

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Army****Army Education Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: U.S. Army War College.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following committee meeting:

*Name of Committee:* U.S. Army War College Subcommittee of the Army Education Advisory Committee.

*Dates of Meeting:* April 5, 6, and 7, 1998.

*Place:* Root Hall, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

*Proposed Agenda:* Receive information briefings; conduct discussions with the Commandant, staff and faculty; review USAWC Master's Degree Campaign Plan and supplemental report to the Department of Education; plan future membership and composition of the Board of Visitors; and provide guidance regarding accreditation and areas for improvement.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Colonel Thomas D. Scott, Box 524, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA 17013 or telephone (717) 245-3907.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the Committee after receiving advance approval for participation. To request advance approval or obtain further information, contact Colonel Thomas D. Scott at the above address or phone number.

**Gregory D. Showalter,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Army**

**Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC) Freight Traffic Rules Publication (MFTRP) No. 1A and MTMC Guaranteed Traffic Rules Publication No. 50 (MGTRP No. 50): Proposed Changes**

AGENCY: Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC), DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** MTMC proposes to change the procedures used to reimburse

commercial motor carriers for the cost of overdimensional and overweight permits. MTMC is making the changes to support an Office of the Secretary of Defense initiative to automate the DoD Government bill of lading (GBL) costing and payment process.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed changes must be received not later than May 18, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to Headquarters, Military Traffic Management Command, ATTN: MTM-O, (Mr. John Alexander) 5611 Columbia Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-5050.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John Alexander, (703) 681-6870.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Currently, motor carriers seek reimbursement for permit costs after a movement is completed. This method is not consistent with DoD's goal of automated costing and payment. In the proposed changes, carriers must seek reimbursement for permit costs in their charges for transporting overdimensional and/or overweight shipments. To implement the new procedures, appropriate changes must be made in two MTMC rules publications, MFTRP No. 1A and MGTRP No. 50.

In MFTRP No. 1A, two rules items will be revised and one item will be cancelled. Item 415, Overdimensional Freight Service (OD), and Item 416, Overweight Permit Shipments will be revised, and Item 417, Overdimensional Permit Charges, will be cancelled. The items will read as follows:

**Item 415 Overdimensional Freight Service (OD)**

1. Carriers shall provide overdimensional freight service for DoD shipments, subject to the following:

a. *Definition.* A shipment will be considered to be overdimensional when it contains one or more non-divisible articles which measure in excess of 576 inches (48 feet) in length, 102 inches (8 feet 6 inches) in width, or 162 inches (13 feet 6 inches) in height from the ground to the top of the article after loading. Although paragraph 2 of this item provides coverage for overlength charges, overlength dimensional charges will not be assessed, for interstate or intrastate movements, when the gross length dimensions of the tractor and loaded semi-trailer combination are within the maximum gross length for such equipment combination on interstate and federally designated highways or other state highways and supplemental routes.

b. *Line-haul charges.* Line-haul transportation charges will be based on

the applicable truckload charge (Rate Qualifiers PL and PM), or highest published truckload minimum weight applicable to the equipment loaded by the shipper, or actual weight if in excess of the minimum weight, and accompanying truckload rate. When distance rates are applicable, the determination of mileage will be subject to the practical route mileage determined by use of the governing mileage guide.

c. *Advancing Charges.* The charge for advancing monies, as outlined in Item 55, is not applicable to this item.

2. *Overdimensional charges.* When a shipment is overdimensional in more than one dimension (i.e. width, length, or height) the overdimensional mileage charge producing the greatest total charges will apply. In no case will overdimensional mileage charges be assessed on more than one dimension.

a. *Overwidth Charges.* Minimum Charge: OD(1) \$\_\_\_\_ Article Width (in inches)

Over	Not over	Charges per mile
102 .....	108	OD(2)\$ ____
108 .....	120	OD(3)\$ ____
120 .....	132	OD(4)\$ ____
132 .....	144	OD(5)\$ ____
144 .....	156	OD(6)\$ ____
156 .....	168	OD(7)\$ ____
168 .....	180	OD(8)\$ ____
180 .....	204	OD(9)\$ ____
204 .....	.....	OD(10)\$ ____ per foot or fraction thereof on that portion over 17 feet wide, plus the charge per mile in OD(9).

b. *Overlength Charges.* Minimum Charge: OD(11)\$\_\_\_\_ Article length (in inches)

Over	Not over	Charges per mile
576 .....	600	OD(12)\$ ____
600 .....	660	OD(13)\$ ____
660 .....	720	OD(14)\$ ____
720 .....	780	OD(15)\$ ____
780 .....	.....	OD(16)\$ ____ plus OD(17)\$ ____ per foot or fraction thereof for that portion over 65 feet long.

c. *Overheight Charges.* Minimum Charge: OD(18)\$\_\_\_\_ Article height (in inches)

Over	Not over	Charges per mile
162 .....	168	OD(19)\$ ____
168 .....	174	OD(20)\$ ____
174 .....	180	OD(21)\$ ____
180 .....	192	OD(22)\$ ____
192 .....	204	OD(23)\$ ____

Over	Not over	Charges per mile
204 .....	.....	OD(24)\$____

d. Article height is measured from the ground to the top of the article after loading.

e. These charges are to reimburse the carrier for the costs of overdimensional permits, bonds, tolls, fees and for any administrative cost incurred in obtaining such services and will be in addition to line-haul transportation costs.

#### Item 416 Overweight Permit Shipments (OW)

1. Carriers shall provide the transportation of overweight shipments, subject to the following:

a. *Line-haul Charges.* Line-haul transportation charges for non-divisible articles exceeding 48,000 pounds will be determined from rates contained in the carrier's individual tender. When distance rates and/or permit mileage is involved, charges shall be based on the practical route mileage determined by use of the governing mileage guide.

b. *Advancing Charges.* The charge for advancing monies, as outlined in Item 55, is not applicable to this item.

#### 2. Overweight Charges.

a. When a vehicle is loaded with a shipment weighing in excess of 48,000 pounds and a carrier is required to obtain a permit(s) and associated services from any city, county, state or municipal agency in order to transport the shipment, the following charges will be assessed for that weight in excess of 48,000 pounds:

Weight in excess of: (in pounds)	Charges per mile
48,000 but less than 68,000.	OW(1)____
68,000 but less than 88,000.	OW(2)____
88,000 but less than 108,000.	OW(3)____
108,000 and over .....	OW(4)____

b. These charges are to reimburse the carrier for costs of permits, bonds, tolls, fees, and for any administrative cost spent in obtaining such services and will be in addition to line-haul transportation costs.

#### Item 417 Overdimensional Permit Charges

This item is cancelled. All overdimensional charges to include permits, bonds, tolls, fees, and any other administrative costs spent in obtaining such services will be included in Item 415, Overdimensional Freight Service (OD).

In MGTRP No. 50, two items will be revised and one item will be cancelled. Item 385, Overdimensional Freight Service (520), and Item 390, Overweight Shipment (PER), will be revised, and Item 400, Permits and Special Tolls, will be cancelled. The items will read as follows:

#### Item 385 Overdimensional Freight Service (520)

1. Carriers shall provide overdimensional freight service for DoD shipments, subject to the following:

a. *Definition.* A shipment will be considered to be overdimensional when it contains one or more non-divisible articles which measure in excess of 576 inches (48 feet) in length, 102 inches (8 feet 6 inches) in width, or 162 inches (13 feet and 6 inches) in height from the ground to the top of the article after loading. Although paragraph 2 of this item provides coverage for overlength charges, overlength dimensional charges will not be assessed, for interstate or intrastate movements, when the gross length dimensions of the tractor and loaded semi-trailer combination are within the maximum gross length for such equipment combination on interstate and federally designated highways or other state highways and supplemental routes.

b. *Line-haul charges.* Line-haul transportation charges will be based on the applicable truckload charge (Rate Qualifiers VH and VU), or highest published truckload minimum weight applicable to the equipment loaded by the shipper, or actual weight if in excess of the minimum weight, and accompanying truckload rate. When distance rates are applicable, the determination of mileage will be subject to the practical route mileage determined by use of the governing mileage guide.

c. *Advancing Charges.* The charge for advancing monies, as outlined in Item 205, is not applicable to this item.

2. *Overdimensional charges.* When a shipment is overdimensional in more than one dimension (i.e. width, length, or height) the overdimensional mileage charge producing the greatest total charges will apply. In no case will overdimensional mileage charges be assessed on more than one dimension.

a. *Overwidth Charges.* Minimum Charge: 520(1) \$\_\_\_\_ Article Width (in inches)

Over	Not over	Charges per mile
102 .....	108	520(2) \$____
108 .....	120	520(3) \$____
120 .....	132	520(4) \$____
132 .....	144	520(5) \$____

Over	Not over	Charges per mile
144 .....	156	520(6) \$____
156 .....	168	520(7) \$____
168 .....	180	520(8) \$____
180 .....	204	520(9) \$____
204 .....		520(10) \$____ per foot or fraction thereof on that portion over 17 feet wide, plus the charge per mile in 520(9).

b. *Overlength Charges.* Minimum Charge: 520(11) \$\_\_\_\_. 4Article length (in inches)

Over	Not over	Charges per mile
576 .....	600	520(12) \$____
600 .....	660	520(13) \$____
660 .....	720	520(14) \$____
720 .....	780	520(15) \$____
780 .....		520(16) \$____ plus 520(17) \$____ per foot or fraction thereof for that portion over 65 feet long.

c. *Overheight Charges.* Minimum Charge: 520(18) \$\_\_\_\_ Article height (in inches)

Over	Not over	Charges per mile
162 .....	168	520(19) \$____
168 .....	174	520(20) \$____
174 .....	180	520(21) \$____
180 .....	192	520(22) \$____
192 .....	204	520(23) \$____
204 .....		520(24) \$____

d. Article height is measured from the ground to the top of the article after loading.

e. These charges are to reimburse the carrier for the costs of overdimensional permits, bonds, tolls, fees and for any administrative cost incurred in obtaining such services and will be in addition to line-haul transportation costs.

#### Item 390 Overweight Shipment (Per)

1. Carriers shall provide the transportation of overweight shipments, subject to the following:

a. *Line-haul Charges.* Line-haul transportation charges for non-divisible articles exceeding 48,000 pounds will be determined from rates contained in the carrier's individual tender. When distance rates and/or permit mileage is involved, charges shall be based on the practical route mileage determined by use of the governing mileage guide.

b. *Advancing Charges.* The charge for advancing monies, as outlined in Item 205, is not applicable to this item.

#### 2. Overweight Charges.

a. When a vehicle is loaded with a shipment weighing in excess of 48,000 pounds and a carrier is required to obtain a permit(s) and associated services from any city, county, state or municipal agency in order to transport the shipment, the following charges will be assessed for that weight in excess of 48,000 pounds:

Weight in excess of: (in pounds)	Charges per mile
48,000 but less than 68,000.	PER(1) ____
68,000 but less than 88,000.	PER(2) ____
88,000 but less than 108,000.	PER(3) ____
108,000 and over .....	PER(4) ____

b. These charges are to reimburse the carrier for costs of permits, bonds, tolls, fees, and for any administrative cost spent in obtaining such services and will be in addition to line-haul transportation costs.

#### Item 400 Permits and Special Tolls

This item is cancelled. All overdimensional charges to include permits, bonds, tolls, fees, and any other administrative costs spent in obtaining such services will be included in Item 385, Overdimensional Freight Service (520).

Finally, the following definition will be added to Item 1001 of MFTRP No. 1A and to Item 1005 of MGTRP No. 50:

Practical Route Mileage—Mileage calculated over the most efficient route, primarily including National Interstate Highways, U.S. Highways, and Primary State Highways.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Availability of U.S. Patents for Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially-Exclusive Licensing

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6, announcement is made of the availability of the following U.S. patents for nonexclusive, partially exclusive or exclusive licensing. All of the listed patents have been assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Secretary of the Army, Washington, DC.

These patents covers a wide variety of technical arts including: A Simulator for Smart Munitions Testing and An Apparatus for Variable Optical Focusing.

Under the authority of Section 11(a)(2) of the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-502) and Section 207 of Title 35, United States Code, the Department of the Army as represented by the U.S. Army Research Laboratory wish to license the U.S. patents listed below in a non-exclusive, exclusive or partially exclusive manner to any party interested in manufacturing, using, and/or selling devices or processes covered by these patents.

**Title:** Simulator for Smart Munitions Testing.

**Inventor:** Mark D. Sevachko.

**Patent Number:** 5,719,797.

**Issued Date:** February 17, 1998.

**Title:** Apparatus for Variable Optical Focusing for Processing Chambers.

**Inventor:** Somnath Sengupta.

**Patent Number:** 5,711,810.

**Issued Date:** January 27, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Mike Rausa, Technology Transfer Office, AMSRL-CS-TT, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland 21005-5055, tel: (410) 278-5028; fax: (410) 278-5820.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** None.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Corps of Engineers

#### Intent To Prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Aliso Creek Watershed Feasibility Study; Orange County, CA

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Los Angeles District, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Aliso Creek Watershed encompasses a drainage area of approximately thirty-six (36) square miles in southern Orange County extending approximately nineteen (19) miles from the foothills of the Santa Ana Mountains to the Pacific Ocean south of Laguna Beach. Rapid residential and commercial development within the past thirty-five years has produced a number of unintended consequences on the watershed and its creeks. These include decreased water quality and

supply, loss of habitat, flooding, erosion, and loss of recreational opportunities. In response to these and other problems raised by various federal and state offices, interest groups, and private parties the Corps is developing an integrated watershed management plan to enhance positive trends in maintaining the Aliso Creek Watershed system.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information contact Mr. Timothy J. Smith, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Attn: CESPL-PD-RN, P.O. Box 532711, Los Angeles, California 90053-2325; phone (213) 452-3854; email tjsmith@spl.usace.army.mil

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** To prepare for preparation of the EIS, the Corps will be conducting a public scoping meeting on March 25, 1998, at 7 p.m., at the Laguna Niguel City Council Chambers, located at 27841 La Paz Road, Laguna Niguel, California. This scoping will be held to solicit public input on significant environmental issues associated with the proposed project. The public, as well as Federal, State, and local agencies are encouraged to participate in the scoping process by attending the Scoping Meeting and/or 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 should be addressed in the analysis, and potential environmental enhancement and restoration opportunities that exist in the watershed. Individuals and agencies may offer information or data relevant to the proposed study and provide comments suggestions by attending the public scoping meeting, or by mailing the information to Mr. Timothy J. Smith. Requests to be placed on the mailing list for announcements and the Draft EIS should be sent to Mr. Timothy J. Smith.

**Alternatives:** The study will develop an integrated watershed management plan as well as a list of potential environmental enhancement and restoration opportunities throughout the Aliso Creek Watershed. Specific measures selected for implementation will be analyzed in detail in supplementary National Environmental Policy Act/California Environmental Quality Act documentation.

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