

made to the proposed amendments to the CBT rough rice futures contract.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The existing terms of the rough rice futures contract provide for the delivery of rough rice in store at exchange-designated warehouses located in specified counties of central and eastern Arkansas. Regular delivery facilities are either co-located with mills and thus are known as "mill site warehouses," or they are not co-located with mills and thus are known as "non-mill site warehouses." Deliveries made at mill site warehouses are made at the contract price (par) while deliveries made at non-mill site warehouses are subject to a discount of 15 cents per hundredweight.

The proposed amendments will remove the current discount applicable to deliveries at non-mill site warehouses. Thus, rough rice at all regular warehouses would be deliverable at par. The CBT intends to apply the proposed amendments to the September 2000 contract month and all subsequently listed contract months following its receipt of notice of Commission approval.

In support of the proposed amendments, the CBT stated that:

The 15-cent price differential at non-mill site warehouses was specified to reflect a supposed price differential that existed in the cash market between mill site and non-mill site warehouses. The theoretical reason for the price differential was that holders of warehouse receipts at a mill site could have the rice milled by the owner of the mill, a process known as "toll milling." According to several participants in the rice industry, toll milling no longer takes place to any significant extent, and mills will not mill rice that they do not own. On June 9, 1999, a consensus was reached by a rice industry group assembled by the Chicago Board of Trade that toll milling indeed no longer takes place. The group also agreed that because toll milling no longer takes place, no differential exists in the cash-market price between rice at mill sites and non-mill sites. Therefore, the 15-cent per hundredweight discount for delivery at non-mill site warehouses is no longer appropriate.

The Commission requests that commenters address the extent to which the proposed amendment would reflect the relative value of rough rice stored at mill site warehouses versus rough rice stored at non-mill site warehouses and the potential effects of the proposed

amendment on the supply of rough rice likely to be economically available for delivery on the contract as well.

Copies of the proposed amendments will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. Copies of the proposed amendments can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address, by phone at (202) 418-5100, or via the Internet on the CFTC website at www.cftc.gov under "What's New & Pending".

Other materials submitted by the CBT in support of the proposal may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 CFR 145 (1987)), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 CFR 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with 17 CFR 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitted written data, views, or arguments on the proposed amendments, or with respect to other materials submitted by the CBT, should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

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John R. Mielke,

Acting Director.

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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: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6, announcement is made of the availability of the following U.S. patent for non-exclusive, partially exclusive or exclusive licensing. The listed patent as been assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Secretary of the Army, Washington, D.C.

This patent covers a wide variety of technical arts including: A High Output Acoustic Signal Device, A Microwave

Powered Vehicle Stopper and a thermal Battery With Reduced Self-Discharge.

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. patent 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 this patent.

Title: Thermal Battery With Reduced Self-Discharge.

Inventor: Frank C. Krieger.

Patent Numbers: 5,900,331.

Issued Date: May 4, 1999.

Title: Multiple Plasma Channel High Output Variable Electro-Acoustic Pulse Source.

Inventor: Bruce Benwell, Dave, DeTroye, Harold E. Boesch and Vincent Ellis.

Patent Numbers: 5,903,518.

Issued Date: May 11, 1999.

Title: In-Road Microwave Vehicle Stopper.

Inventor: Todd M. Turner, Mark D. Berry and Edward P. Scannell.

Patent Numbers: 5,907,290.

Issued Date: May 25, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Norma Cammaratta, Technology Transfer Office, AMSRL-CS-TT, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Adelphi, MD 20783-1197 tel: (301) 394-2952; fax: (301) 394-5818.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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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: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

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This patent covers a wide variety of technical arts including: An Optical

Alignment Sensor, an Optical Based pressure Sensor and a Device to Detect NO and NO₂.

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. patent 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 this patent.

Title: Device and Process For Detecting And Discriminating NO and NO₂ From Other Nitrocompounds In Real-Time And In Situ.

Inventors: Rosario C. Sausa and Robert Pastel.

Patent Number: 5,906,946.

Issued Date: May 25, 1999.

Title: G-Hardened Optical Alignment Sensor.

Inventors: David J. Hepner and Michael S.L. Hollis.

Patent Number: 5,909,275.

Issued Date: June 1, 1999.

Title: Optically-Based Pressure Sensor Having Temperature Compensation.

Inventor: Michael McQuaid.

Patent Number: 5,912,457.

Issued Date: June 15, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Rausa, Technology Transfer Office, AMSRL-CS-TT, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 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

Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Proposed Open-Water Placement of Dredged Material at Site 104, Queen Anne's County, Maryland

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Reference previous **Federal Register** notice, Volume 64, Number 126, page 35634, dated July 1, 1999, announcing the Baltimore District's extension of comment period to July 31, 1999. The Baltimore District is

announcing that it will prepare a revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed open-water placement of dredged material at Site 104, Queen Anne's County, Maryland. The public is encouraged to continue to submit its comments during this revision process. The revised DEIS will be made available to the public for 45 days once it's completed. The Baltimore District will consider all public comments received on the February 1999 DEIS, the revised DEIS, and the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) before making a decision.

DATES: The District expects to release the revised DEIS to the public in December 1999. The District expects to release the FEIS to the public in April 2000.

ADDRESSES: Questions and comments should continue to be directed to Mr. Wesley E. Coleman, Jr. at the Corps of Engineers Baltimore District (ATTN: CENAB-PL-P), P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore, MD 21203-1715 or by e-mail at wesley.e.coleman@usace.army.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Wesley E. Coleman, Jr. at 1-800-295-1610 or by facsimile at (410) 962-4698.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Notice of Availability (NOA) and a summary of the proposed action was published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 9480) on February 26, 1999. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore's District is evaluating the potential use of Site 104 as an open-water placement area. Site 104 is located in the Chesapeake Bay one-half mile north of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and one mile west of Kent Island. Open-water placement is proposed for approximately 18 million cubic yards of dredged material from the mainstem Chesapeake Bay channels leading to the port of Baltimore. This does not include material from the channels in the Patapsco River. The Maryland Port Administration has recommended the use of Site 104 for open-water placement of clean sediment. No decision has been made to use the site. The Baltimore District will consider all public comments received on the February 1999 DEIS, the revised DEIS, and the FEIS before making a decision.

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Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Corps of Engineers; Department of the Army

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Navigation Improvements at Akutan, AK

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Engineer District, Alaska, intends to prepare a DEIS for the construction of a boat harbor at Akutan, Alaska. The village of Akutan is an isolated, subsistence-based, Alaska Native community in the Aleutian Island chain. Although the Aleut population of the local village remains at 90-100, the fish processing activity in the area brings the total year-round population in Akutan to over 500, peaking during certain fisheries seasons at about 1,000. The village has no roads or airport. The harbor would serve local commercial and subsistence fishing vessels, and moor commercial and recreational transient vessels.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne M. Crayton (907) 753-2672, Alaska District, Corps of Engineers, Environmental Resources Section (CEOPA-EN-CW-ER), P.O. Box 898, Anchorage, Alaska 99506-0898. E-mail Wayne.M.Crayton@usace.army.mil

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This General Investigation feasibility study will consider structural alternatives including the construction of a breakwater, a dredged basin, and harbor related infrastructure. The initial evaluation identified two harbor locations. One alternative is at the head of Akutan Harbor and would require extensive excavation and fill in coastal wetlands. The second alternative is near the village and seafood processing plant, but in deeper water that would require a large breakwater and might require blasting. Both alternatives would require the construction of an access road. Other harbor locations and non-structural alternatives identified during the scoping process will be evaluated.

Issues

The DEIS will consider the needs of the village and commercial vessel operations, impacts to marine intertidal and subtidal communities, fish and wildlife, wetlands, threatened and endangered species, essential fish habitat, water quality, cultural resources, socio-economic resources, and other resources and concerns identified through scoping, public