

has consulted with the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, and the Commission certifies that the renewal of the advisory committee is in the public interest in connection with duties imposed on the Commission by the Commodity Exchange Act, 7 U.S.C. 1 *et seq.*, as amended.

The objectives and scope of activities of the Financial Products Advisory Committee are to conduct public meetings and submit reports and recommendations on issues concerning individuals and industries interested in or affected by financial markets regulated by the Commission.

Commissioner David D. Spears serves as Chairman and Designated Federal Official of the Financial Products Advisory Committee. The committee's membership will represent a cross-section of interested and affected persons and groups including representatives of newer institutional market participants, such as broker-dealers, pension sponsors, and investment companies; traditional market participants, such as futures commission merchants, commodity pool operators, and commodity trading advisors; Federal financial markets oversight agencies; futures exchanges; the academic, legal, and accounting communities; and other appropriate public participants.

Interested persons may obtain information or make comments by writing to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155-21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581.

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Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability of Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive Licensing of a U.S. Patent Concerning a Protective Mask for Airborne Toxic Substances

AGENCY: U.S. Army Chemical and Biological Defense Command, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of U.S. Patent 4,595,0003, entitled: "Protective Mask for Airborne Toxic Substances", issued June 17, 1986. this patent is assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Army.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John Biffoni, Patent Attorney, U.S. Army CBDCOM, AMSCB-GC, MD 21010-5423, Phone: (410) 671-1158.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The present invention relates to breathing devices and, more particularly, to breathing devices including protective masks for use in the presence of toxic or unpleasant airborne substances.

Written objections must be filed on or before May 22, 1997.

Gregory D. Showalter,

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 (EIS) for the Shore Protection Study for the City of Imperial Beach, San Diego County, California

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Los Angeles District intends to prepare an EIS to support the proposed shore protection study within the 7.5 kilometer (4.7 mile) stretch of the Imperial Beach shoreline that corresponds to the city boundary of Imperial Beach. The purpose of the proposal is to identify measures that will reduce storm damage incurred upon the City of Imperial Beach. Alternative measures include restoration of the protective beach by provision of beach fill and, or, a nearshore sand berm, as well as a no action alternative. The EIS will analyze potential impacts on the environment of a range of alternatives, including the recommended plan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information contact Ms. Stephanie Hall, Project Environmental Coordinator, (213) 452-3862, or Ms.

Anna Zacher, Study Manager, (213) 452-3824.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Army Corps of Engineers intends to prepare an EIS to assess the environmental effects associated with the proposed shore protection measures at Imperial Beach. The public will have the opportunity to comment on this analysis before any action is taken to implement the proposed action.

Scoping

a. The Army Corps of Engineers will conduct a scoping meeting prior to preparing the Environmental Impact Statement to aid in determination of significant environmental issues associated with the proposed action. The public, as well as Federal, State, and local agencies are encouraged to participate in the scoping process by submitting data, information, and comments identifying relevant environmental and socioeconomic issues to be addressed in the environmental analysis. Useful information includes other environmental studies, published and unpublished data, alternatives that could be addressed in the analysis, and potential mitigation measures associated with the proposed action.

b. A public scoping meeting will be held in the City of Imperial Beach on May 1, 1997, concurrent with a public workshop. The location and time of the public scoping will be announced in the local news media. A separate notice of this meeting will be sent to all parties on the study mailing list.

c. Individuals and agencies may offer information or data relevant to the environmental or socioeconomic impacts by attending the public scoping meeting. Comments, suggestions, and requests to be placed on the mailing list for announcements should be sent to Stephanie J. Hall, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, P.O. Box 532711, Los Angeles, CA 90053-2325, ATTN: CESPL-PD-RQ.

Availability of the Draft EIS

The Draft EIS is scheduled to be published and circulated in December, 1998, and a public hearing to receive comments on the Draft EIS will be held after it is published.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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