

Transportation (PennDOT) plans to file an application for a Department of the Army Permit for impacts to waters of the United States associated with the construction of Corridor O, S.R. 0322, Section B02. The Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has determined that due to the potential environmental impacts associated with this highway development project, an EIS is required.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions about the proposed action and DEIS can be directed to Michael Dombroskie Project Manager, Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, State College Field Office, 3947 South Atherton Street, State College, PA 16801, Telephone Number (814) 466-7796.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 1. The Corridor O project area encompasses approximately 90 square miles in western Centre and eastern Clearfield Counties, Pennsylvania. The project study area extends approximately 27 miles from the village of Port Matilda near proposed Interstate 99 in a northwesterly direction to Interstate 80 near Woodland in Clearfield County. The purpose of the project, generally, will be to improve traffic flow on US 322 from I-99 to Interstate 80, improve traveler safety and improve quality of life for those living along the existing highway corridor.

2. This project is specifically identified in the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) in Section 1212(u) which states "notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is authorized to proceed with engineering, final design, and construction of Corridor O of the Appalachian development highway system between Bald Eagle and Interstate Route 80."

3. To comply with relevant state laws and Corps of Engineers requirements, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will be preparing a combined Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Environmental Evaluation Report (EER). The EIS/EER will be developed to provide the Army Corps of Engineers necessary information to support its Section 404 permitting process. The EER will be developed based on requirements of Pennsylvania Act 120 and Section 2002 relating to highway project development.

4. The EIS will address, at a minimum, the following alternatives:

a. No Action: The no action alternative will address the option not to develop an improved highway

corridor and would allow for the existing highway infrastructure to remain in place.

b. Upgrade of Existing Facility: This alternative would provide for the upgrade of the existing US 322 Corridor from Port Matilda to Woodland, with all major improvements occurring within the existing Corridor.

c. New Alignment Corridors: This alternative would provide for the development of a new four lane limited access highway corridor off of the existing alignment between the Village of Port Matilda and Woodland.

5. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has proposed an extensive public and agency involvement/coordination effort.

a. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has already hosted a two-day kick-off meeting for the project which involved the natural resource and permitting agencies as well as key citizens and Citizen Advisory Committee members within the project area.

b. An agency scoping meeting has been held to review the scope of the project.

c. PennDOT has proposed an extensive public and agency involvement program, which will be carried out throughout the duration of the project.

d. This project will be developed utilizing a four phase project development process including a visioning phase wherein performance measures will be developed, a development stage wherein initial alternatives will be identified, a refinement stage wherein a reduced set of the alternatives will be evaluated in further detail and a final comparison stage during which a preferred alternative will be identified.

e. Any Federal, State, County or Local Agencies, Effected Indian Tribes or other interested private organizations or parties may submit comments directly to the Baltimore District at the address listed above.

f. Construction of the proposed project may effect a number of environmental cultural and socioeconomic resources

(1) Preliminary environmental concerns include: water quality; impacts to and proposed replacement of wetland functions and values; passage of aquatic and terrestrial habitat species; loss of upland habitat; and loss of aquatic habitat.

(2) Cultural Resources that may be effected include: Early 19 Century structures/sites associated with historic activities in the project area and

archeological resources associated with these same activities.

(3) Socioeconomic factors which will be considered include changes in traffic patterns, economic benefit, land use changes, and development patterns which may be reasonably expected in response to the improvement of interchanges.

6. Although the Baltimore District will act as lead agency for compilation of the EIS, the Baltimore District neither supports nor opposes the project. The EIS is to be compiled to satisfy CE Permit Regulations (33 CFR 320 et seq.); the Clean Water Act (as amended), Section 401 (33 U.S.C. 1251-1376), and Section 404 (b)(1) Guidelines (40 CFR part 230); the National Environmental Policy Act (CEQ Regulations: 40 CFR 1500-1508); Section 2 of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661-666); Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (as amended); Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act [16 U.S.C. 470(F)] (as amended) and Title 25, DEP Chapter 105 Rules and Regulations, (as amended).

7. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation anticipates completing the EIS/EER on or about December 2001.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

#### Grant of Exclusive License

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(I), announcement is made of exclusive license of the following Foreign Patents, entitled "Concrete Armor Unit for Protecting Coastal and Hydraulic Structures and Shorelines," Country: Oman.

*Action:* Published according to local custom.

*Publishing Date:* December 19, 1997.

*Country:* Saudi Arabia.

*Application Number:* 97170625.

*Filing Date:* February 19, 1997.

*Country:* Egypt.

*Serial Number:* 1061.

*Filing Date:* September 3, 1998.

*Country:* Kuwait.

*Serial Number:* IP144/98.

*Filing Date:* September 19, 1998.

*Country:* Jamaica.

*Serial Number:* 18-1-3903

*Filing Date:* February 26, 1999.

Country: Australia.  
 Patent Number: 675167.  
 Filing Date: August 17, 1994.  
 Country: New Zealand.  
 Patent Number: 273135.  
 Filing Date: August 17, 1994.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Army Waterways Experiment Station, 3909 Halls Ferry Road, Vicksburg, MS, 39180-6199, ATTN: CEWES-OC.

**DATES:** Written objections must be filed not later than February 4, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Phil Stewart (601) 634-4113.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A Concrete Armor Units were invented by Jeffrey A. Melby and George F. Turk. Rights to United States patent and the patent applications have been assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Secretary of the Army. The Army United States of America as represented by the Secretary of the Army intends to grant exclusive license for all fields of use, in the manufacture, use, and sale in the territories and possessions, including territorial waters of, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Kuwait, Jamaica, Australia and New Zealand, to Concrete Technology Corporation, P.O. Box 1159, Tacoma, WA 98401.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 404, 7(a)(1)(I), any interested party may file a written objection to this exclusive license agreement.

**Richard L. Frenetee,**  
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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507 (j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by December 29, 1999. A regular clearance process is also beginning. Interested persons are

invited to submit comments on or before February 4, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer: Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget; 725 17th Street, NW, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. ED invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: November 30, 1999.

**William E. Burrow,**

*Leader, Information Management Group,  
 Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

### Office of Vocational and Adult Education

*Type of Review: Revision.*

*Title:* Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act (P.L. 105-332)—State Plans.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 56.

*Burden Hours:* 9,296.

*Abstract:* Pub. L. 105-332 requires eligible State agencies to submit a 5-year State plan, with annual revisions as the agency deems necessary, in order to receive Federal funds. Program staff review the plans for compliance and quality.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address *OCIO-IMG-Issues@ed.gov* or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

For questions regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements, contact Sheila Carey at 202-708-6287 or electronically at her internet address *Sheila\_Carey@ed.gov*. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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