

of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Mauritius and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1997 and extends through December 31, 1997.

Effective on September 12, 1997, you are directed to increase the limit for Categories 338/339 to 529,002 dozen<sup>1</sup>, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Intent To Grant an Exclusive License to Materials Sciences Corporation

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with 37 CFR 404 *et seq.*, the Department of the Army hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to Materials Sciences Corporation, a corporation having its principle place of business at Suite 250, 500 Office Center Drive, Fort Washington, Pennsylvania, 19034, an exclusive data license relative to ARL produced composite materials properties data. 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. 434, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland 21005-5425, Telephone: (410) 278-5028.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** None.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Performance Review Boards; 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.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 1, 1997.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Stokes, U.S. Army Senior Executive Service Office, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Manpower & Reserve Affairs, 111 Army, 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 Performance Review Board for the Army Acquisition Executive are:

1. Dr. A. Fenner Milton, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Research & Technology/Chief Scientist
2. Mr. Walter Wynbelt, Program Executive Officer (PEO), Tactical Wheeled Vehicles
3. Mr. Edward Bair, Deputy PEO, Intelligence & Electronic Warfare
4. Mr. Bennett Hart, Deputy PEO, Command & Control Systems

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Corps of Engineers

#### Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for a Proposed Environmental Restoration and Storm Damage Reduction Project for Lower Cape May Meadows, Cape May County, NJ

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The action being taken is an evaluation of the alternatives for storm

damage reduction and environmental restoration for the Lower Cape May Meadows, Cape May, New Jersey. The purpose of any consequent work would be to provide protection and stabilization to the shoreline protecting the important ecological habitat at The Meadows and to restore sensitive habitat behind the dune.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions regarding the DEIS should be addressed to Ms. Beth Brandreth, (215) 656-6558, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, CENAP-PL-E, Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107-3390.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### 1. Proposed Action

a. The draft document evaluates a study area which includes the Lower Cape May Meadows and Cape May Point, extending from Alexander Avenue east to the terminal groin located at Third Avenue in Cape May City. The study area encompasses approximately 350 acres of critical migratory bird habitat, composed mostly of fresh water and brackish water wetlands. A portion of this site is owned by the Nature Conservancy while the remainder is managed by the State of New Jersey in the form of Cape May Point State Park. The beach which protects this habitat has been subject to extensive erosion by storms, tidal inundation, and wave action, resulting in the loss of approximately 115 acres of habitat since 1955. In addition, the continuous erosion, dune breaching and salt water intrusion has degraded the remaining habitat. Two potential offshore sand borrow sources, located in the vicinity of The Meadows, have been investigated during this study.

b. The authorities for the proposed project are the resolutions adopted by the Committee on Public Works and Transportation of the U.S. House of Representatives and the Committee on Environmental and Public Works of the U.S. Senate in December 1987.

##### 2. Alternatives

In addition to the no action alternative, the alternatives considered for environmental restoration, storm damage reduction, and erosion control will fall into structural and environmental management categories. The structural measures to correct the beach erosion include offshore breakwaters, groins, beach nourishment, perched beach, submerged reef with beachfill, and offshore submerged feeder berms. Environmental management measures include the elimination/

<sup>1</sup> The limit has not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1996.

control of nuisance plant species (*Phragmites australis*), increasing the availability of fresh water, improving internal water quality, and protecting and restoring beach and freshwater wetlands habitat.

### 3. Scoping

a. Numerous studies and reports addressing beach erosion along the New Jersey Coast were conducted by the Corps of Engineers. The most recent study for this area is a Reconnaissance Report; Lower Cape May Meadows—Cape May Point Reconnaissance Study (August 1994), which identified a number of problem areas where erosion and tidal inundation were negatively impacting the shoreline and adjacent wildlife habitat. This study identified Lower Cape May Meadows and Cape May Point as areas to be recommended for further study in the feasibility phase.

b. The scoping process is on-going and has involved preliminary coordination with Federal, State, and local agencies. Participation of the general public and other interested parties and organizations will be invited by means of a public notice.

c. The significant issues and concerns that have been identified include the impacts of the project on aquatic biota, water quality, intertidal habitat, shallow water habitat, migratory bird species, and cultural resources.

### 4. Availability

It is estimated that the DEIS will be made available to the public in November 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Environment, Safety and Health; Notice of Availability of Funds and Request for Applications To Deliver Special Medical Care in the Marshall Islands

**AGENCY:** Office of Environment, Safety and Health, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Environment, Safety and Health (EH) is requesting applications to provide special medical care to a specific group of citizens of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI). This Notice of Availability of Funds and Request for Applications to Deliver Special Medical Care in the Marshall Islands is a follow-on to a more general,

annual notice of potential availability of grants and cooperative agreements for epidemiology and other health studies published in the **Federal Register** on October 16, 1996.

**DATES:** The deadline for receipt of applications is October 27, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications may be submitted to Mr. Neil Barss at the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of International Health Programs, EH-63/270CC, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for application forms, the additional program information described below, and any other requests for information in response to this Notice should be directed to Mr. Barss, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of International Health Programs, EH-63/270CC, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290; telephone: (301) 903-4024; facsimile: (301) 903-1413; or email: neil.barss@eh.doe.gov.

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### I. Introduction

A Draft Notice of Availability of Funds and Request for Applications for the Department of Energy Medical Program in the Republic of the Marshall Islands was published in the **Federal Register** on May 29, 1997 (62 FR 29125). A public meeting was held July 8, 1997 to receive comments and questions on the Draft Notice. A Notice of Potential Applicant Visit to Honolulu, Hawaii, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands was published in the **Federal Register** on September 5, 1997 (62 FR 46954). In addition, the following information will be made available in conjunction with the application forms:

- (1) A transcript of the public meeting;
- (2) Answers to questions of general interest raised at and submitted in written form after the public meeting;
- (3) The "Memorandum Of Understanding Between The U.S. Army Space And Strategic Defense Command (USASSDC) U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll/Kwajalein Missile Range (USAKA/KMR) And The U.S. Department of Energy Office Of International Health Programs";

(4) A tabulation of DOE medical equipment used currently by Brookhaven National Laboratory and associated location and functional status;

(5) Marshall Islands Medical Program reports provided to the U.S. Congress by DOE for the last five years;

(6) A table illustrating distribution of DOE's Marshall Islands program budget for FY 1990 through FY 1997, which includes the DOE's special medical care program;

(7) A list of predominant diseases observed in DOE patients by Brookhaven National Laboratory and the ICD-9 code associated with each disease;

(8) The forms required by the Office of International Health Programs for budget planning, program progress and activity reporting, in addition to those specified in 10 CFR part 600; and

(9) A report entitled, "Medical Status of Marshallese Accidentally Exposed to 1954 Bravo Fallout Radiation: January 1988 through December 1991", DOE/EH-0493 and BNL-52470, July 1995.

As noted above, DOE has arranged a site visit to Honolulu and the Republic of the Marshall Islands for potential applicants. Anyone who intends to participate in the site visit and has not contacted Mr. William Jackson for details and arrangements should do so immediately. Mr. Jackson can be reached by telephone at (808) 422-9211 or 422-9203, by facsimile at (808) 422-9217, or by e-mail at bjackson@tis.eh.doe.gov.

### II. Purpose

DOE provides a special medical care program for a specific group of RMI citizens in accordance with section 103(h) of the Compact of Free Association Act of 1985, as amended, which mandates that the United States "shall continue to provide special medical care and logistical support thereto for the remaining \* \* \* members of the population of Rongelap and Utrik [sic] who were exposed to radiation resulting from the 1954 United States thermonuclear 'Bravo' test, pursuant to Public Laws 95-134 and 96-205." Section 104(a)(4) of Public Law 95-134, enacted in 1977, directed the Secretary of the Interior to provide for the populations residing on Rongelap and Utrik Atolls on March 1, 1954, "adequate medical care and treatment \* \* \* of any radiation injury or illness directly related to the ['Bravo'] thermonuclear detonation \* \* \*" Section 104(a)(4) goes on to state that, "The costs of such medical care and treatment shall be assumed by the Administrator of the Energy Research