

**Department of the Army****Notice of Intent to Grant an Exclusive or Partially Exclusive License to TRS Ceramics, Inc.**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Research Laboratory.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with 37 CFR 40-4 *et seq.*, the Department of the Army hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to TRS Ceramics, Inc., a corporation having its principle place of business at Suite J, 2820 East College Ave., State College, PA 16801; an exclusive or partially exclusive license to manufacture under U.S. Patents 5,486,491, issued 23 Jan. 1996, entitled "Ceramic Ferroelectric Composite Material—BSTO—ZRO<sub>2</sub>"; 5,312,790, issued 17 May 1994, entitled "Ceramic Ferroelectric Material"; and 5,427,988, issued 27 Jun 1995, entitled "Ceramic Ferroelectric Composite Material—BSTO—MGO". Anyone, wishing to object to the granting of this license has 60 days from the date of this notice to file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael D. Rausa, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Office of Research and Technology Applications, ATTN: AMSRL-CS-TT/Bldg. 459, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland 21005-5425, Telephone: (410) 278-5028.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** None.

Gregory D. Showalter,

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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**Corps of Engineers****Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Intracoastal Waterway (IWW) Locks, Louisiana, Feasibility Study**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** A reconnaissance study of the locks on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway in Louisiana determined that the Bayou Sorrel Lock has the most immediate need for an increase in capacity to pass navigation traffic and needs to be modified or replaced to provide sufficient height to pass a project flood in the Atchafalaya Basin. The Bayou Sorrel Lock is located along the Morgan City to Port Allen alternate route near the town of Bayou Sorrel and allows navigation traffic to pass through the

East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee. The DEIS will address alternatives for replacement of the existing Bayou Sorrel Lock.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions concerning the DEIS should be addressed to Mr. Richard Boe at (504) 862-1505. Questions about the feasibility study should be addressed to Mr. Kevin Wagner at (504) 862-2509. Their address is U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Planning Division (CELMN-PD), P.O. Box 60267, New Orleans, Louisiana 70160-0267.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

1. *Authority.* The feasibility study is authorized by two Congressional resolutions. The first resolution was adopted by the Committee on Public Works of the U.S. Senate on September 29, 1972, and the second was adopted by the Committee on Public Works of the U.S. House of Representatives on October 12, 1972. Both resolutions requested the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors to investigate the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway to determine the advisability of modifying the existing project.

2. *Proposed Action.* The proposed action is to determine the feasibility of replacing the Bayou Sorrel Lock with a larger, more efficient lock. Various sizes, alignments, and construction techniques will be investigated for the replacement lock. The DEIS will discuss these alternatives and disclose the impacts of the alternatives for which detailed investigations are made.

3. *Alternatives.* A variety of alternatives for replacement of the lock, as well as the no-action alternative, are under investigation. Alternatives include concrete shell design, earthen chamber design, and lock sizes from 75 to 110 feet wide and up to 1,200 feet long. Associated with any lock replacement plan is the necessity to dispose of large quantities of dredged material. Investigations are being conducted to minimize the environmental impact of dredged material disposal and to mitigate for unavoidable impacts.

4. *Scoping.* Scoping is the process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed and for identifying the significant issues related to a proposed action. For this study, a scoping input request letter will be sent to all parties believed to have an interest. The scoping input request will invite comments on study alternatives and other significant study-related issues to be addressed in the DEIS. The scoping input request will also serve as an invitation to a public scoping meeting to be held in the town of Bayou Sorrel in

early 1997. All interested parties are invited to comment at this time, and anyone interested in this study should request to be included in the study mailing list.

5. *Significant Issues.* The tentative list of issues and resources to be evaluated in the DEIS includes: forested wetlands (including wildlife resources), aquatic resources (including water quality), threatened and endangered species, recreation resources, cultural resources, socioeconomic resources.

6. *Cooperating Agencies.* Non-Federal cost sharing will be provided through the Inland Waterway Trust Fund, administered by the Inland Waterway Users Board. No cooperating agencies have been designated.

7. *Environmental Consultation and Review.* The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is assisting in identification of impacts and in the development of mitigation plans. The Service will provide a Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act report. Consultation will also be accomplished with the Service concerning threatened and endangered species. The DEIS will be distributed to all interested agencies, organizations, and individuals.

8. *Estimated Date of Availability.* The DEIS is scheduled to be distributed to the public in July 1998.

Dated: January 10, 1997.

William L. Conner,

*Colonel, U.S. Army, District Engineer.*

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**Department of Army, Corps of Engineers****Intent to Prepare a Feasibility Study and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Anacostia River and Tributaries Phase 2 Feasibility Study in Montgomery County, Maryland**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is initiating the Anacostia River and Tributaries (Phase 2) Feasibility Study on the Montgomery County, Maryland portion of the Northwest Branch watershed. The riparian and aquatic environmental integrity of the Northwest Branch watershed has been severely degraded by urbanization, inadequate infrastructure and industrial encroachment. The Phase 2 study will

result in detailed designs for stream restoration, stormwater management, and stormwater retrofit projects. These projects are expected to restore stream habitat, provide wetland habitat, and improve water quality. A DEIS will be integrated into the feasibility study to document existing conditions, project actions, and project effects and products. Montgomery County and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission are the non-Federal sponsors for the project.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions about the proposed action and DEIS can be addressed to Ms. April Perry, Study Manager, Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CENAB-PL-P, P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore Maryland 21203-1715, telephone (410) 962-0684. E-mail address: april.s.perry@ccmail.nab.usace.army.mil

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

1. The U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Public Works and Transportation, authorized the Anacostia River and Tributaries Reconnaissance Study in a resolution dated September 8, 1988. It was further authorized in the June 25, 1990 Statement of New Environmental Approaches by the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), which gave fish and wildlife restoration the status of a priority project output.

2. The Anacostia River and Tributaries Phase 1 Feasibility Study produced by the Corps in 1994 determined that previous Corps activity in the Anacostia Watershed has had a detrimental impact to the ecosystem of the Anacostia. The study recommended that additional feasibility studies focusing on environmental restoration be pursued. Following the completion of the 1994 Phase 1 feasibility report, the Baltimore District Corps of Engineers and Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection identified the potential for additional environmental restoration opportunities within the Anacostia watershed.

3. In September of this year, the Corps and Montgomery County executed a feasibility cost-sharing agreement for a Phase 2 Feasibility study. The area proposed for environmental restoration is known as the Northwest Branch of the Anacostia River and is located in the western portion of Montgomery County. The watershed has several environmental problems including channel instability, erosion, and sedimentation that adversely impact the existing habitat and threaten planned restoration measures. The Phase 2 study will identify areas with such problems

and recommend projects for specific sites that will be selected. It is anticipated that the study will result in a combination of stream restoration and stormwater management projects.

4. The planning goals of the Phase 2 study are to restore aquatic and riparian habitat, improve water quality, and contribute to the restoration of the Anacostia River ecosystem by stabilizing stream channels that make significant contributions to stream channel erosion and sedimentation and by reducing stormwater runoff rates, velocities, and pollutant loads. To achieve this goal, the Corps will further define the problems and opportunities in the Northwest Branch watershed; analyze and forecast environmental resource conditions; formulate, evaluate, and compare alternative plans for multiple sites; develop detailed designs and costs at selected sites; and recommend a cost-effective plan for the Montgomery County portion of the Northwest Branch watershed.

5. The decision to implement these actions will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activities on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal will be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable costs. The Baltimore District is preparing a DEIS which will describe the impacts of the proposed projects on environmental and cultural resources in the study area and the overall public interest. The DEIS will be in accordance with NEPA and will document all factors which may be relevant to the proposal, including the cumulative effects thereof. Among these factors are habitat restoration, channel and erosion control, improvements to water quality, and stormwater management. If applicable, the DEIS will also apply guidelines issued by the Environmental Protection Agency, under the authority of Section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act of 1977 (Pub. L. 95-217).

6. The public involvement program will include workshops, meetings, and other coordination with interested private individuals and organizations, as well as with concerned Federal, state and local agencies. Coordination letters and newsletters have been sent to appropriate agencies, organizations, and individuals on an extensive mailing list. Additional public information will be provided through print media, mailings, radio and television announcements.

7. In addition to the Corps, Montgomery County, the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning

Commission, other participants that will be involved in the study and DEIS process include the following: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; U.S. Forest Service; U.S. Geological Survey; Natural Resource Conservation Service; and the U.S. National Park Service. The Baltimore District invites potentially affected Federal, state, and local agencies, and other organizations and entities to participate in this study.

8. The Anacostia Phase 2 Feasibility Study and integrated DEIS are tentatively scheduled for public review in March 1999.

Harold L. Nelson,

*Acting Chief, Planning Division.*

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## Department of the Navy

### Notice of Availability of Invention for Licensing; Government Owned Invention

**SUMMARY:** The invention listed below is assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and is available for licensing by the Department of the Navy.

Copies of the patent cited are available from the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, for \$3.00 each. Requests for copies of the patent should include the patent number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. R.J. Erickson, Staff Patent Attorney, Office of Naval Research, ONR 00CC, Ballston Tower One, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia 22217-5660, telephone (703) 696-4001.

U.S. Patent No. 5,552.93: AUDIO INFORMATION APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING POSITION INFORMATION, patented September 3, 1996.

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*LCDR, JAGC, USN, Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

### Resolution of Potential Conflict of Interest

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) has identified and resolved potential conflicts of interest situations related to its proposed