

Department of Defense; and (c) evaluate and assess the effectiveness of the military family readiness programs and activities of the Department of Defense.

The Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council is required by statute to submit an annual report to the Secretary of Defense and the congressional oversight committees on military family readiness. This report must be submitted no later than February 1st of each year.

The Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council shall be composed of a chairperson and no more than eleven additional members. Pursuant to federal statute, the membership shall be:

1. The Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, who shall serve as the chair of the Council;
2. One representative of each Military Service;
3. Three individuals appointed by the Secretary of Defense from among representatives of military family organizations; and
4. The senior enlisted advisors of each Military Service.

With regard to the representatives from each Military Service, the Secretary of Defense has appointed the deputies of each Military Service to serve on the Council; their appointment will be based upon their ex-officio position in the Department of Defense. As for the representatives of the military family organizations, these individuals will be appointed as experts and consultants under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 3109, and they will serve as special government employees. With the exception of travel and per diem for official travel, the special government employees shall serve without compensation.

The Department of Defense intends to authorize the Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council to establish and use subcommittees, and the Council, to include any subcommittees, will operate under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the Sunshine in the Government Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR, Parts 102-3 through 102-3.185.

Such subcommittees or workgroups shall not work independently of the chartered Council, and shall report all their recommendations and advice to the Council for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees or workgroups have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered Council nor can they report directly to the Department of Defense or any federal officers or employees who are not Council Members.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Contact Jim Freeman, Deputy Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, 703-601-6128.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council shall meet at the call of the Council's Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the Council's chairperson. The Designated Federal Officer, pursuant to DoD policy, shall be a full-time or permanent part-time DoD employee, and shall be appointed in accordance with established DoD policies and procedures. The Designated Federal Officer or duly appointed Alternate Designated Federal Officer shall attend all committee meetings and subcommittee meetings.

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council membership about the Council's mission and functions. Written statements may be submitted at any time or in response to the stated agenda of planned meeting of the Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council.

All written statements shall be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer for the Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council, and this individual will ensure that the written statements are provided to the membership for their consideration. Contact information for the Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council's Designated Federal Officer, once appointed, may be obtained from the GSA's FACA Database—<https://www.fido.gov/facadatabase/public.asp>.

The Designated Federal Officer, pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150, will announce planned meetings of the Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council. The Designated Federal Officer, at that time, may provide additional guidance on the submission of written statements that are in response to the stated agenda for the planned meeting in question.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Army**

**Corps of Engineers; Notice of Availability for an Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Statement and a Draft General Conformity Determination for the Berths 136-147 [TraPac] Container Terminal Project, Port of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, CA**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In November 2007, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Regulatory Division (Corps) in coordination with the Los Angeles Harbor Department (LAHD) completed and published a joint Final Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the Berths 136-147 [TraPac] Container Terminal Project (Project) in the Port of Los Angeles. The Corps is currently processing a permit application submitted by the LAHD to undertake various activities and construct structures in and over navigable waters and waters of the United States associated with the Project. Issuance of a Corps permit is a Federal action, which must comply with the air quality conformity requirements specified in section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act.

An addendum to the Final EIS (Addendum) has been prepared that revises the conformity statement included in section 3.2 of the Final EIS and incorporates the Draft General Conformity Determination, as Appendix O to the Final EIS, for the Federal action associated with the Project. The general conformity regulations (40 CFR Part 93 Subpart B) allow general conformity determinations to be included in an EIS, but inclusion of these determinations is not required and can be separately noticed. The Addendum and General Conformity Determination are available for public review during the next 30 days at the Los Angeles Harbor Department, 425 South Palos Verdes Street, San Pedro, California, on the Port's Web site: <http://www.portoflosangeles.org>, and on the Corps' Web site: <http://www.spl.usace.army.mil/regulatory/POLA.htm> (scroll down to the links under TraPac Project). In addition, they are available at the following libraries: L.A. Public Library, Central Branch, 630 West 5th Street, Los Angeles, California; L.A. Public Library, San Pedro Branch, 921 South Gaffey Street, San Pedro,

California; and L.A. Public Library, Wilmington Branch, 1300 North Avalon, Wilmington, California.

Any comments received by the Corps on the Addendum and Draft General Conformity Determination during the next 30 days will be considered fully before the Corps makes a Final General Conformity Determination and finalizes the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Federal action associated with the Project. The Corps will publish a notice of a Final General Conformity Determination in the **Federal Register** within 30 days of rendering a final decision. The public can request from the Corps copies of the ROD, which includes responses to comments on the Final EIS, Addendum, and Draft General Conformity Determination, following publication of a Final General Conformity Determination and upon execution of the ROD.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions or comments concerning the Addendum or the Draft General Conformity Determination should be directed to Dr. Spencer D. MacNeil, Senior Project Manager, North Coast Branch, Regulatory Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 2151 Alessandro Drive, Suite 110, Ventura, California 93001, (805) 585-2152.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** None.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

#### Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Section 404 Permit Application for the Southern Beltway Transportation Project from I-79 to the Mon/Fayette Expressway, Washington County, PA

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, as a Cooperating Agency, have prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)/Section 404 Permit Application for the Southern Beltway Transportation Project from I-79 to the Mon/Fayette Expressway in Washington County, PA. The overall purpose of the project is to provide transportation

mobility safety improvements, to relieve congestion, and to support economic development plans in southwestern Pennsylvania. The FEIS assesses the environmental effects of the various alternatives developed to address the project needs.

**DATES:** Comments concerning this FEIS should be submitted by December 15, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to: Scott A. Hans, Chief, Regulatory Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District, Moorhead Federal Building, 1000 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4186 or to: David P. Willis, Environmental Manager, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, P.O. Box 67676, Harrisburg, PA 17106.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions regarding the FEIS should be directed to: Mr. John S. Weres, Project Manager, at SAI Consulting Engineers, Inc., 1350 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 (412-392-8750).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

1. *Authorization:* The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District, Regulatory Branch is considering an application from the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, 700 South Eisenhower Boulevard, P.O. Box 67676, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7676 under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act to construct the proposed action. The primary Federal concern is the discharge of fill materials (including permanent inundation) within Federal jurisdictional waters of the United States, and potential impacts on the human environment from such activities. The Corps' decision will be to either issue or deny a Department of the Army permit for the proposed action.

The FEIS has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c) and Executive Order 11990, and with other appropriate federal laws and regulations, policies, and procedures of the Corps for compliance with those regulations.

2. *Scoping Process:* The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission has held a series of Public Plans Displays and Public Meetings in the project area during the past several years, including a series of three meetings in August 2005 to present the alternatives developed in detail in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). To initiate the public scoping process for the DEIS in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and NEPA guidelines, the Corps published a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the **Federal Register**

on October 23, 2007 (FR Doc. E7-20812).

3. *Availability of the DEIS:* Notice of Availability for the DEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on December 14, 2007. The DEIS was available for comment until February 8, 2008. A total of 48 comments were submitted to the Corps and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission. The Corps and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission considered public comments and concerns on the DEIS and incorporated into the FEIS as appropriate.

4. *Public Hearing:* A formal public hearing to receive comments on the DEIS was held by the Corps and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission on January 24, 2008, at the Canon-McMillan Senior High School in Canonsburg, PA. Both an open house plans display and a formal presentation was conducted, and a total of 10 individuals provided testimony regarding the project. The Corps and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission considered public comments and concerns and incorporated them into the FEIS as appropriate.

5. *Availability of the FEIS:* Individuals and agencies may offer comments on the FEIS by mailing the information to Mr. Scott A. Hans or to Mr. David P. Willis at the addresses provided in this notice prior to December 15, 2008. The Corps will finalize the Record of Decision no sooner than 30 days after the Notice of Availability of the FEIS. The FEIS and appendices are available for review and downloading from the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's project Web site at the following address: <http://www.paturnpike.com/monfaySB/>. Copies of the FEIS are available for public review at local municipal offices and public libraries in the project area. Copies of the technical support data and all documents referenced in the FEIS are available for public review by appointment at the Pittsburgh Office of SAI Consulting Engineers, Inc. 1350 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. Please contact Mr. John Weres at (412) 392-8750 to set up an appointment. Please note that only qualified individuals will be allowed to review the confidential cultural resources appendices. Copies of the FEIS and appendices are also available for public review at the locations noted below:

**Scott A. Hans,**

*Chief, Regulatory Branch, Pittsburgh District—U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.*

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