

32 CFR 989) to determine the potential environmental consequences of the Airspace Training Initiative. The Federal Aviation Administration is participating as a cooperating agency in this process.

As part of the Airspace Training Initiative proposal, the Air Force will analyze alternatives to modify Shaw AFB's airspace to enhance the ability of the 20th Fighter Wing at Shaw AFB and the 169th Fighter Squadron at McEntire ANG to train as they need to fight in the evolving Global War on Terror. The proposed action includes the following:

- Creating a new Military Operations Area (MOA), that joins the western boundary of the existing Gamecock D MOA with the eastern boundary of existing Poinsett Electronic Combat Range (ECR).
- Lowering the floor of the existing Gamecock D MOA from 10,000 to 5,000 feet mean sea level (MSL) and combining and using Gamecock C and Gamecock D MOAs concurrently and simultaneously.
- Raising the ceiling on the existing Poinsett Low MOA from 2,500 feet MSL to 5,000 feet MSL.
- Modifying the boundary of the existing Bulldog A MOA to match that of Bulldog B MOA and lowering the current 11,000 foot MSL floor of the "shelf area" to 500 feet above ground level (AGL) to coincide with the Bulldog A floor.
- Extending the use of defensive training with training chaff and flares into the new and modified airspace. Developing training transmitter sites beneath the Bulldog and Gamecock MOAs and along the coast of South Carolina.

Alternatives to the proposed action include variations in altitude structure, special use airspace boundaries, extent and number of transmitter sites, and a no-action alternative.

The Air Force will accept comments at any time during the environmental analysis process. However, to ensure the Air Force has sufficient time to consider public input in the preparation of the Draft EIS, the scoping period has been extended. Comments should be submitted to the address below by December XX, 2004.

Point of Contact: Ms. Linda DeVine, HQ ACC/CEVP, 129 Andrews St., Suite 102, Langley AFB, VA 23665-2769, (757) 764-9434.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of the forthcoming meeting of the 2004 Science and Technology Quality Review Panel. The purpose of the meeting is to allow the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board to assess the quality and long-term relevance of Air Force Research Laboratory research reviewed in Fall 2004. Because classified and contractor-proprietary information will be discussed, this meeting will be closed to the public.

DATES: December 10, 2004.

ADDRESSES: 1560 Wilson Blvd, Suite 400, Arlington VA 22209-2404.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Major Kyle Gresham, Air Force Scientific Advisory Board Secretariat, 1180 Air Force Pentagon, Rm 5D982, Washington DC 20330-1180, (703) 697-4808.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Notice to delete systems of records.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Air Force is deleting a system of records notice from its existing inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

DATES: This proposed actions will be effective without further notice on December 27, 2004, unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Air Force Privacy Act Manager, Office of the Chief Information Officer, AF-CIO/P, 1155 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Anne Rollins at (703) 696-6280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of the Air Force systems of records notices subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.

The proposed deletion is not within the purview of subsection (r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, which requires the submission of a new or altered system report.

Dated: November 19, 2004.

Jeannette Owings-Ballard,

OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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SYSTEM NAME:

Aeromedical Research Data (June 11, 1997, 62 FR 31793).

Reason: Records are now being maintained under the system of records F044 AF SG E, entitled "Medical Record System" last published in the **Federal Register** December 9, 2003, 68 FR 68609.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Athens Navigation Project, Village of Athens, Greene County, NY

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

ACTION: Notice of availability

SUMMARY: This announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) which assesses the potential environmental impacts of the construction of deepening the navigation channel at Athens, NY. This DEIS has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regulations for implementing NEPA.

DATES: The comment period for the DEIS will end 45 days after publication of the NOA in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The end date falls within the second week of January 2005.

ADDRESSES: To obtain copies of the DEIS or submit comments, contact Bonnie Hulkower, Environmental Coordinator, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New

York District, 26 Federal Plaza, Room 2146, New York, NY 10278-0090

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bonnie Hulkower, Planning Division—Environmental Branch, at (212) 264-5798 or bonnie.hulkower@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The previous Notice of Intent, (69 FR 67711) published in the **Federal Register** on Friday, November 19, 2004, was sent out in error. This Notice of Availability officially begins a 45-day comment period. Please disregard the previous notice.

The purpose of this DEIS is to analyze significant issues and information relevant to environmental concerns regarding the proposed deepening and alternative actions at Athens, NY. The project is a modification to the Hudson River to Waterford project, authorized and directed by Section 110 of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of 1997 (Pub. L. 104-206).

Deepening the Athens Navigation Channel to -24 ft MLW would allow safe and efficient passage of barges to commercial terminals along the waterfront at Athens. The plan entails deepening of the Athens Navigation Channel from its confluence with the Hudson Federal Channel north to the north dock at Union Street, Athens, NY. Currently, the barges entering the western portion of the Hudson River from the Federal Channel into the terminals at Athens cannot be fully loaded due to insufficient channel depth. The project also supports the Village of Athens Waterfront Revitalization Program.

Based upon information presently available, the USACE-New York District estimates that construction of the project to -24 ft MLW plus a 2-ft allowance for dredging tolerance would excavate approximately 935,000 cubic yards of clean unconsolidated sediments from the channel. The recommended plan is to beneficially use suitable dredge material to enhance or restore fisheries habitat and place the remaining excavated dredge material approximately 15 miles up river from Athens, on the southern portion of Houghtaling Island, the USACE maintenance dredge material placement site for projects in the Albany area.

The purpose of this DEIS is to analyze significant issues and information relevant to environmental concerns bearing on the proposed action or its anticipated impacts. The analysis indicates that short-term adverse environmental impacts, such as removal of benthic invertebrates in the dredged

area, would be balanced by long-term beneficial impacts, such as contributions to the revitalization of the Athens waterfront.

Biological monitoring will be coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife, the National Marine Fisheries Service, and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. All activity associated with the project would be undertaken in a way to minimize adverse impacts to sensitive habitats and threatened and endangered species, and adjacent shorelines, as well as to minimize cumulative impacts.

A 404(b)(1) evaluation has been prepared for the project and is included in the DEIS. The proposed action and alternatives do not represent a significant threat of degradation to the aquatic environment, and are in compliance with the 404(b)(1) Guidelines.

A Public Scoping Meeting was held in May 2002 and the results were collected in a Public Scoping Document. Results from public and agency scoping coordination are addressed in the DEIS. Copies of the DEIS are also available at the Hudson Area Associated Library, 400 State Street, Hudson, NY 12534.

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Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Chesapeake Bay Native Oyster Recovery Project, Maryland

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Baltimore District, is preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the upper Chesapeake Bay waters. This DEIS is a part of the 10 year plan for the Chesapeake Bay native oyster recovery project in cooperation with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources as the local sponsor. The feasibility study will include the final EIS.

ADDRESSES: Questions and comments about the meetings, feasibility study, and/or EIS can be addressed to Ms. Jean

Kapusnick, Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CENAB-PL-P, P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore, Maryland, 21203-1715. E-mail address:

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Please include your name and address in your message.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District will address activities in Virginia waters. Please contact Mr. Mark Mansfield, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 803 Front Street, Norfolk, VA 23510-1096. E-mail:

Mark.T.Mansfield@usace.army.mil.

Phone: 757-441-7500.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jean Kapusnick, phone: (410) 962-4417 or (800) 295-1610.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Previously performed oyster restoration activities by the Baltimore District include the: creation of new oyster bars and rehabilitation of existing non-productive bars; construction of seed bars for production and collection of seed oysters or "spat"; planting of hatchery-produced and seed bar spat on new and rehabilitated bars; and monitoring of implemented projects. The actions considered in the forthcoming oyster recovery study and DEIS may include those actions or other actions that are considered feasible to reach the projects restoration goals.

The decision to implement actions will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activities on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, will be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable costs and impacts. The Baltimore District is preparing a DEIS, which will describe the impacts of the proposed projects on environmental and cultural resources in the study area and on the overall public interest. The DEIS will be prepared in accordance with NEPA and will document all factors that may be relevant to the proposal, including the cumulative effects thereof. Among these factors are habitat restoration, channel and erosion control, improvements to water quality, storm water management, conservation, economics, energy needs, general environmental concerns, fish and wildlife values, wetlands, historic and cultural values, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, recreation, safety, food production, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. The work will not be accomplished unless it