Parking for the evening at the port adjacent to the terminal.

We invite Federal and State agencies, local agencies, interested organizations and individuals to participate in the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is to present the results of the Miami Harbor Study document with draft GRR and EIS. Interested individuals, groups and agencies will be given an opportunity to express their views and furnish specific data to support their views for consideration in preparing the final report.

All statements will be recorded by a court reporter, and a transcript prepared for inclusion in the official record of the project. Mail written statements prior to or within 5 days after the meeting to the District Engineer, Attn: Richard Powell, CESAJ-PD-PN, at the above address.

The DEIS is available on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers website under "Miami Harbor" at <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/pd/envdocs/envdocsb.htm> (the document has been divided into smaller sections for quicker downloading). Two copies of the draft GRR & EIS are also available at the Miami-Dade County Main Public Library, 101 West Flagler Street, Miami, Florida. For library hours, phone 305-375-2665.

This letter has been sent to those individuals who asked to be on the mailing list or otherwise expressed an interest in the project by providing comments during the EIS scoping process. If you know others who may wish to attend the meeting, please advise

them of this notice. Any questions may be directed to Ms. Terri Jordan at the letterhead address, or telephone 904-232-1817.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. C. Duck", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

James C. Duck
Chief, Planning Division

air filters and playground soils; and failure to consider the facility's possible failure to comply with a permit provision prohibiting emissions causing a public nuisance.

The EAB found that the petitioners made no showing of clear error, the existence of an important policy matter or an abuse of discretion warranting review and denied review.

Dated: April 3, 2003.

Bharat Mathur,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 5.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6639-7]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in the **Federal Register** dated April 1, 2003 (68 FR 16511).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-F65037-MI Rating LO, Interior Wetlands Project, Timber Harvest, White Pine Trees Pruning, Growth System Adjustment, Wildlife Openings Creation and Maintenance and Transportation System Improvements, Hiawatha National Forest, Eastside Administrative Unit, Chippewa County, MI.

Summary: EPA did not identify any potential environmental impacts requiring substantive changes to the 2 main project alternatives. EPA believes that A5 would better accomplish old growth stand improvement and road conversion to forests and wetlands.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65371-WY Rating EC2, Medicine Bow National Forest Revised Draft Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Albany, Carbon and Laramie Counties, WY.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns that without specifically outlining the baseline by which future projects are tiered from this Plan, potential impacts to ecosystem processes, water and habitat quality may occur.

ERP No. D-AFS-K61158-CA Rating EC2, Silver Pearl Land Exchange Project, Proposal to Exchange 2,153 Acres of National Forest System (NFS) Land for up to 3,963 Acres of Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) Land within the boundary of Eldorado National Forest, Eldorado and Placer Counties, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns and requested additional information regarding impacts to threatened and endangered species and Forest Service sensitive species. EPA also requested additional information on cumulative impacts.

ERP No. D-SFW-K99032-CA Rating EC2, Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP), Implementation, Incidental Take Permits Issuance, Riverside and Orange County, CA.

Summary: EPA raised environmental concerns that information from other regional plans has not been fully integrated with the analysis and conclusions of the MSHCP. Other EPA concerns are the assumptions regarding the level of species protection provided by Public/Quasi-Public lands, the scientific basis of MSHCP assumptions and conclusions, enforcement, and consultation with and evaluation of potential impacts on Indian Tribes. EPA also recommended the Service provide future opportunities for public and agency input, and consult with Indian Tribes on a government-to-government basis.

ERP No. DS-COE-C36031-NY Rating LO, Irondequoit Creek at Panorama Valley Flood Damage Reduction Project, New Information concerning Resumption and Evaluation of a Flood Damage Reduction Project, Town of Penfield, Monroe County, NY.

Summary: EPA has no objections to the implementation of the proposed project.

ERP No. DS-DOE-L08055-WA Rating EC2, Kangley—Echo Lake Transmission Line Project, New 500 Kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Construction, Updated Information concerning Re-evaluating Alternatives not Analyzed, U.S. Army COE Section 10 and 404 Permits Issuance, King County, WA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with the lack of clearly defined mitigation measures to protect drinking water sources and ensure the integrity of the City of Seattle's Habitat Conservation Plan. EPA recommended that the EIS not be finalized until such mitigation has been determined. EPA also recommended that the final EIS more clearly identify the significance of predicted effects of the project.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-E65053-NC Croatan National Forest Revised Land and Resource Management Plan (1986), Implementation, Carteret Craven and Jones Counties, NC.

Summary: The final EIS is responsive to issues raised in the draft EIS and EPA has no objections to the proposed action.

ERP No. F-AFS-J82016-MT Bitterroot National Forest Noxious Weed Treatment Project, Ground and Aerial Herbicides Application, Mechanical, Biological and Cultural Weed Treatment and Public Awareness Measures, Implementation, Stevensville Ranger District, Bitterroot National Forest, Ravalli County, MT.

Summary: EPA's review has not identified potential environmental impacts requiring substantive changes to the proposal.

ERP No. F-AFS-L65403-WA Quartzite Watershed Management Project, Watershed Management Activities including Vegetation Management, Riparian/Wetland Management and Road Management, Colville National Forest, Thomason Sherwood-Cottonwood Creek, Three Rivers Ranger District, Stevens County, WA.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-DOE-L08059-WA Schultz-Hanford Transmission Line Project, New 500 kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Construction, Central Washington north of Hanford connecting to an existing line at the Schultz Substation, Kittitas, Yakima, Grant and Benton Counties, WA.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

Dated: April 22, 2003.

Joseph C. Montgomery,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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[ER-FRL-6639-6]

Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements filed April 14, 2003, through April 18, 2003, pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 030172, Final EIS, FTA, NC, South Corridor Light Rail Project to Provide Light Rail Service between the Town of Pineville and Downtown Charlotte, City of Charlotte, Charlotte-Mecklenburg County, NC, Wait Period Ends: May 19, 2003, Contact: Alex McNeil (404) 562-3511. The above FTA EIS should have appeared in the 04/18/03 **Federal Register**. The 30-day Wait Period is Calculated from 04/18/2003.

EIS No. 030173, Final EIS, FRC, ID, Bear River Hydroelectric Project, Application for a New License (Relicense) for Three Existing Hydroelectric Projects: Soda (FERC No. 20-019), Grace-Cove (FERC No. 2401-007) and Oneida (FERC No. 472-017), Bear River Basin, Caribou and Franklin Counties, ID, Wait Period Ends: May 27, 2003, Contact: Susan O'Brian (202) 502-8449. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.ferc.gov>.

EIS No. 030174, Final EIS, FHW, RI, Sakonnet River Bridge Rehabilitation or Replacement Project, Portsmouth & Tiverton, Newport County, RI, Wait Period Ends: May 27, 2003, Contact: Daniel J. Berman (401) 528-2503.

EIS No. 030175, Final EIS, FHW, WV, KY, Appalachian Corridor I-66 Highway Construction, US 23/119 south of Pikeville, KY eastward to the King Coal Highway southeast of Matewan, Funding and U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permits Issuance, Pike County, KY and Mingo County, WV, Wait Period Ends: May 27, 2003, Contact: Jose Sepulveda (502) 223-6720.

EIS No. 030176, Final EIS, FHW, NY, U.S. 219 between Springville to Salamanca, Improvements from NY 39 to NY 17, PIN 5101.53, Funding and U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, Erie and Cattaraugus Counties, NY, Wait Period Ends: May 27, 2003, Contact: Robert E. Arnold (518) 431-4127.

EIS No. 030177, Draft EIS, TVA, TN, 500 kV Transmission Line in Middle Tennessee Project, Construct and Operation, Proposed Transmission Line would Connect Cumberland Fossil Plant in Stewart County with either Montgomery 500 kV Substation Montgomery County, or Davidson 500 kV Substation Davidson County, Stewart, Houston, Montgomery, Dickerson, Cheatham, TN, Comment Period Ends: June 10, 2003, Contact: Charles P. Nicholson (865) 632-3582. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.tva.gov/environment/reports/index.htm>.

EIS No. 030178, Draft EIS, FHW, WA, I-90 Two-Way Transit and HOV

Operation Project, To Provide Reliable Transportation between Seattle and Bellevue, Sound Transit Regional Express, U.S. Coast Guard Permit and U.S. Army Corps Nationwide Permit, King County, WA, Comment Period Ends: June 9, 2003, Contact: James A. Leonard (360) 753-9408. This document is available on the Internet at: http://www.soundtransit.org/stplans/eastling/I_90.htm.

EIS No. 030179, Final EIS, FHW, KY, IN, Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Projects, To Improve Cross-River Mobility between Jefferson County, KY and Clark County, ID, Coast Guard Bridge and U.S. Army COE Section 10 and 404 Permits Issuance, Jefferson County, KY and Clark County, IN, Comment Period Ends: June 25, 2003, Contact: John Ballantyme (502) 223-6747.

EIS No. 030180, Draft EIS, NPS, CA, Whiskeytown Fire Management Plan, Implementation, Whiskeytown National Recreation Area, Klamath Mountains, Shasta County, CA, Comment Period Ends: June 24, 2003, Contact: Paul DePrey (530) 242-3445. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.nps.gov/whis/exp/fireweb/firehomepage.htm>.

EIS No. 030181, Draft EIS, AFS, AK, Greens Creek Tailings Disposal Project, To Authorize Construction of Additional Dry Tailings Disposal Storage, Admiralty National Monument, Tongass National Forest, AK, Comment Period Ends: June 9, 2003, Contact: Pete Griffin (907) 586-8800. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.greencreekeis.com>.

EIS No. 030182, Final Supplement, FHW, UT, U.S. Highway 189, Wildwood to Heber Valley, between the junctions with Ut-92 and U.S. Highway 40, Utah and Wasatch Counties, UT, Wait Period Ends: May 27, 2003, Contact: Michael Morrow, P.E. (801) 963-0182.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 030080, Draft EIS, AFS, SC, Sumter National Forest Revised Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Oconee, Chester, Fairfield, Laurens, Newberry, Union-Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, McCormick and Saluda Counties, SC, Comment Period Ends: June 21, 2003, Contact: Jerome Thomas (803) 561-4000. Revision of FR Notice Published on 3/14/2003: CEQ Comment Period Ending 6/21/2003 has been Extended to 7/3/2003.

EIS No. 030104, Draft EIS, AFS, TN, Cherokee National Forest Revised

Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Carter, Cocke, Greene, Johnson, McMinn, Monroe, Polk, Sullivan and Unicoil, TN, Comment Period Ends: July 3, 2003, Contact: Terry McDonald (423) 476-9700. Revision of FR Notice Published on 3/21/2003: CEQ Comment Period Ending 6/16/2003 has been Extended to 7/3/2003.

EIS No. 030106, Draft EIS, AFS, VA, KY, WV, Jefferson National Forest Revised Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Mount Rogers National Recreation Area, Clinch, Glenwood, New Castle, and New River Valley Rangers Districts, VA, WV and KY, Comment Period Ends: July 3, 2003, Contact: Nancy Ross (540) 265-5172. Revision of FR Notice Published on 3/21/2003: CEQ Comment Period Ending on 6/19/2003 has been Extended to 7/3/2003.

EIS No. 030134, Draft EIS, COE, FL, Miami Harbor Navigation Improvement Project, Provide Greater Navigation Safety and Accommodating Larger Vessels, Port of Miami, Miami-Dade County, FL, Comment Period Ends: May 19, 2003, Contact: James McAdams (904) 232-2117. The above EIS was inadvertently published in the 4/4/2003 FR. The Correct Notice of Availability was published in the 3/14/2003 FR. The CEQ is #030092. Comments are due back to the preparing agency on May 4, 2003.

EIS No. 030171, Draft EIS, AFS, UT, Prima East Clear Creek Federal No. 22-42 Gas Exploration Well, Application for Permit to Drill and (Surface Use Plan of Operations) Castle Valley Ridge, Ferron/Price Ranger District, Manti-La Sal National Forest, Carbon and Emery Counties, UT, Comment Period Ends: June 9, 2003, Contact: Karl Boyer (435) 637-2817.

Revision of FR Notice Published on 04/18/2003: CEQ Comment Period Ending 06/02/2003 has been Reestablished to 06/09/2003. Due to Incomplete Distribution of the DEIS at the time of Filing with USEPA under Section 1506.9 of the CEQ Regulations.

Dated: April 22, 2003.

Joseph C. Montgomery,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

DIAL COSBY AND ASSOCIATES INC
Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulation (33 CFR 230.11), this letter constitutes the Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and General Re-evaluation Report (GRR) for the Port of Miami, Miami Harbor Federal Navigation Project, Miami-Dade County, Florida.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will publish the notice of availability in the Federal Register no later than March 21, 2003. The comment period for the DEIS will close 45-days after the publication date.

Any questions or comments should be submitted in accordance with the Abstract and Cover Page of the DEIS. A copy of the DEIS and GRR is available at the Miami-Dade Public Library, 101 West Flagler Street, Miami, Florida. The library hours are Monday - Saturday 9:00 - 6:00 p.m.; Thursday 9:00 - 9:00 p.m.; Sundays 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (October-May only). The point of contact at the library is the reference librarian, 305-375-2665.

Sincerely,

James M. Mason, Ph. D.

James C. Duck
Chief, Planning Division

Federal, Commonwealth, 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, U.S. Coast Guard, Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources, Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board, Puerto Rico Planning Board, Puerto Rico State Historic Preservation Officer, 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, public interest review, application for Water Quality Certification pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, and determination of Coastal Zone Management Act consistency.

DEIS Preparation: We estimate that the DEIS will be available to the public on or about November 15, 2001.

Dated: August 20, 2001.

John R. Hall,

Chief, Regulatory Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for a General Reevaluation Study of Navigation Improvements at Miami Harbor, Dade County, FL

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers intends to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Navigation Improvements at Miami Harbor, Dade County, Florida. The study is a cooperative effort between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Miami-Dade County Seaport Department of the Port of Miami.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rea Boothby, 904-232-3453, Environmental Branch, Planning Division, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, Florida 32232-0019.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Project Background and Authorization

The initial authorization for a Federal channel providing navigation access to the City of Miami occurred in 1902.

Later reports and documents recommended further improvement of the harbor's channels, turning basins, and jetties. A Resolution provided by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives dated October 29, 1997 provided the authorization for the current study.

2. Need or Purpose

Improvements, including channel deepening and widening, are required to accommodate future commercial fleet and to more effectively transit the existing fleet. Those improvements would allow commercial ships to call at the harbor with increased draft and cargo tonnage, resulting in transportation cost savings.

3. Proposed Solution and Forecast Completion Date

Widen and deepen the harbor's container ship channels and turning basins. Extend the Federal channel to the west end of Dodge Island. Construction is forecast to begin around October 2003.

4. Prior EAs or EISs

An EIS was prepared in 1985 to accommodate dredging in the Port of Miami.

5. Alternatives

Alternatives currently under consideration include no action, one nonstructural, and five structural alternatives. Six alternatives identified by the Biscayne Bay Pilots and the Miami-Dade County Seaport Department include:

- The first involves flaring the existing 500-foot wide entrance channel to provide an 800-foot wide entrance at buoy 1. Deepening of the entrance channel along Cut-1 and Cut-2 from an existing depth of 44 feet in one-foot increments to a depth of 52 feet will receive consideration.

- The second alternative will consider adding a turn widener between buoys 13 and 15 and deepening to depths of 50 feet.

- Alternative three involves extending the existing Fisher Island turning basin to the north. A turning notch (1600 feet by 1450 feet) extending approximately 500 feet to the north of the existing channel edge along the West End of Cut-3 would require evaluation. Depths from 43 to 50 feet at one-foot increments below the existing depth of 42 feet will receive consideration in the area of the turning notch.

- Alternative four consists of relocating the main channel (cruise ship

channel or Cut-4) about 175 feet to the south between channel miles 2 and 3 over a two or three degree transition to the existing cruise ship turning basin. No dredging is expected for alternative four since existing depths allow for continuation of the authorized depth of 36 feet.

- Alternative five proposes to increase the width of the Lummus Island Cut (Fisherman's Channel) about 100 feet to the south of the existing channel. Deepening would include examination of depths below the existing 42-foot depth at one-foot increments from 43 to 50 feet along the proposed widened channel from Cut-3, Station 0+00 to Cut-3, Station 42+00.

- Alternate six includes deepening of Dodge Island Cut and the proposed 1200-foot turning basin from 32 and 34 feet to 36 feet. It also involves relocating the western end of the Dodge Island Cut to accommodate proposed port expansion.

6. Issues

The EIS will consider impacts on seagrasses (including Johnson Seagrass, a threatened species), mangrove, and hardbottom communities, other protected species, Essential Fish Habitat, shore protection, health and safety, water quality, aesthetics and recreation, fish and wildlife resources, cultural resources, energy conservation, socio-economic resources, and other impacts identified through scoping, public involvement, and interagency coordination.

7. Scoping Process

a. A scoping letter was sent to interested parties on January 6, 2000. In addition, all parties were 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.

b. A local, state, and Federal resource agency scoping meeting occurred on March 13, 2000, to determine the areas of coverage for an environmental baseline resource survey. A meeting followed on November 1, 2000, with those resource agencies to review preliminary results.

c. No public scoping meeting is planned at this time.

8. Public Involvement

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

9. Coordination

The proposed action is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, with the FWS under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, with the NMFS concerning Essential Fish Habitat and with the State Historic Preservation Officer.

10. 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; certification of state lands, easements, and rights of way; and determination of Coastal Zone Management Act consistency.

11. Agency Role

The Corps and the non-Federal sponsor, the Miami-Dade County Seaport of the Port of Miami, will provide extensive information and assistance on the resources to be impacted, mitigation measures, and alternatives.

12. DEIS Preparation

It is estimated that the DEIS will be available to the public on or about November 2001.

Dated: August 10, 2001.

James C. Duck,

Chief, Planning Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to the 1996 Final Environmental Impact Statement for Coast of Florida Erosion and Storm Effects Study, Region III, Palm Beach, Broward, and Dade County, FL, To Address an Application for a Department of the Army Permit to Nourish Phipps Beach in Palm Beach County, FL

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has regulatory

authority to permit the discharge of dredge and fill material into waters of the United States. In compliance with its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers intends to prepare a SEIS as a result of the dredge and fill permit application for the Phipps Ocean Park Beach Restoration project located within the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brice McKoy, 561-683-0792, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, Regulatory Division, South Permits Branch, 400 North Congress Avenue, Suite 130, West Palm Beach, Florida 33401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Town of Palm Beach, Florida is seeking a Department of Army permit to construct a 1.9-mile beach restoration project located in the Town of Palm Beach, Florida, between Florida Department of Environmental Protection reference monument R-116 and R-126 in the vicinity of Phipps Ocean Park.

Approximately 1.5 million cubic yards of sand would be dredged from two borrow areas located approximately 3,500 feet offshore and approximately 1.5 and 2.6 miles south of the fill area. The beach fill profile consists of a +9 ft. NGVD berm elevation with an average construction berm width varying from 190 to 455 ft, with a projected life of 8 years. The shoreline within the project area contains rock outcrops located at and below the mean low water line. This project is located within project segment "6" in Palm Beach County and referred to as the "South-end Palm Beach Island Segment" in the Coast of Florida Erosion and Storm Effects Study, which was authorized on 16 July 1984, by Section 104 of the 1985 Appropriations Act (Public Law 98-360). The specific study area for this Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement is approximately 1.9 miles of beach, between Sloans Curve and the Ambassador South II Condominium including Phipps Ocean Park and the Palm Beach Par 3 Golf Club, located within the Town of Palm Beach, Florida, in Sections 11, 14, and 23, Township 44 South, Range 43 East.

Alternatives: Alternatives are being considered in the study and will be addressed in the Draft SEIS. These alternatives include: no action alternatives, non-structural alternatives, revetment, beach fill with periodic nourishment, beach fill with periodic nourishment stabilized by an offshore breakwater or submerged artificial reef, beach nourishment with maintenance

material from updrift inlet, beach fill and periodic nourishment stabilized by groins, seawalls, beach fill with periodic nourishment and hurricane surge protection sand dune, beach fill with periodic nourishment and hurricane surge protection—offshore breakwaters or submerged artificial reefs, nearshore berms, beach fill with nearshore berms, stabilization of beaches and dunes by vegetation, feeder beach: beach fill strategically located to nourish downdrift erosion problem areas, relocation of structures, flood proofing of structures, abandon or modify navigation projects, sand tightening of jetties, upgrading on construction of sand transfer plants for renourishment; dune restoration, PEP reef, and various combinations of the above.

Issues: The Draft SEIS will consider impacts on protected species, health, conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands (and other aquatic resources), historic properties, fish and wildlife value, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, 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.

Scoping: The scoping process will involve Federal, State, county, municipal agencies, and other interested persons and organizations. A scoping letter will be sent to interested Federal, State, county and municipal agencies requesting their comments and concerns. Any persons and organizations wishing to participate in the scoping process should contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the above address. Significant issues that are anticipated include concern for nearshore and offshore hard bottom communities, fisheries, water quality, threatened and endangered species, and cultural resources.

Public Involvement: We invite the participation of affected federal, state and local agencies, affected Indian tribes, and other private organizations and parties by submitting written comments to the information contact provided in this notice.

Coordination: Coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has been completed in compliance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. Coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service will be accomplished in compliance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. Coordination



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Environmental Branch

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Miami-Dade County Seaport Department of the Port of Miami has requested that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Jacksonville District, study the feasibility of widening and deepening portions of Miami Harbor, Dade County, Florida (enclosure 1). To assist in this effort, the Corps is gathering information to define issues and concerns that will be addressed in a general reevaluation and review (GRR) study of Miami Harbor to consider modifying portions of the deep draft navigation project.

Six alternatives identified by the Biscayne Bay Pilots and the Miami-Dade County Seaport Department are under consideration as indicated on the enclosed drawing and described below:

- The first involves flaring the existing 500-foot wide entrance channel to provide an 800-foot wide entrance at buoy 1. Deepening of the entrance channel along Cut-1 and Cut-2 from an existing depth of 44 feet in one-foot increments to a depth of 52 feet will receive consideration.
- The second alternative will consider adding a turn widener between buoys 13 and 15 and deepening to depths of 50 feet.
- Alternative three involves extending the existing Fisher Island turning basin to the north. A turning notch (1600 feet by 1450 feet) extending approximately 500 feet to the north of the existing channel edge along the West End of Cut-3 would require evaluation. Depths from 43 to 50 feet at one-foot increments below the existing depth of 42 feet will receive consideration in the area of the turning notch.
- Alternative four consists of relocating the main channel (cruise ship channel or Cut-4) about 175 feet to the south between channel miles 2 and 3 over a two or three degree transition to the existing cruise ship turning basin. No dredging is expected for alternative four since existing depths allow for continuation of the authorized depth of 36 feet.
- Alternative five proposes to increase the width of the Lummus Island Cut (Fisherman's Channel) about 100 feet to the south

of the existing channel. Deepening would include examination of depths below the existing 42-foot depth at one-foot increments from 43 to 50 feet along the proposed widened channel from Cut-3, Station 0+00 to Cut-3, Station 42+00.

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Examination of the impacts of the proposed dredging alternatives on the harbor system and shoreline processes is also part of the study. During the study our objectives include identifying any problems and needs associated with deep-draft vessel movements serving cargo and cruise ship facilities within Miami Harbor and seeking a solution.

Approval of a prior study allowed the Port of Miami's Miami-Dade County Seaport Department to improve the entrance channel and deepen it from 38 feet to 44 feet during the past Phase I construction effort. That work included addition of a widener on the north side of Government Cut at the Fisher Island turning basin along with deepening from 36 feet to 42 feet through the Fisher Island turning basin to the first half of the Lummus Island Cut or Fisherman's Channel. Under the same authorization the Port of Miami's current Phase II deepening involves extending the 42-foot depth to the end of the Lummus/Dodge Island turning basin.

The Corps welcomes your views, comments, suggestions, and any information about resources, study objectives, and important features within the described study area. Letters of comment or inquiry should be addressed to the letterhead address to the attention of Planning Division, Environmental Coordination Section and received by this office within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter.

Sincerely,



James C. Duck
Chief Planning Division

Enclosures



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P. O. BOX 4970
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32232-0019

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Planning Division
Environmental Branch

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Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulation (33 CFR 230.12), this letter constitutes the Notice of Intent to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Miami Harbor Navigation Improvements, Dade County, Florida.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James C. Duck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

James C. Duck
Chief, Planning Division

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CORPS OF ENGINEERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, 32202

Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)
for a General Reevaluation Study of Navigation Improvements at
Miami Harbor, Dade County, Florida.

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense
COOPERATING AGENCY: Miami-Dade County Seaport Department of the
Port of Miami.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of
Engineers intends to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact
Statement for Navigation Improvements at Miami Harbor, Dade
County, Florida. The study is a cooperative effort between the
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Miami-Dade County Seaport
Department of the Port of Miami.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rea Boothby, 904-232-3453,
Environmental Branch, Planning Division, P.O. Box 4970,
Jacksonville, Florida 32232-0019.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Project Background and Authorization.* The initial
authorization for a Federal channel providing navigation
access to the City of Miami occurred in 1902. Later reports and
documents recommended further improvement of the harbor's
channels, turning basins, and jetties. A Resolution provided by
the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United
States House of Representatives dated October 29, 1997 provided
the authorization for the current study.

2. *Need or Purpose.* Improvements, including channel deepening
and widening, are required to accommodate future commercial
fleet and to more effectively transit the existing fleet. Those
improvements would allow commercial ships to call at the harbor
with increased draft and cargo tonnage, resulting in
transportation cost savings.

3. *Proposed Solution and Forecast Completion Date.* Widen and
deepen the harbor's container ship channels and turning basins.

Extend the Federal channel to the west end of Dodge Island. Construction is forecast to begin around October 2003

4. *Prior EAs or EISs.* An EIS was prepared in 1985 to accommodate dredging in the Port of Miami.

5. *Alternatives.* Alternatives currently under consideration include no action, one nonstructural, and five structural alternatives. Six alternatives identified by the Biscayne Bay Pilots and the Miami-Dade County Seaport Department include:

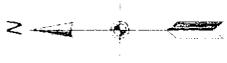
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6. *Issues.* The EIS will consider impacts on seagrasses (including Johnson Seagrass, a threatened species), mangrove, and hardbottom communities, other protected species, Essential

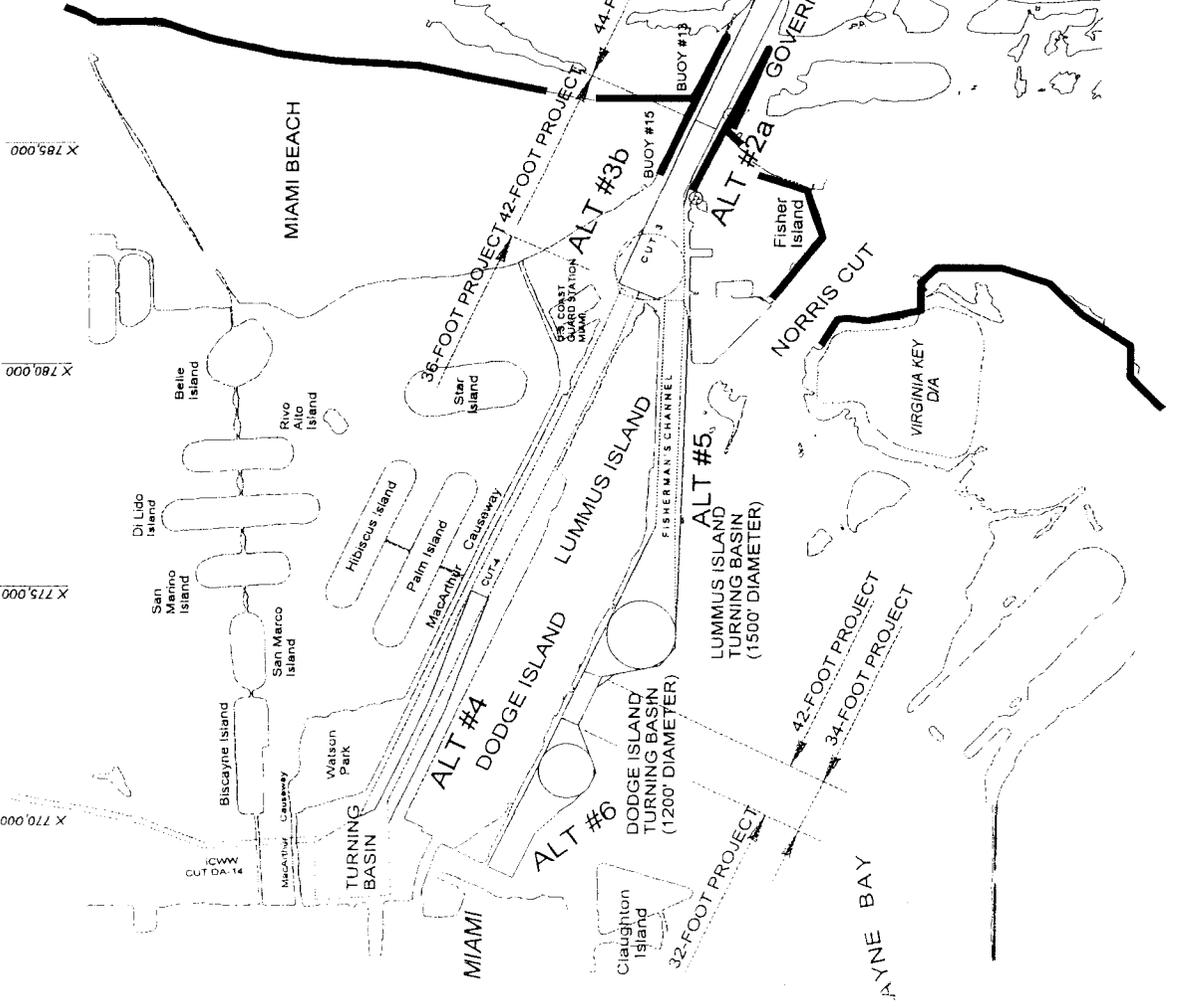
PLANE COORDINATES ARE BASED ON THE TRANSVERSE MERCATOR PROJECTION FOR FLORIDA EAST ZONE, NORTH AMERICAN DATUM OF 1927 (NAD 27)

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PROPOSED MODIFICATION ALTERNATIVES

- ALTERNATIVE #1 - WIDEN SEAWARD PORTION OF CUT-1 FROM 500 FEET TO 800 FEET AND DEEPEN CUT-1 AND CUT-2 (EXISTING DEPTH = 44 FEET, DEEPEN TO 52 FEET)
- ALTERNATIVE #2 - ADD TURN WIDENER BETWEEN BUOY #13 AND BUOY #15 (EXISTING DEPTH = 42 FEET, DEEPEN TO 50 FEET)
- ALTERNATIVE #3 - EXPAND FISHER ISLAND TURNING BASIN FROM 1200 FEET TO 1500 FEET (EXISTING DEPTH = 42 FEET, DEEPEN TO 50 FEET)
- ALTERNATIVE #4 - RELOCATE THE WESTERN END OF THE MAIN CHANNEL TO ALLOW FOR ADDITIONAL CRUISE SHIP BERTHS.
- ALTERNATIVE #5 - WIDEN FISHERMAN'S CHANNEL APPROXIMATELY 100 FEET TO THE SOUTH (EXISTING DEPTH = 42 FEET, DEEPEN TO 50 FEET) DEEPENING WOULD INCLUDE CUT-3, STA. 0+00 TO CUT-3, STA. 42+00.
- ALTERNATIVE #6 - DEEPEN DODGE ISLAND CUT AND THE PROPOSED 1200 FOOT DIAMETER TURNING BASIN FROM 32 & 34 FEET TO 36 FEET AND RELOCATE WESTERN END OF DODGE ISLAND CUT TO ACCOMMODATE PROPOSED PORT EXPANSION.

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