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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Designation of Dredged Material Disposal Sites in Long Island Sound, Connecticut and New York. Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCIES: U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)—Region I, New England and Region II, New York in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), New England and New York Districts.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to consider the potential designation of one or more dredged material disposal sites in the waters of Long Island Sound under section 102(c) of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act (MPRSA) and 40 CFR 230.80 of EPA's regulations under section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The EIS will provide an evaluation of the existing historically used sites known as the Western Long Island Sound Disposal Site, the Central Long Island Disposal Site, the Cornfield Shoals Disposal Site and the New London Disposal Site, as well as additional alternatives including other open water disposal sites, other types of dredged material disposal and management, and the no action alternative.

Purpose

In accordance with EPA's Statement of Policy for Voluntary Preparation of National Environmental Policy Act

documents for all ocean disposal site designations (**Federal Register** 62(229): 63334-63336, October 29, 1998), EPA issues this Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS for the Designation of Dredged Material Disposal Sites in Long Island Sound, offshore of Connecticut, and New York.

Summary

Dredged material has been disposed of at the existing sites known as the Western Long Island Sound, the Central Long Island Sound, the Cornfield Shoals and the New London Disposal Sites pursuant to programmatic and site designation EISs released by the Corps in 1982 and 1991. This activity has been regulated in different ways at different times depending on the status of applicable law and policy. EPA and the Corps have identified a likely need to continue the marine disposal of dredged material in the Long Island Sound area. Therefore, the two agencies have decided to consider the continued use of the above-listed existing sites and their designation as dredged material disposal sites under section 102(c) of the MPRSA. Other alternatives will also be evaluated, including other open water disposal sites, other disposal and management options, and the no action alternative. Designation of a site does not by itself authorize or result in disposal of any particular material, it only serves to make the designated site a disposal option available for consideration in the alternatives analysis for each individual dredging project in the area.

The EPA and the Corps, have entered an agreement to undertake designation of dredged material disposal sites in Long Island Sound under section 102(c) of the MPRSA. The EPA has the responsibility of designating sites under section 102(c) of the Act and 40 CFR 228.4 of its regulations. EPA and the Corps will also consider making an advanced identification under 40 CFR 230.80 of EPA's Clean Water Act section 404 regulations for any site that may be designated. The Clean Water Act and the MPRSA come into play because the waters of Long Island Sound are inland waters, but section 106(f) of the MPRSA extends certain aspects of the MPRSA into Long Island Sound for certain projects.

An EIS will evaluate the four current sites used in the Sound as well as other sites for, and means of, disposal and management, including the no action alternative. The EIS will support the EPA's final decision on whether one or more dredged material disposal sites will be designated under the MPRSA identified in advance under 40 CFR

230.80. The EIS will include analysis applying the five general and 11 specific site selection criteria for designating ocean disposal sites presented in 40 CFR 228.5 and 228.6, respectively. The Corps, New England District, has prepared a study reviewing existing data for the existing sites relative to these criteria and this study will serve as a starting point for further evaluation of the existing sites in the EIS.

Need for EIS

On May 7, 1974, and as amended in October 29, 1998, the EPA published a Statement of Policy on Environmental Impact Statements (EISs). Section (1) (d) (2) of that policy specifies that EISs will be prepared in connection with ocean disposal site designations under section 102 (c) of the MPRSA. Evaluation of site designation, and advanced identification under 40 CFR 230.80, will serve to clarify the availability of particular sites for consideration as dredged material disposal options over the long term.

Alternatives

In evaluating the alternatives, the EIS will identify and evaluate locations within the Long Island Sound study area that are best suited to receive dredged material suitable for open water marine disposal. At a minimum, the EIS will consider various alternatives including:

- No-action (i.e., no designation of any sites);
- Designation of one or more of the existing open water sites;
- Designation of alternative open water sites identified within the study area that may offer environmental advantages to the existing sites; and
- Identification of other disposal and/or management options, either in or out of the water.

Scoping

The Environmental Protection Agency—New England Region and the Corps of Engineers, New England District, will hold public scoping meetings on June 15, 1999 at the State University of New York, Stony Brook Union Auditorium, 100 Nicolls Road, Stony Brook, June 16, 1999 and Groton Inn & Suites, Main Room Left, 99 Goldstar Highway, Route 184, Groton Connecticut; and June 23, 1999 at Westin Stamford Hotel, Commodore Vanderbilt, One First Stamford Place, Stamford, CT. For all meetings, registration will be from 6-7 p.m.; the meetings will be between the hours of 7 and 10 p.m. Details of the history of the project and the alternatives to be considered will be presented. The

public is invited to attend and identify issues that should be addressed in the EIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO BE PLACED ON THE PROJECT MAILING LIST

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ESTIMATED DATE OF THE DRAFT EIS

RELEASE: Fall 2001.

Responsible Officials:

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Date: May 28, 1999.

Richard E. Sanderson,

Director, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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National Advisory Committee for Acute Exposure Guideline Levels for Hazardous Substances; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: A meeting of the National Advisory Committee for Acute Exposure Guideline Levels for Hazardous Substances (NAC/AEGL Committee) will be held June 14–16, 1999, in Washington, DC. At the meeting, the NAC/AEGL Committee will address, as time permits, the various aspects of the acute toxicity and the development of Acute Exposure Guideline Levels (AEGLs) for the following chemicals: Hydrogen sulfide, perchloromethyl mercaptan, tetrachloroethylene, and toluene. There will also be a discussion of the review and comment by the National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council Subcommittee on certain interim AEGL values previously published in the **Federal Register** issue of October 30, 1997 (62 FR 58840–58851) (FRL–5737–3). These chemicals include: Aniline, arsine, chlorine, 1,2-dichloroethylene, 1,1- and 1,2-dimethyl hydrazine, fluorine, hydrazine, methyl hydrazine, and phosphine.

DATES: Meetings of the NAC/AEGL Committee will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 14, 1999; from 8 a.m. to

5 p.m. on June 15, 1999; and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on June 16, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in the Old Post Office Building, Room M09, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul S. Tobin, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (7406), 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 260–1736; e-mail address: tobin.paul@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does This Action Apply To Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may be of particular interest to anyone who may be affected if the AEGL values are adopted by government agencies for emergency planning, prevention, or response programs, such as EPA's Risk Management Program under the Clean Air Act and Amendments, section 112r. It is possible that other Federal agencies besides EPA, as well as State agencies and private organizations, may adopt the AEGL values for their programs. As such, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" section.

B. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of This Document or Other Related Documents?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document and certain other available documents from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. On the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations" and then look up the entry for this document under the "**Federal Register**—Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPPTS–00271. The official record consists of any documents that are specifically referenced in this action, any public comments that are received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to this action, including any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). This official record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in

those documents. The public version of the official record does not include any information claimed as CBI. The public version of the official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, North East Rm. B–607, Waterside Mall, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC. The Center is open from noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number of the Center is (202) 260–7099.

II. Meeting Procedures

For additional information on the scheduled meetings, the agendas of the NAC/AEGL Committee, or the submission of information on chemicals to be discussed at the meetings, contact the DFO listed under the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" section.

The meeting of the NAC/AEGL Committee will be open to the public. Oral presentations or statements by interested parties will be limited to 10 minutes. Interested parties are encouraged to contact the DFO to schedule presentations before the NAC/AEGL Committee. Since seating for outside observers may be limited, those wishing to attend the meetings as observers are also encouraged to contact the DFO at the earliest possible date to ensure adequate seating arrangements. Inquiries regarding oral presentations and the submission of written statements or chemical-specific information should be directed to the DFO.

III. Future Meetings

Another meeting of the NAC/AEGL Committee is scheduled for September 14–16, 1999. The NAC/AEGL Committee is currently planning to address AEGL values for the following chemicals: Bromine, ethylene oxide, methylene chloride, methylisocyanate, oleum, Otto fuel II (propylene glycol dinitrate major component), sulfuric acid, sulfur trioxide, tetramethyl lead, trichloroethane, and trichloroethylene.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Hazardous substances, Health.

Dated: May 26, 1999.

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