

Commission, has determined to extend the public comment period for the subject notice. The Division believes that an extension of the comment period until July 24, 2000 would permit interested parties to fully evaluate the proposal and to submit comments thereon to the Commission.

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John R. Mielke,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability for Non-Explosive, Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Application Concerning a Novel HIV Suppressor Factor Derived From Scrub Typhus

AGENCY: U.S. Army Medical Research and Material Command, Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/377,743 entitled "Novel HIV Suppressor Factor Derived from Scrub Typhus," filed August 20, 1999. This patent has been assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Army.

ADDRESSES: Commander, U.S. Army Medical Research and Material Command, ATTN: Command Judge Advocate, MCMR-JA, 504 Scott Street, Fort Detrick, Frederick, Maryland 21702-5012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Arwine, Patent Attorney, (301) 619-2065 or telefax (301) 619-5034.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The invention takes advantage of the anti-HIV effects of an inhibitory factor produced during scrub typhus infection. It is the object of the invention to provide a method of inducing an immunogenic response to human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), in particular to HIV-1. It is a further object of the invention to provide a suppressor factor derived from scrub typhus infection in the form of purified sera, plasma, or immunoglobulin which is suitable for administration to patents at risk for, or infected with, HIV either alone or in combination with other agents. It is a particular object of the invention to provide an isolated suppressor factor from sera or plasma taken from patients with scrub typhus which has anti-HIV activity. It is also a further object in the invention to provide peptides from inhibitory strains of scrub typhus, which peptides function as antigens and can be used to produce antibodies effective for the prophylaxis and treatment of HIV infection.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Announcement of Public Hearing on a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the Upper Newport Bay Ecosystem Restoration Project, Orange County, California

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

ACTION: Notice (Announcement of Public Hearing Date).

SUMMARY: The Draft EIS/EIR will be released for public review on or about June 30, 2000. The Environmental Protection Agency plans to publish a Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS/EIR in the **Federal Register** on or about June 30, 2000. The public review of the Draft EIS/EIR ends on August 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Ecosystem Planning Section, P.O. Box 532711, Los Angeles, CA 90053-2325.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Larry Smith, Technical Manager, phone (213) 452-3846.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

The purpose of the Upper Newport Bay Ecosystem Restoration Project is to develop a long-term management plan to control sediment deposition in the Upper Bay to preserve the health of Upper Newport Bay's habitats. Sediment will continue to deposit in the Bay no matter what control measures are implemented in the watershed. Therefore, one of the most important components of this project is to develop a plan to control sediments by designing one or two in-bay basins in which the bulk of the sediment will settle. In addition to developing a plan for sediment control, the Upper Newport Bay Restoration project includes several other measures to improve habitat quality in the Upper Bay.

2. Proposed Action

The proposed project would involve deepening and expanding the existing sediment basins. Additional ecosystem restoration measures would be included to enhance the overall habitat value of Upper Newport Bay.

3. Alternatives

The EIS/EIR evaluates four alternatives carried forward for detailed environmental analysis. In general, the major differences among alternatives are the basin and channel depths. During the Preliminary Engineering Design (PED) phase, modifications to further reduce the loss of intertidal mudflat habitat will be investigated.

No Action: No dredging would occur within the Upper Bay ecological reserve.

Recommended Plan: The recommended plan includes the expansion and deepening of the Unit I/ III basin and the Unit II basin to -20 feet (-6 m) MSL, with an approach channel between the two basins dredged to -14 feet (-4.2 m) MSL; a 100-foot wide approach channel below the Unit II

basin to PCH Bridge, dredged to - 14 feet MSL; the removal of the existing 4-acre tern island from the Unit I/III basin and reconstruction of the tern island in the Unit II basin adjacent to the western segment of the salt dike; and habitat restoration measures that include side channels around the small tern island adjacent to the Unit I/III basin, New Island, Middle Island and Shellmaker Island; the capping of the small tern island with clean sand; the removal of old dredge spoil and restoration of the Bullnose area adjacent to the Unit I/III basin, Northstar Beach and Shellmaker Island; the creation of a small channel on Shellmaker Island adjacent to the eastern edge of the restoration area; the segmenting of the main dike to decrease potential terrestrial disturbances; the restoration of eelgrass beds along the southwestern edge of Shellmaker Island; and, the addition of education kiosks along Back Bay Drive and by the interpretive center.

Dredging Methods: Two dredge types were evaluated: hydraulic and clamshell. The contractor will select a dredge type based on availability and cost. Impacts associated with the use of the two dredge types are evaluated in the EIS/R.

4. The USACOE and the County of Orange, the local sponsor, will consider public concerns on the Draft EIS/EIR. Summary of the Public Hearing and written comment letters and responses will be incorporated in the Final EIS/EIR as appropriate.

5. Time and Location

The Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, 2000, at 7:00 PM, at the Newport Beach City Hall Council Chambers, 3300 Newport Boulevard, Newport Beach, California.

Dated: June 2, 2000.

John P. Carroll,

Colonel, Corps of Engineers, District Engineer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Inland Waterways Users Board

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

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law (92-463) announcement is made of the next meeting of the Inland Waterways Users Board. The meeting

will be held on July 27, 2000, in Portland, Oregon, Doubletree Hotel—Columbia River, 1401 N. Hayden Island Drive (Tel. (503) 283-2111). Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the meeting is scheduled to adjourn at 4 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the committee at the time and in the manner permitted by the committee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Norman T. Edwards, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, CECW-PF, Washington, DC 20314-1000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

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

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 28, 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. 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, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. 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. OMB 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 the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: June 23, 2000.

John Tressler,

Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Type of Review: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Title: National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Year 2001 Field Test and Year 2002 Main Assessment of Reading and Writing.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public:

Businesses or other for-profit (primary).

Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 7250—Burden Hours: 7250.

Abstract: The Congressionally-mandated 2002 National Assessment of Educational Progress will assess writing and reading knowledge among 4th, 8th and 12th graders. To provide contextual information to interpret the assessment information, relevant background characteristics of the students and their schools and teachers are gathered as well. The clearance package provides all of the background questions and supporting information for the field test and the main study. The results of the main study will be used to provide descriptive information about programs and practices in the teaching of reading and writing; suggest relationships between characteristics and assessment results; serve as a basis for monitoring change over time.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be