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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about the overall Peckman River Basin Flood Risk Management Feasibility Study should be directed to Robert Greco, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District, Programs and Project Management Division, Civil Works Programs Branch, 26 Federal Plaza, Room 2127, New York, NY 10279-0090; Phone: (917) 790-8394; email: robert.m.greco@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) as the non-Federal sponsor is undertaking this study. Extensive development in the Peckman River Basin has resulted in flood damages with flooding occurring from intense thunderstorms and heavy rainfall. The District was authorized under U.S. House of Representatives Resolution Docket 2644, dated June 21, 2000 to identify recommendations in the interest of water resources development.

A Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement (FCSA) was executed in 2002 with the NJDEP in 2002. A Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was published in the May 14, 2004 issue of the **Federal Register** (69 FR 26811). A NEPA scoping meeting held on February 11, 2004 in Little Falls, New Jersey at the initiation of the study. The alternative analysis was completed in 2014, and non-structural improvements located within the 10 year floodplain within Little Falls, N.J. with a bypass culvert designed to mitigate the flood risk from the Peckman River and floodwalls along Great Notch Brook in Woodland Park was identified as the Tentatively Selected National Economic Development Plan. The NJDEP requested a Locally Preferred Plan that consists of a levee/floodwall system in Little Falls along with the bypass culvert for the Peckman River and floodwalls along Great Notch Brook in Woodland Park. The LPP plan will be designed to protect Little Falls and Woodland Park from the 1% annual chance exceedance (100-yr) event from the Peckman River.

2. Project Area

The project area encompasses the portion of the Peckman River, Great

Notch Brook and a portion of the Passaic River located in the Township of Little Falls and the Borough of Woodland Park in Passaic County, New Jersey.

3. Public Participation

The Corps and the NJDEP are currently anticipating hosting a NEPA Scoping Meeting in late November/early December 2017. Public notices announcing the meeting date, time, location and agenda will be published in the appropriate local newspapers, Little Falls Township Web page, Borough of Woodland Park Web page and on the Corps' New York District Web page (see STUDY WEBPAGE AND ADDRESSES) and will be distributed to the local stakeholders and known interested parties.

A scoping comment period of 30 days will be established from the scheduled date of the meeting to allow agencies, organizations and individuals to submit comments, questions and/or concerns regarding the Feasibility Study. Comments, concerns and information submitted to the Corps will be evaluated and considered during the development of the Draft EIS.

5. Lead and Cooperating Agencies

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is the lead federal agency for the preparation of the environmental impact statement (EIS) and meeting the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and the NEPA Implementing Regulations of the President's Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR 1500-1508). Federal agencies interested in participating as a Cooperating Agency are requested to submit a letter of intent to Colonel Thomas D. Asbery, District Engineer (see ADDRESSES). The preparation of the EIS will be coordinated with New Jersey State and local municipalities with discretionary authority relative to the proposed actions. The Draft integrated Feasibility Report/EIS is currently scheduled for distribution to the public March 2018.

Dated: October 3, 2017.

Peter M. Weppler,
Chief, Environmental Analysis Branch,
Planning Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Public Meetings of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Overseas Environmental Impact Statement for Hawaii-Southern California Training and Testing

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy (DoN) has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS). It is the role of DoN to maintain, train and equip combat ready naval forces capable of winning wars, deterring aggression, and maintaining freedom of the seas. To fulfil its role, the DoN will continue ongoing military readiness activities, which include training and research, development, testing, and evaluation activities (hereafter referred to as "training and testing") conducted within the Hawaii-Southern California Training and Testing (HSTT) EIS/OEIS Study Area (hereafter referred to as the "Study Area"). In the Draft EIS/OEIS, the DoN re-evaluates potential environmental impacts associated with training and testing in the study area. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is a cooperating agency for this EIS/OEIS. This notice announces the dates and locations of the public meetings and provides supplementary information about the environmental planning effort.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: Public meetings will include an open-house information session, followed by a short presentation by the DoN and public oral comment session. DoN representatives will be available during the open-house information sessions to clarify information related to the Draft EIS/OEIS. Federal, state, and local agencies and officials, and interested organizations and individuals are encouraged to provide substantive comments on the Draft EIS/OEIS in writing during the public review period or in person at one of the scheduled public meetings.

Public meetings will be held in Hawaii from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and in San Diego from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. A DoN presentation and public oral comment session will occur twice during the meetings. Public meetings will be held on the following dates and at the following locations:

1. Monday, November 6, 2017, at Oahu Veterans Center, Fred Ballard Hall,

- 1298 Kukila St., Honolulu, HI 96818.
2. Tuesday, November 7, 2017, at Maui High School, Cafeteria, 660 S. Lono Ave., Kahului, HI 96732.
 3. Wednesday, November 8, 2017, at Kauai Veterans Center, Main Ballroom, 3215 Kapule Highway, Lihue, HI 96766.
 4. Thursday, November 9, 2017, at Waiakea High School, Cafeteria, 155 W. Kawili St., Hilo, HI 96720.
 5. Monday, November 13, 2017, at Portuguese Hall, Main Hall, 2818 Avenida de Portugal, San Diego, CA 92106.

Attendees will be able to submit oral and written comments during the public meetings. Oral comments from the public will be recorded by a court reporter and each speaker's comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. Equal weight will be given to oral and written statements. Comments may also be mailed to Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, Attention: HSTT EIS/OEIS Project Manager, 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3134, or electronically via the project Web site (www.HSTTEIS.com). All comments, oral or written, submitted during the 60-day public comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS/OEIS. Comments must be postmarked or received online by December 12, 2017, for consideration in the Final EIS/OEIS.

Concurrent with the NEPA public involvement process, the DoN is conducting National Historic Preservation Act section 106 consultations regarding potential effects of the Proposed Action on historic properties. Historic properties include districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. During each of the meetings, an information station will be available, where subject matter experts will explain the section 106 process and solicit public input.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, Attention: HSTT EIS/OEIS Project Manager, 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3134.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Notice of Intent to prepare this Draft EIS/OEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on November 12, 2015 (80 FR 59952).

The Proposed Action is to conduct DoN training and testing activities within the Study Area. These activities include the use of active sonar and explosives while employing marine

species protective mitigation measures. The purpose of the Proposed Action is to maintain a ready force, which is needed to ensure the DoN can accomplish its mission to maintain, train, and equip combat-ready naval forces capable of winning wars, deterring aggression, and maintaining freedom of the seas, consistent with Congressional direction in Section 5062 of Title 10 of the U.S. Code (U.S.C.).

To achieve and maintain military readiness, the DoN proposes to: (1) Conduct training and testing activities at levels required to support DoN military readiness requirements beginning in 2018; and (2) Accommodate evolving mission requirements, including those resulting from the development, testing, and introduction of vessels, aircraft, and weapons systems into the fleet.

Proposed training and testing activities are similar to those that have occurred in the Study Area for decades. The tempo and types of training and testing activities fluctuate because of the introduction of new technologies, the evolving nature of international events, advances in warfighting doctrine and procedures, and changes in force structure (organization of ships, weapons, and personnel). These factors can influence the frequency, duration, intensity, and location of training and testing activities. This EIS/OEIS reflects the most up-to-date compilation of training and testing activities deemed necessary to accomplish military readiness requirements. The types and numbers of activities included in the Proposed Action account for fluctuations in training and testing to meet evolving or emergent military readiness requirements.

In the Draft EIS/OEIS, the DoN evaluates the potential environmental impacts of three alternatives, including a No Action Alternative. Under the No Action Alternative, the DoN would not conduct the proposed training and testing activities in the Study Area, and no authorizations or permits would be issued from NMFS. Under Alternative 1 (the DoN's preferred alternative), the DoN proposes to conduct military readiness training and testing activities, as needed to meet current and future readiness requirements, including new activities and activities subject to previous analysis that are ongoing and have historically occurred in the Study Area. Alternative 1 reflects a representative annual level of training and testing to account for the natural fluctuation of training cycles and deployment schedules that generally limit the maximum level of training from occurring year after year in any five-year period. Using a representative

annual level of activity rather than a maximum level of training activity in every year has reduced the amount of active sonar estimated to be necessary to meet training requirements. Under Alternative 1, the DoN assumes that some unit-level training would be conducted using synthetic means (e.g., simulators). Alternative 2 includes new and ongoing training and testing activities to enable the DoN to meet the highest levels of required military readiness. Alternative 2 reflects the maximum number of training and testing activities that could occur within a given year, and assumes that the maximum level of activity would occur every year over any five-year period. Alternative 2 would allow for the greatest flexibility for the DoN to maintain readiness when considering potential changes in the national security environment, fluctuations in schedules, and anticipated demands.

Additional project information, including details on the key differences between the 2013 Final EIS/OEIS and the 2017 Draft EIS/OEIS, can be found on the project Web site at www.HSTTEIS.com.

Minimizing impacts on the marine environment from training and testing activities is an important goal for the DoN. The DoN will implement mitigation and monitoring measures to avoid or reduce environmental impacts from naval activities. Due to the exposure of marine mammals to underwater sound from sonar and explosives, NMFS has received an application from the DoN for a Marine Mammal Protection Act Letter of Authorization and governing regulations to authorize the unintentional takes of marine mammals incidental to the activities conducted in the Study Area. In accordance with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, the DoN will consult with NMFS and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as appropriate, on the potential impacts of training and testing activities on federally listed species. In accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the DoN will consult with NMFS on federally managed species and their managed essential fish habitat, as appropriate. As applicable, the DoN will comply with the Coastal Zone Management Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and the National Marine Sanctuaries Act.

The Draft EIS/OEIS was distributed to federal and local agencies in which the DoN consulted with. Copies of the Draft EIS/OEIS are available for public review at the following local public libraries:

1. Hawaii State Library, 478 S. King St., Honolulu, HI 96813.
2. Hilo Public Library, 300 Waianuenue Ave., Hilo, HI 96720.
3. Kahului Public Library, 90 School St., Kahului, HI 96732.
4. Kailua-Kona Public Library, 75–138 Hualalai Road, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740.
5. Lihue Public Library, 4344 Hardy St., Lihue, HI 96766.
6. City of San Diego Central Library, 330 Park Blvd., San Diego, CA 92101.
7. Coronado Public Library, 640 Orange Ave., Coronado, CA 92118.
8. Long Beach Main Library, 101 Pacific Ave., Long Beach, CA 90822.

The HSTT Draft EIS/OEIS is available for electronic viewing or download at www.HSTTEIS.com. A compact disc of the Draft EIS/OEIS will be made available upon written request by contacting: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, Attention: HSTT EIS/OEIS Project Manager, 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860–3134.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4332, EO 12114, and 40 CFR 1500–1508.

Dated: October 10, 2017.

A.M. Nichols,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL18–5–000]

Braintree Electric Light Department; Notice of Petition For Limited Waiver

Take notice that on October 5, 2017, pursuant to Rule 207(a)(5) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.207(a)(5) and section 554(e) of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 554(e)), Braintree Electric Light Department filed a petition for the Commission to authorize a limited, one-time waiver of the October 1 deadline for delivery of notification to ISO New England, Inc. (ISO–NE) of its proposed participation in ISO–NE's 2017–2018 Winter Reliability Program, as more fully described in the filing.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211

and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. It is not necessary to separately intervene again in a subdocket related to a compliance filing if you have previously intervened in the same docket. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. In reference to filings initiating a new proceeding, interventions or protests submitted on or before the comment deadline need not be served on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St. NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above proceedings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on October 26, 2017.

Dated: October 6, 2017.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Certain New Chemicals or Significant New Uses; Statements of Findings for July 2017

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Section 5(g) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) requires EPA to publish in the **Federal Register** a statement of its findings after its review of TSCA section 5(a) notices when EPA makes a finding that a new chemical substance or significant new use is not likely to present an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment. Such statements apply to premanufacture notices (PMNs), microbial commercial activity notices (MCANs), and significant new use notices (SNUNs) submitted to EPA under TSCA section 5. This document presents statements of findings made by EPA on TSCA section 5(a) notices during the period from July 1, 2017 to July 31, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical information contact: Greg Schweer, Chemical Control Division (7405M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: 202–564–8469; email address: schweer.greg@epa.gov.

For general information contact: The TSCA–Hotline, ABVI–Goodwill, 422 South Clinton Ave., Rochester, NY 14620; telephone number: (202) 554–1404; email address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this action apply to me?

This action is directed to the public in general. As such, the Agency has not attempted to describe the specific entities that this action may apply to. Although others may be affected, this action applies directly to the submitters of the PMNs addressed in this action.

B. How can I get copies of this document and other related information?

The docket for this action, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA–HQ–OPPT–2017–0141, is available at <http://www.regulations.gov> or at the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics Docket (OPPT Docket), Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), West William