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Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

North Carolina State University; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument

This decision is made pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Docket Number: 99-002. Applicant: North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC 27695. Instrument: Lifetime Measurement System, Model JANUS 200-M. Manufacturer: Amecon Messtechnik, Germany. Intended Use: See notice at 64 FR 10991.

Comments: None received. Decision: Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as it is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States. Reasons: The foreign instrument provides laser excitation/microwave detection of the photoconduction decay for contactless measurement of the carrier lifetime and lifetime mapping of silicon wafers from 15 to 300 mm diameter. The National Institute of Standards and Technology advised April 8, 1999 that (1) this capability is pertinent to the applicant's intended purpose and (2) it knows of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument for the applicant's intended use.

We know of no other instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument which is being manufactured in the United States.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-427-817, C-533-818, C-560-806, C-475-827, C-580-837]

Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate From France, India, Indonesia, Italy, and the Republic of Korea: Postponement of Time Limit for Countervailing Duty Investigations

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Postponement of Time Limit for Preliminary Determination of Countervailing Duty Investigations

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 29, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eric Greynolds (France), at (202) 482-6071; Robert Copyak (India), at (202) 482-2209; Kathleen Lockhard (Indonesia), at (202) 482-1168; Kristen Johnson (Italy), at (202) 482-4406; and Stephanie Moore (Republic of Korea), at (202) 482-3692, Office of CVD/AD Enforcement VI, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

POSTPONEMENT OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATIONS: On March 8, 1999, the Department initiated the countervailing duty investigations on certain cut-to-length carbon-quality steel plate from France, India, Indonesia, Italy, and the Republic of Korea. See Notice of Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigations: Certain Cut-To-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate from France, India, Indonesia, Italy and the Republic of Korea, 64 FR 12996 (March 16, 1999). The preliminary determinations currently must be issued by May 12, 1999.

On April 19, 1999, Bethlehem Steel Corporation, U.S. Steel Group, a unit of USX Corporation, Gulf States Steel, Inc., IPSCO Steel Inc., and Tuscaloosa Steel Corporation (petitioners) made a timely request pursuant to 19 CFR 351.205(e) of the Department's regulations for a postponement of the preliminary determinations in accordance with section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Petitioners requested a postponement because of the extraordinarily complicated nature of these cases, the large number of foreign producers involved, and to allow time for the Department to determine the extent to which particular subsidies are being used.

For reasons identified by petitioners, we see no compelling reason not to postpone the preliminary

determinations. Therefore, we are postponing the preliminary determinations under section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act. See Memorandum from Holly Kuga to Robert S. LaRussa, dated April 21, 1999 (on file in the public file of the Central Records Unit, Room B-099 of the Department of Commerce). We will make our preliminary determinations in these investigations no later than July 16, 1999.

This notice of postponement is published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act.

Dated: April 21, 1999.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Public Hearing and Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Disposal and Reuse of Naval Air Station (NAS) Alameda and the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC), Alameda Annex and Facility, Alameda, CA

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency a DEIS for disposal and reuse of NAS Alameda and FISC Alameda Annex and Facility. A public hearing will be held for the purpose of receiving oral and written comments on the DEIS. Federal, State and local agencies and interested individuals are invited to be present at the hearing.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 18, 1999, at 7:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Alameda High School, Little Theatre; 2200 Central Avenue; Alameda, California (at the corner of Central Avenue and Walnut Street).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jerry Hemstock (Code 7032JH), Engineering Field Activity, West, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 900 Commodore Drive, San Bruno, California, telephone (650) 244-3023, facsimile (650) 244-3206.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), the Department

of the Navy (Navy) has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the DEIS for Disposal and Reuse of NAS Alameda and FISC Alameda Annex and Facility in Alameda, California. A public hearing will be held for the purpose of receiving oral and written comments on the DEIS. Federal, State and local agencies, as well as interested individuals and organizations are invited to be present or represented at the hearing.

A Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare the DEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on February 22, 1996 (61 FR 36).

Public scoping meeting announcements were published in four local newspapers: the San Leandro Times on February 29, 1996; the Alameda Journal on March 1 and 5, 1996; the Oakland Tribune and the Alameda Times-Star on March 3 and 5, 1996. A public scoping meeting was held on March 13, 1996 at the Alameda High School Cafeteria, 2200 Central Avenue, Alameda, California.

The proposed action is the disposal of Navy property for subsequent reuse and redevelopment, in accordance with the 1990 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act, and the 1993 and 1995 Base Realignment and Closure Commission recommendations. Approximately 1,693 acres (685 hectares) of land (1,102 acres (446 hectares) of dry land and 591 acres (239 hectares) of submerged land) are available for disposal and are the focus of this DEIS. NAS Alameda was operationally closed on April 30, 1997 and FISC Alameda Annex and Facility (FISC Alameda) was operationally closed on September 30, 1998. Approximately 969 acres (392 hectares) of the total 2,662 acres (1,076 hectares) of dry and submerged land at NAS Alameda and FISC Alameda are being transferred to other Federal agencies.

The DEIS evaluates four reuse alternatives: the Reuse Plan (Preferred Alternative), Seaport Alternative, Residential Alternative and Reduced Density Alternative. A fifth alternative, no action, assumes no disposal of property and retention of the property by Navy in caretaker status. Under the No Action Alternative, the operation of Miller Elementary School at NAS Alameda would continue through an existing lease agreement. All other current leases of NAS Alameda property to the Alameda Reuse and Redevelopment Authority (ARRA) and FISC Alameda property to the City of Alameda would continue until their expiration.

The Reuse Plan Alternative is based on the NAS Alameda Community Reuse Plan (Reuse Plan) that was developed by the ARRA, the Local Redevelopment Authority. The Reuse Plan envisions a mixed use for the properties that includes industrial, commercial residential and community uses within six distinct planning areas. Community uses would include public parks and open space, schools, a golf course and a recreational vehicle park. Industrial uses would include office, marine-related light industry and research and development businesses. Residential housing would include reuse of existing housing as well as new construction. Commercial uses would include neighborhood shopping districts, offices, hotels and a conference facility. No decision on the proposed action will be made until the NEPA process has been completed.

Potential impacts evaluated in the DEIS include, but are not limited to: land use, visual resources, socioeconomic, public services, utilities, cultural resources, biological resources, geology and soils, water resources, traffic and circulation, air quality, noise, and hazardous materials and waste. With two exceptions, potentially significant impacts under all of the reuse alternatives can be mitigated to nonsignificant levels. Potentially significant but mitigable impacts include: traffic impacts on-site, at key local intersections and on some roadway and freeway segments under all alternatives; traffic impacts on the Webster/Posey Tubes under the Reuse Plan Alternative; and air quality impacts at two local intersections under the Reuse Plan, Seaport, and Residential Alternatives where carbon monoxide concentrations would exceed Federal and State standards. The two significant impacts that cannot be mitigated are visual impacts from cargo cranes and port facilities under the Seaport Alternative that would disrupt existing views, and increased predation of the endangered California least tern under the Seaport and Residential Alternatives. The DEIS has been distributed to affected Federal, State and local agencies and other interested parties. In addition, copies of the DEIS are available for review at the Alameda Public Library (Main Library, West End Branch and Bay Farm Island Branch) and the Oakland Public Library (Main Library and Eastmont Branch).

A public hearing will be held to inform the public of the DEIS findings and to solicit and receive oral and written comments. The hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on May 18, 1999, at the Alameda High School, Little

Theatre, 2200 Central Avenue, Alameda, California (at the corner of Central Avenue and Walnut Street). Federal, State and local agencies and interested parties are invited to be present at the hearing. Oral comments will be heard and transcribed by a court recorder; written comments are also requested to ensure accuracy of the record. All comments, both oral and written, will become part of the official record. In the interest of available time, each speaker will be asked to limit oral comments to three minutes. Longer comments should be summarized at the public hearing and submitted in writing either at the hearing or mailed to Mr. Jerry Hemstock at the address given above. Written comments are requested not later than June 1, 1999.

Dated: April 19, 1999.

Pamela A. Holden,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Alternative Strategies for the Long-Term Management and Use of Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for Alternative Strategies for the Long-Term Management and Use of Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride (DOE/EIS-0269). This Final PEIS, prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), assesses the potential environmental impacts of reasonable alternatives to manage DOE's nearly 700,000 metric tons of depleted uranium hexafluoride (UF₆) stored in 57,634 steel cylinders at the East Tennessee Technology Park (formerly known as the K-25 facility) on the Oak Ridge Reservation, and the gaseous diffusion plant sites at Portsmouth, Ohio, and Paducah, Kentucky. The Final PEIS also includes analyses of the impacts of an additional 11,212 cylinders recently transferred to DOE from the United States Enrichment Corporation under two recent memoranda of agreement.

The management strategies considered in the Final PEIS include continuation of depleted UF₆ storage at