

time of the reservoir's construction, authorize withdrawals of 8 million gallons per day (mgd) for Gainesville and 2 mgd for Buford, a combined 10 mgd.

c. Pursuant to the court's order, as of July 17, 2012, the updated manuals will reflect that "the required off-peak flow [at Buford Dam] will be 600 cfs." Currently, peak hydropower demand at Buford Dam typically occurs on weekdays from 0500–0900 and 1500–2200 between October 1 and March 31, and on weekdays from 1300–1900 between April 1 and September 30. When the Corps is not generating hydropower to meet this peak demand, the Corps will not release more than 600 cfs from Buford Dam to support water supply withdrawals.

All other aspects described in the notice of intent published in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 9780) on February 22, 2008 remain the same. To satisfy its obligations under NEPA, the Corps will evaluate present circumstances as part of its EIS, while acknowledging that it currently lacks authority to continue to accommodate present levels of water supply at Lake Lanier beyond July 17, 2012.

Additional information on the ACF River Basin and the Master Water Control Manual Update process will be posted on the Mobile District Web page as it becomes available: <http://www.sam.usace.army.mil>.

R. Daren Payne,

*Lieutenant Colonel, Corps of Engineers,
Acting District Commander.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

The Release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Town of Nags Head Proposed Beach Nourishment Project in Dare County, NC

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), Wilmington District, Regulatory Division, has received a request for Department of the Army authorization, pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, from the Town of Nags Head to dredge up to 4.6 million cubic yards of beach-quality sediment from an offshore

borrow source, and deposit the material along approximately 10 miles of ocean shoreline in the Town of Nags Head.

The applicant proposes to utilize a self-contained hopper dredge during a proposed construction window from April through September to undertake the dredging operations and discharge the sand on the beach via submerged pipeline. The applicant's proposed borrow areas include sites identified as having beach quality material in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District's EIS, entitled *Final Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement on Hurricane Protection and Beach Erosion Control*, dated September 2000 (USACE 2000).

DATES: Written comments on the Draft EIS will be received until December 30, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Copies of comments and questions regarding the Draft EIS may be addressed to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District, Washington Regulatory Field Office. ATTN: File Number 200640282, 2407 W. Fifth Street, Washington, NC 27889. Copies of the Draft EIS can be reviewed on the Wilmington District Regulatory homepage at, <http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/wetlands/regtour.htm>, or contact Ms. Sharon Barnett, at (910) 251–4555, to receive written or CD copies of the Draft EIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the proposed action and DEIS can be directed to Mr. Raleigh Bland, Project Manager, Regulatory Division, telephone: (910) 251–4564.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Project Description.* The project site is located off NC Highway 12, adjacent to the Atlantic Ocean, in the Town of Nags Head, Dare County, NC. The proposed project totals approximately 10 miles of ocean shoreline beginning approximately 1 mile from the town's northern limit and extending south to the town line adjacent to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The proposed borrow area is located in the Atlantic Ocean approximately 2–3 miles offshore of the project site. The Town of Nags Head encompasses approximately 11 miles of ocean shoreline on a barrier island located at the northern end of North Carolina's Outer Banks. The width of the berm of the island's dune system varies considerably with location along the town's beach and with the season. Along most of the project area, the winter berm is non-existent due to continuing erosion processes. Dune habitat is currently decreasing due to excessive erosion of the base or toe of the dunes by waves that travel unimpeded over eroded wet

beach to directly impact dunes. The Town of Nags Head proposes to excavate 4.6 million cubic yards of beach-quality sediment from an offshore borrow source, and deposit the material along approximately 10 miles of ocean shoreline owned by the Town of Nags Head.

2. *Proposed Action.* The purpose of the proposed action is to nourish the Town of Nags Head's ocean shoreline to restore a protective beach, replace sand lost during the period of delay in the implementation of the Federal *Dare County Hurricane Protection and Beach Erosion Control Project* (USACE 2000), and to help preserve property values and the tax base of Dare County.

The proposed borrow area includes portions of offshore areas identified by the Corps of Engineers in the 2000 Federal Dare County Project. The anticipated optimal equipment for excavations will include ocean-certified, self-contained hopper dredges. Such equipment typically excavates shallow trenches (approximately 2–3 foot sections) in each pass (leaving narrow undisturbed areas at the margin of each cut), then travels to a buoyed pipeline anchored close to shore. Discharge to the beach is via submerged pipeline across the surf zone, then by way of shore-based pipe positioned along the dry beach. Only a small area of the Corps borrow area will be required to provide up to 4.6 million cubic yards of beach quality material. The applicant is coordinating the specific area for use in the proposed project with the Corps with the following understanding: (1) The final borrow area required for the emergency beach nourishment project can be limited to the equivalent of a 0.9 square-mile (approximately 575 acres) area, (2) the borrow area used will be contiguous rather than a series of small impact areas, (3) once used, the borrow area will no longer be available for use, consistent with the Dare County Project, and (4) the borrow area will be delineated so as to avoid ongoing biological monitoring stations established by the Corps in connection with the Dare County Project. The project will be built in approximate 1–2 mile sections, optimizing the disposition of pipeline. Sections will be pumped into place with the aid of temporary dikes pushed up by bulldozers in the surf zone. Daily operations will impact approximately 500–1,000 linear feet of shoreline as work progresses in either direction from the submerged pipeline. Upon completion of a section, the submerged pipe and beach-building equipment will be shifted to the next section. As construction progresses, sections will be

graded to final contours, dressed to eliminate low areas, and opened for use by the public. Support equipment will be shifted out of completed sections as soon as practicable, so that construction activities in a particular reach will not disrupt normal beach use for only a month or so at any locality. The finished sections will be allowed to adjust to natural processes for several months. The final process will include the placement of dune fencing and/or dune plantings as needed or required.

4. *Alternatives.* An extensive alternatives analysis was performed and reviewed for this project. This included the evaluation of a no action alternative; a retreat and relocate alternative; and the preferred alternative. Many alternatives were identified and evaluated through the scoping process, and further detailed descriptions of all alternatives is disclosed in Section 5.0 of the Draft EIS.

5. *Scoping Process.* A public scoping meeting was held on April 28, 2009 and public and agency comments were solicited for input in the preparation of the Draft EIS. The scoping meeting was well attended by the public, as well as representatives from local, State, and Federal governmental agencies.

The COE coordinated closely with the North Carolina Division of Coastal Management, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Marine Fisheries Service in the development of the Draft EIS to ensure the process complies with State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requirements, as well as the NEPA requirements. The Draft EIS has been designed to consolidate both NEPA and SEPA processes, but the State of North Carolina will administer their own Coastal Zone Management Permit process.

Dated: November 9, 2009.

Jefferson M. Ryscavage,

Colonel, U.S. Army, District Commander.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, Board of Visitors Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for the annual meeting of the Board of Visitors (BoV) for the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation

(WHINSEC). Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463). The Board's charter was renewed on February 1, 2008 in compliance with the requirements set forth in Title 10 U.S.C. 2166.

Date: Friday, December 4, 2009.

Time: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: The National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center Classroom, 1775 Legacy Way, Columbus, GA 31903.

Proposed Agenda: The WHINSEC BoV will be briefed on activities at the Institute since the last Board meeting on June 18, 2009, as well as receive other information appropriate to its interests

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

WHINSEC Board of Visitors Office of the Designated Federal Official at (703) 692-7381.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 and 41 CFR 102-3.140(c), members of the public or interested groups may submit written statements to the advisory committee for consideration by the committee members. Written statements should be no longer than two type-written pages and sent via fax to (706) 545-6964 by 5 p.m. EST on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 for consideration at this meeting. In addition, public comments by individuals and organizations may be made from 9:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. during the meeting. Public comments will be limited to three minutes each. Anyone desiring to make an oral statement must register by sending a fax to (703) 614-8920 with their name, phone number, e-mail address, and the full text of their comments (no longer than two type-written pages) by 5 p.m. EST on Friday, November 27, 2009. The first five requestors will be notified by 5 p.m. EST on Tuesday, December 1, 2009 of their time to address the Board during the public comment forum. All other comments will be retained for the record. Public seating is limited to ten seats and will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

Brenda S. Bowen,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Performance Review Board Membership

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is given of the names of members of a Performance Review Board for the Department of the Army.

DATES: *Effective Date:* November 19, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elizabeth Shelley, Civilian Senior Leader Management Office, 111 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310-0111.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 4314(c)(1) through (5) of Title 5, U.S.C., requires each agency to establish, in accordance with regulations, one or more Senior Executive Service performance review boards. The boards shall review and evaluate the initial appraisal of senior executives' performance by supervisors and make recommendations to the appointing authority or rating official relative to the performance of these executives.

The members of the Department of the Army Performance Review Boards are:

1. Ms. Stephanie Barna, Deputy General Counsel (Operations and Personnel), Office of the General Counsel.

2. Dr. Craig College, Deputy, Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management.

3. Ms. Kathryn Condon, Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of the Army, Office of the Under Secretary of the Army.

4. General Ann E. Dunwoody, Commanding General, United States Army Materiel Command.

5. Ms. Teresa Gerton, Deputy Chief of Staff for Resource Management, United States Army Materiel Command.

6. Mr. Jerry Hansen, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Strategic Infrastructure), Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Environment).

7. Ms. Ellen Helmerston, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1/4 (Personnel and Logistics), United States Army Training and Doctrine Command.

8. Mr. Thomas Lamont, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), Office of the Secretary of the Army Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

9. Mr. Mark Lewis, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations (G-3/5/7), Office of Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations.

10. Mr. Joseph McDade, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, Office of the Assistant G-1.

11. Ms. Joyce E. Morrow, Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army, Office of the Secretary of the Army.