

Department of the Army

Army Science Board; Notice of Closed Meeting

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following Committee Meeting:

Name of Committee: Army Science Board (ASB).

Date of Meeting: 8 and 9 May 1996.

Time of Meeting: 0900-1500 (both days).

Place: Huntsville, AL.

Agenda: The Army Science Board's (ASB) 1996 Summer Study on "Army Simulation Implementation and Use" will meet for briefings and discussions regarding the development and application of computer based models and simulations, physics based models and recent technological advances afforded by simulation techniques. These meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c) of Title 5, U.S.C., specifically paragraph (1) thereof, and Title 5, U.S.C., Appendix 2, subsection 10(d). The classified and unclassified matters to be discussed are so inextricably intertwined so as to preclude opening any portion of these meetings.

For further information, please contact Michelle Diaz at (703) 695-0781.

Michelle P. Diaz,

Acting Administrative Officer, Army Science Board.

[FR Doc. 96-11386 Filed 5-7-96; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3710-08-M

Corps of Engineers

Jacksonville District, Jacksonville, Florida; Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Maintenance Dredging of the Miami River, Dade County, Florida

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

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers intends to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Maintenance Dredging of the Miami River, Dade County, Florida. The study is a cooperative effort between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Dade County Department of Environmental Resource Management (DERM).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the proposed action and DEIS can be answered by: Mr. Rea N. Boothby, 904-232-3453, Environmental Branch, Planning Division, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, Florida 32232-0019.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Dredging to create a Federal Navigation channel in the Miami River was completed in 1933. The Federal project extends from the mouth of the river at its confluence with Biscayne Bay approximately 5.5 miles west to a salinity structure near NW 36th Street. Congressional resolutions were passed in 1972 for sediment removal from the Miami River. The Water Resources Development Act of 1974 authorized removal of sediments from Miami River. The Water Resources Development Act of 1986 authorized removal of contaminated sediments from Miami River and the Seybold Canal in the interest of improved water quality. The 1991 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act provided funds to initiate pre-construction engineering and design for sediment removal from Miami River and the Seybold Canal.

A revised 1990 Feasibility Report on the dredging of the Miami River and Seybold Canal concluded that there was no justification for sediment removal based on environmental purposes, but that there may be justification for maintenance dredging of Miami River in the interest of navigation. It should be noted that the Seybold Canal portion of the project is not justified economically and has been dropped from further consideration.

Several alternatives are being studied and will be addressed in the DEIS. These include the use of various mechanical and/or hydraulic dredges; methods of transporting, unloading and transferring dredged material; use of interim disposal sites and the final disposal site(s).

The preferred alternative at this point is the use of some type of mechanical dredge to remove sediment and debris. Dredged material would then be loaded into geotextile fabric containers (GFC's) and transported in split-hull barges to the Miami Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site (ODMDS) for disposal. Material placed in the GFC's would be positioned for disposal in the ODMDS and capped with material from on-going and future operation and maintenance activities.

SCOPING: A scoping workshop was held in Miami on September 5, 1991. Agencies, organizations, and individuals were sent a notice of alternatives proposed and issues raised at that scoping meeting and invited to respond. A formal scoping meeting is not planned at this time. However, a scoping letter containing a description of the most recent alternatives will be sent to Federal, State, and local agencies

and interested organizations and individuals.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT: We invite the participation of affected Federal, state and local agencies, affected Indian tribes, and other interested private organizations and parties. A Preliminary Draft EIS has been prepared. A copy of this document is being placed in the Main Library located at 101 West Flagler Street, Miami, Florida. The library hours are: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The Draft EIS will follow the preliminary DEIS and will incorporate the results of scoping and public involvement.

COORDINATION: The proposed action will be coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, with the FWS under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, and with the State Historic Preservation Officer.

OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND CONSULTATION: The proposed action may involve the following: (1) evaluation for disposal of dredged material into Ocean Waters under Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act; (2) evaluation pursuant to Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act; (3) certification of water quality by the State pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act; (4) determination of Coastal Zone consistency pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act; and (5) other state and local requirements.

DEIS PREPARATION: It is estimated that the DEIS will be available to the public in the summer of 1996.

A.J. Salem,

Chief, Planning Division.

[FR Doc. 96-11385 Filed 5-7-96; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3710-AJ-M

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Disposal of Decommissioned, Defueled Cruiser, Ohio Class, and Los Angeles Class Naval Reactor Plants

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 [42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq] and in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy, with the Department of Energy as a cooperating agency, has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency the