

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The DEIS concludes that mustard stored in bulk containers can be pilot tested at APG using the neutralization (hydrolysis) process with water, followed by biotreatment, in a safe and environmentally acceptable manner. At one time, the option of sending the hydrolysate to an off-site biotreatment facility was under consideration by the Army. However, the Army has been unable to identify a suitable off-site biotreatment facility that would accept the neutralization hydrolysate, and also conform to the safety and environmental protection requirements of the proposed action. Therefore, off-site biotreatment is not addressed further in this DEIS.

Dated: March 18, 1998.

**Richard E. Newsome,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health) OASA (I, L&E).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Notice of Closed Meeting

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following Committee Meeting:

*Name of Committee:* Army Science Board (ASB).

*Date of Meeting:* 24 March 1998.

*Time of Meeting:* 0800-1700.

*Place:* MIT Lincoln Laboratory—Lexington, MA.

*Agenda:* The Army Science Board's (ASB) Independent Assessment Panel on "Hit-to-Kill Interceptor Lethality—Phase II" will meet to receive briefings on biological defense from the staff of the Lincoln Laboratory of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. This meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c) of Title 5, U.S.C., specifically subparagraphs (1) and (4) thereof, and Title 5, U.S.C., Appendix 2, subsection 10(d). The classified and unclassified matters to be discussed are so inextricably intertwined so as to preclude opening any portion of this meeting. For further information, please contact our office at (703) 604-7490.

**Wayne Joyner,**

*Program Support Specialist, Army Science Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the New York and New Jersey Harbor Navigation Study: Feasibility Phase

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The New York District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to ascertain compliance with and lead to production of a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document in accordance with the President's Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) Rules and Regulations, as defined and amended in 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 1500-1508, Corps' Principles and Guidelines as defined in Engineering Regulation (ER) 1105-2-100 and ER 1105-1-200 and other applicable Federal and State environmental laws for the proposed deepening and navigation improvements to the New York and New Jersey Harbor.

The study area includes the Federal Navigation waterways Ambrose and Anchorage Channels; New York and New Jersey Channels (the Kill Van Kull and Arthur Kill to Gulfport); Newark Bay Channel (from the Kill Van Kull to Elizabeth Channel); Bay Ridge and Red Hook Channel; Buttermilk Channel; and the Stapleton, Red Hook and Gravesend Anchorages; and the non-federal Port Jersey and Claremont Channels.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jenine Gallo, Project Biologist at (212) 264-4740 (4559), Planning Division, Corps of Engineers, New York District, 25 Federal Plaza, New York, New York 10278-0090.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This study is authorized by Section 435 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 which reads: "The Secretary shall conduct a comprehensive study of navigation needs at the Port of New York-New Jersey (including the South Brooklyn Marine and Red Hook Container Terminals, Staten Island, and adjacent areas) to address improvements, including deepening of existing channels to depths of 50 feet or greater, that are required to provide economically efficient and environmentally sound navigation to meet current and future requirements".

The study area is the Harbor of New York/New Jersey (hereinafter, the

Harbor) which contains the largest port on the east coast, the port of New York and New Jersey, and is among the largest in the United States in terms of volume of commerce. Thirty billion gallons of petroleum are handled by the Port each year and make it the largest petroleum port in the country. The Port is also the third largest container port in the United States and the largest on the east coast of North America. The Port provides more than 166,000 port-related jobs, \$20 billion in economic activity, and serves more than 17 million consumers in the States of New York and New Jersey. The Port handles this large volume of commerce despite the fact that it lacks sufficient depth to serve fully loaded ships of the latest designs to enter service.

1. The study area, located in the western Atlantic Ocean, consists of existing Federal Channels and Anchorages. Channels are: Ambrose; Bay Ridge; Red Hook; Buttermilk; Kill Van Kull; Claremont; Port Jersey; Newark Bay (including Port Newark and Elizabeth Channels); and Arthur Kill. Anchorages are Stapleton, Bay Ridge and Gravesend.

The Port of New York and New Jersey is also included in the study area. The study area has been divided into six "paths," having the Ambrose and Anchorage channels as common elements: the Kill Van Kull/Newark Bay to Port Newark and Elizabeth; the Kill Van Kull and Arthur Kill to Howland Hook; the remaining Arthur Kill path and Arthur Kill to Howland Hook; the remaining Arthur Kill path from Howland Hook to Gulfport; the Stapleton, Bay Ridge, Red Hook and Buttermilk channels; the Port Jersey Channel and Claremont Terminal channels; and the Red Hook, Stapleton and Gravesend Anchorages.

2. Areas to be analyzed include the navigation channels and anchorages, and water areas adjacent to navigation channels and anchorages. A National Economic Development (NED) Plan will be developed to support container and petroleum facilities. Various depth alternatives will be evaluated for each channel and design vessel depths in excess of 50 feet of petroleum reaches will be analyzed and estimated quantities of material to be removed will be developed for each channel. The study assumes that the Arthur Kill Channel/Howland Hook Project, the Kill Van Kull Project, and the Port Jersey Project will have been dredged to -41, -45, and -41 feet MLW respectively prior to the construction of the Harbor Deepening project.

Three types of environmental analyses will be conducted; impacts

associated with Land-Based Facility Improvements, impacts associated with Navigation Improvements, and analyses required for mitigation planning purposes.

3. Public scoping meetings are expected to be scheduled in April/May 1998. Six meetings will be held in Brooklyn, Staten Island, Manhattan and New Jersey. Results from the public scoping meetings with the District and the Environmental Work Group (EWG), and federal, state and local agency coordination will be addressed in the DEIS. Parties interested in receiving notices of public scoping meetings or copies of the Scoping Document should contact: Jenine Gallo, USACE, New York District, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10278-0090.

4. Federal agencies interested in participating as a Cooperating Agency are requested to submit a letter of intent to Colonel Gary Thomas, District Engineer at the above address.

5. Estimated Date of the DEIS availability: September 1999.

**Gregory D. Showalter,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.287]

### 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program; Notice of Extension of Application Deadline Date

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Secretary extends the deadline date for the submission of applications for new awards for fiscal year 1998 under the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program. The Assistant Secretary also revises the deadline for Intergovernmental review under the requirements of Executive Order 12372 (Intergovernmental review of Federal programs). The Assistant Secretary takes this action to allow more time for the submission of applications by potential applicants adversely affected by severe weather conditions in various areas of the Nation. The extension is intended to help these potential applicants compete fairly with other applicants under this program.

**NEW DEADLINE DATE FOR TRANSMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS:** March 27, 1998.

**NEW DEADLINE DATE FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW:** May 26, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** An application sent by mail must be addressed to the U.S.

Department of Education, Application Control Center, Attention: CFDA 84.287, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202-4725. An application must show proof of mailing consisting of one of the following: (1) a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark, (2) a legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service, (3) a dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier, or (4) any other proof of mailing acceptable to the U.S. Secretary of Education.

An application that is hand delivered must be taken to the U.S. Department of Education, Application Control Center, Room 3633, General Services Administration National Capital Region, Seventh and D Streets, SW., Washington, DC 20202-4725. The Application Control Center will accept deliveries between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. daily, except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday. Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternate format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to Amanda Clyburn, Office of Educational Research and Improvement, U.S. Department of Education, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Room 506b, Washington, DC 20208-5644. Telephone: 202-219-2180. Inquiries may also be sent by e-mail to <amanda\_clyburn@ed.gov>.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternate format, also by contacting Amanda Clyburn. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternate format the standard forms included in the application package.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 2, the Assistant Secretary published a notice inviting applications for new awards. In that notice, the Assistant Secretary established a deadline date of March 9, by which all applications must have been hand-delivered or mailed. Because of adverse weather conditions in various sections of the country on and around this date, some potential applicants were unable to transmit applications on time. To enable these potential applicants to participate in this competition, the Assistant Secretary has determined to extend this deadline. Because of the difficulty in identifying the specific

geographic areas that were affected, the Assistant Secretary has decided to extend the deadline to all potential applicants. By extending this deadline by three days, the Assistant Secretary emphasizes that the limited purpose of this extension is to enable potential applicants who completed their applications, but were unable to mail them on time due to adverse weather conditions, an opportunity to submit completed applications.

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**Note:** The official version of a document is the document published in the **Federal Register**.

**Program Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 8241-8246.

Dated: March 20, 1998.

**Ricky T. Takai,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.177A]

### Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who Are Blind; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1998

**Purpose of Program:** This program supports projects that—

(a) provide independent living services to older individuals who are blind;

(b) conduct activities that will improve or expand services for these individuals; and

(c) conduct activities to help improve public understanding of the problems of these individuals.