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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers****Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Proposed Quonset/Davisville Port and Commerce Park, Narragansett Bay, North Kingstown, RI, Application for Corps Section 10/404 Individuals Permit**

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The New England District, Corps of Engineers, has received an application from the State of Rhode Island, Office of the Governor, for a Corps of Engineers permit under section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and section 404 of the Clean Water Act to dredge and fill navigable and non-navigable waters of the United States. The project is proposed at Quonset Point in Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island. The Corps has determined that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required for this proposed project. The applicant's stated purpose is to develop a compact, automated container facility to handle from 250,000 to 1,200,000 containers per year. The project proposes to dredge up to 6.3 million cubic yards of material from the Quonset and Davisville Channels to a depth of 52 feet, provide 4,000 linear feet of marginal wharf for container ship dockage and fill up to 115 acres of Narragansett Bay to provide lay-down area for container processing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about the proposed action and Draft EIS can be answered by Mr. Greg Penta, Regulatory Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 696 Virginia Road, Concord, Massachusetts 017422751, Telephone No. (978) 3188862, or by e-mail at gregory.r.penta@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Navy developed the Naval Air Station at Quonset Point and the Construction Battalion Center at Davisville with the onset of World War II. The Navy is still transferring portions of the 3000-acre site to the Rhode Island Port Authority and Economic Development Corporation. The applicant has indicated that the footprint of the

proposed port may occupy less than 200 acres.

The applicant states that increased container terminal capacity will be of assistance to expanding national trade interests, particularly considering an expanding global market. They state that containerized cargo volumes have increased both nationally and regionally for over 20 years, are anticipated to continue to grow at steady rates, and the demand for more container handling terminals in the New England region is evident. Quonset Davisville benefits from existing airport, railway, and highway infrastructure.

The existing channels and basins were last dredged in the 1960's. Original depth were from 35 to 40 feet. The applicant has identified potential disposal sites, but has not decided upon a preferred disposal site. Deeper channels have the potential to change circulation patterns, salinity gradients, dissolved oxygen levels and consequently affect marine ecology within a Narragansett Bay. Studies such as extensive hydrodynamic modeling will be conducted to evaluate impacts. The proposed filing of between 100 to 115 acres of ocean waters, needed to accommodate port operations and container storage, is unprecedented in the Corps New England District's permitting history.

Alternatives to be addressed in the EIS will include the No Action Alternative, alternative port locations within a North American region (potentially including another Rhode Island location), to be determined during scoping, and alternative port options along the Quonset Davisville waterfront.

The EIS will analyze in depth the following significant issues and impacts associated with the construction and operation of the port: Recreational and commercial boating and fishing activities, endangered marine mammals and reptiles, aquatic and benthic habitat destruction and alteration, circulation patterns, invasive species, economics and job creation. The Corps anticipates the Draft EIS will be available for public review in the Summer of 2003.

Other Environmental Review and Consultation Requirements

To the fullest extent possible, the EIS will be integrated with analyses and consultation required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Pub. L. 93-205; 16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*); the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended (Pub. L. 94-265; 16 U.S.C. 1801, *et seq.*), the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as

amended (Pub. L. 89-655; 16 U.S.C. 470, *et seq.*); the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1958, as amended (Pub. L. 85-624; 16 U.S.C. 661, *et seq.*); the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended (Pub. L. 92-583; 16 U.S.C. 1451, *et seq.*); and the Clean Water Act of 1977, as amended (Pub. L. 92-500; 33 U.S.C. 1251, *et seq.*), Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, 33 U.S.C. 403 *et seq.*; and applicable and appropriate Executive Orders.

Scoping

The Corps will conduct an open scoping and public involvement process during the development of the EIS. The scoping process is the key to preparing a concise EIS and clarifying the significant issues to be analyzed in depth. Public concerns on issues, studies needed, alternatives to be examined, procedures and other related matters will be addressed during scoping. The purpose of the scoping meetings is to assist the Corps in defining the issues that will be evaluated in the EIS. All interested Federal, State and local agencies, affected Indian tribes, interested private and public organizations, and individuals are invited to attend these scoping meetings.

The first scoping meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2002, at Rhode Island College, 600 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island in the Clarke Science Building, Room 125. Registration begins at noon at the meeting begins at 1 p.m. The second scoping meeting will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2002, at the North Kingstown High School, 150 Fairway Drive, North Kingstown, Rhode Island in the auditorium. Registration begins at 6 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7 p.m.

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Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers****Estuary Habitat Restoration Council; Open Meeting**

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

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 105(h) of the Estuary Restoration Act of 2000, (Title I, Public Law 106-457), announcement is made of the

forthcoming meeting of the Estuary Habitat Restoration Council. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be in room 3M60/70, 441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Ellen Cummings, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, DC 20314-1000, (202) 761-4558; or Ms. Cynthia Garman-Squier, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Washington, DC (703) 695-6791.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Estuary Habitat Restoration Council consists of representatives of five agencies. These are the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Agriculture, and Army. Among the duties of the Council is development of a national estuary restoration strategy designed in part to meet the goal of restoring one million acres by 2010.

Items the Council will consider at this meeting include the recently published draft strategy and the development of a database of restoration project information.

Current security measures require that persons interested in attending the meeting must pre-register with us before 2 p.m. May 20, 2002. Please contact Ellen Cummings at 202-761-4558 to pre-register. When leaving a voice mail message please provide the name of the individual attending, the company or agency represented, and a telephone number, in case there are any questions. The public should enter on the "G" Street side of the GAO building. All attendees are required to show photo identification and must be escorted to the meeting room by Corps personnel. Attendee's bags and other possessions are subject to being searched. All attendees arriving between one-half hour before and one-half hour after 10 a.m. will be escorted to the hearing. Those that are not pre-registered and/or arriving later than the allotted time will be unable to attend the public meeting.

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Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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Supporting Industries

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of availability of financial assistance solicitation.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Idaho Operations Office (ID) is seeking applications for cost-shared research and development of technologies which will reduce energy consumption, reduce environmental impacts and enhance economic competitiveness of two or more of the following Industry of the Future Sectors: Heat Treating, Forging, Welding, Powder Metals, and Advanced Ceramics.

DATES: The issuance date of Solicitation Number DE-PS07-02ID14304 will be on May 1, 2002. The deadline for receipt of applications will be approximately on June 28, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The solicitation in its full text will be available on the Internet at the following URL address: <http://e-center.doe.gov>. The Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) provides the medium for disseminating solicitations, receiving financial assistance applications and evaluating the applications in a paperless environment. Completed applications are required to be submitted via IIPS. An IIPS "User Guide for Contractors" can be obtained on the IIPS Homepage and then clicking on the "Help" button. Questions regarding the operation of IIPS may be e-mailed to the IIPS Help Desk at IIPS_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Seb Klein, Contract Specialist, kleinsm@id.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Roadmaps are available at the following URL: <http://www.oit.doe.gov/related/related/related.shtml>. DOE anticipates making three to five awards each with a duration of four years or less. Award of a cooperative agreement under this solicitation does not commit the Government to fund any follow-on research. Successful applicants will be required to submit quarterly, annual, and final reports to DOE. The statutory authority for the program is the Federal Non-Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-577). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number for this program is 81.086.

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R.J. Hoyles,

Director, Procurement Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

State Energy Advisory Board; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the State Energy Advisory Board. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463; 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: June 20, 2002, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and June 21, 2002, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: National Renewable Energy Laboratory, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William J. Raup, Office of Planning, Budget, and Outreach, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Washington, DC 20585, Telephone 202/586-2214.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: To make recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy regarding goals and objectives and programmatic and administrative policies, and to otherwise carry out the Board's responsibilities as designated in the State Energy Efficiency Programs Improvement Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-440).

Tentative Agenda:

- STEAB Committee updates
- STEAB Draft Annual Report Review
- Open Session with Assistant Secretary David Garman
- Regional Office Update
- Presentations from NREL Personnel
- Tours of NREL Facilities
- Public Comment Period

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact William J. Raup at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests to make oral presentations must be received five days prior to the meeting; reasonable provision will be made to include the statements in the agenda. The Chair of