

and serves the marine terminal facilities at the Port of Sacramento. The SRDWSC joins the existing 35-foot deep channel at New York Slough, thereby affording the Port of Sacramento access to San Francisco Bay Area harbors and the Pacific Ocean. This navigational improvement project was analyzed in the Feasibility Report and Final Environmental Impact Statement (1980), the General Design Memorandum and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (1986), and Environmental Assessments (1988, 1991, 1992). Navigational improvements to the SRDWSC were authorized in the Supplemental Appropriations of 1985 (Pub. L. 99-88). Construction to deepen the existing channel to 35 feet was initiated in 1989, but work was suspended in 1990 at the request of the Port of Sacramento. Two of six construction contracts, from River Mile 43 to 35, have been completed to date. The Corps has been directed by Congress to reevaluate the project and to recommend whether to resume construction.

The SEIS/SEIR will update the 1980 EIS and the 1986 SEIS and will evaluate changes to project conditions. The SEIS/SEIR will determine if there are significant new issues, information, or environmental concerns bearing on the proposed project and alternatives. The SEIS/SEIR will reexamine water and air quality issues, fish and wildlife impacts, and effects to endangered or threatened species. The impact of deepening on salinity intrusion and its effect on water quality in the Delta will be reexamined. Effects to water and air quality and fish and wildlife from dredging and disposal of dredged material at upland disposal sites will be reexamined. Additionally, the economic benefits of the proposed project and alternatives will be reexamined.

1. *Proposed Action.* The proposed project would complete the deepening and widening of the navigation channel to its authorized depth of 35 feet. Other features of the authorized plan, include the establishment of wetland/riparian habitat on prospect Island and lower Sherman Island to mitigate for project impacts and restore wetland habitat. These plan features will be reexamined for their feasibility and appropriateness for construction.

2. *Alternatives.* Alternative methods of moving goods through the Port of Sacramento were studied in the original EIS and found to be less economically beneficial. These alternatives included No Action; increased use of LASH (Lighter Aboard Ship) barges; and increased use of intermodal transportation. The SEIS/SEIR will

reanalyze the previously evaluated alternatives and may also evaluate whether a project depth shallower than the authorized 35 feet depth would be an acceptable project alternative.

3. *Public Involvement.* The Corps will hold a public environmental scoping meeting to discuss the scope of the draft SEIS/SEIR. The public scoping meeting location, date and time will be advertised in advance in local newspapers, and meeting announcement letters will be sent to interested parties. The draft SEIS/SEIR is expected to be available for a 45-day public review and comment period in December 2004. The Corps will announce availability of the draft in the **Federal Register** and other media, and will provide the public, organizations, and agencies with an opportunity to submit comments, which will be addressed in the final SEIS/SEIR. The final SEIS/SEIR is expected to be available for a 30-day review period in August 2005.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Fernald

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Fernald. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Tuesday, June 29, 2004; 6:15 p.m.-9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Fernald Closure Project Site, 7400 Willey Road, Trailer 214, Hamilton, OH 45013-9402.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doug Sarno, The Perspectives Group, Inc., 1055 North Fairfax Street, Suite 204, Alexandria, VA 22314, at (703) 837-1197, or e-mail; djsarno@theperspectivesgroup.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda:

6:15 p.m.—Call to Order

6:15–6:30 p.m.—Chairs Remarks, Ex Officio Announcements and Updates

6:30–7:30 p.m.—Silos Projects

Project Status

Update on Dispute with State of Nevada

Input from Critical Analysis Team

7:30–8 p.m.—Status of the Fernald Citizen Advisory Board Recommendations

8–8:30 p.m.—Update on Stewardship Committee Activities

8:30–8:45 p.m.—Preparation for August Meeting and September Retreat

8:45–9 p.m.—Public Comment

9 p.m.—Adjourn

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board chair either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact the Board chair at the address or telephone number listed below. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Gary Stegner, Public Affairs Office, Ohio Field Office, U.S. Department of Energy, is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to the Fernald Citizens' Advisory Board, c/o Phoenix Environmental Corporation, MS-76, Post Office Box 538704, Cincinnati, OH 43253-8704, or by calling the Advisory Board at (513) 648-6478.

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Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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