

Should CITA determine that this decision should be amended, such amendment will be published in the Federal Register.

Richard B. Steinkamp,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

October 13, 2000.

Commissioner of Customs,

*Department of the Treasury,
Washington, DC 20229.*

Dear Commissioner: The U.S. Customs Service has conducted on-site verification of textile and textile product production in a number of foreign countries. Based on information obtained through on-site verifications and from other sources, U.S. Customs has informed CITA that certain companies were illegally transshipping, were closed, or were unable to produce records to verify production. The Chairman of CITA has directed the U.S. Customs Service to issue regulations regarding the denial of entry of shipments from such companies (see directive dated July 27, 1999 (64 FR 41395), published on July 30, 1999). In order to secure compliance with U.S. law, including Section 204 and U.S. customs law, to carry out textile and textile product agreements, and to avoid circumvention of textile agreements, the Chairman of CITA directs the U.S. Customs Service, effective for goods exported on and after November 19, 2000 and extending through November 18, 2002, to deny entry to textiles and textile products manufactured by the Indonesian company, Pt. Pollux Indonesia Textile Industry. Customs has informed CITA that this company was found to have been illegally transshipping, closed, or unable to produce records to verify production.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Richard B. Steinkamp,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board; Notice of Advisory Committee Meetings

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board (DSB) Task Force on High Energy Laser Weapon Systems Applications will meet in closed session on November 14-15, 2000; December 14-15, 2000; January 23-24, 2001; February 21-22, 2001; March 13-14, 2001; April 17-18, 2001; and May 15-16, 2001, at Strategic Analysis Inc., 3601 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22201.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings, the Task Force will review on-going or proposed programs in high energy laser (HEL) applications; examine recent supporting technology advancements and their applications with respect to supporting military HEL weapon system developments; develop potential military and strategic HEL system applications and identify processes required to implement these potentials; determine what needs to be done to weaponize these systems; and assess HEL operational concepts, impacts and limitations, considering legal, treaty and policy issues concerning HEL employment.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, P.L. No. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II, (1994)), it has been determined that these Defense Science Board meetings, concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) (1994), and that accordingly these meetings will be closed to the public.

Dated: October 12, 2000.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel (DAPE-ZXI-RM), DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork

Reduction Act of 1995, the Department of the Army announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by December 19, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers IRWR, Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center, P.O. Box 61280, New Orleans, Louisiana 70161-1280, ATTN: CEWRC-NDC-CQ, (Jay A. Wieriman). Consideration will be given to all comments received within 60 days of the date of publication of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call Department of the Army Reports clearance officer at (703) 614-0454.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Description of Vessels, Description of Operations, ENG Form 3931, and 3932, OMB Control Number 0710-0009.

Needs and Uses: The publication Waterborne Transportation Lines of the United States, Volume 1, 2, and 3 contain information on the vessel operator and their American Flag vessels operating or available for operation on the inland waterways of the United States in the transportation of freight and passengers.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit.

Annual Burden Hours: 2,000.

Number of Respondents: 2,500.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 48 minutes.

Frequency: Mandatory.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The data is also used by the U.S. Coast Guard and other Federal and State agencies involved in transportation. If this data

collection effort is not permitted, accurate U.S. Flag fleet statistics will not be available for use by the Corps of Engineers and other agencies.

Gregory D. Showalter,
Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability of the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Proposed Sauquoit Creek Flood Control Project at Whitesboro, NY

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—New York District Department of the Army, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 205 of the Flood Control Act of 1948, the New York District Office of the Corps of Engineers proposes to provide flood protection for the town of Whitestown through modification of the Sauquoit Creek. The Corps has identified a history of frequent and serious flooding along the Sauquoit Creek in the town of Whitestown. The flooding is caused by both fluvial and ice-jam related events. The project extends from the entrance ramp of Route 5A to 1,000 feet above the confluence of Sauquoit Creek with the Mohawk River. The total length of the channel modification is approximately 1 mile ending with a 2,000 foot long V notch pilot channel. The channel modifications include widening, realigning and deepening along with construction of a low flow channel within the main channel. Bioengineering techniques will be utilized to stabilize the channel. The V notch pilot channel will serve to provide a smooth transition between the channel modifications and the natural streambed. The plan prevents damages from fluvial events up to the 25-year level.

DATES: Written comments received within 45 days of the publication of the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability will be considered by the Corps in preparing the Final EIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
 Address: New York District Corps of Engineers, CENAN-PL-ES, 26 Federal Plaza, New York NY 10278-0090.

Project Planner, Joseph Redican, Attn: CENAN-PL-FB, (202) 264-1060

Project Biologist, Kimberly Rightler,
 Attn: CENAN-PL-ES, (202) 264-9846

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was filed in the **Federal Register** April 14, 1986. A Detailed Project Report comprised of a main report containing basic objectives, a final environmental impact statement (FEIS) and supporting documentation with the Sauquoit Creek project was completed in June 1986 and revised October 1987, but was never published in the **Federal Register** nor had a Record of Decision prepared.

Various structural and nonstructural alternatives to minimize flooding and ice jams were originally considered. Three plans were studied in detail (40, 50, 60 foot Channel Plan). The 60 Foot Channel Plan (Plan D3a) was designated the preferred plan by the New York District for its high benefits compared with its costs. The Plan consisted of channel modifications such as realignment, widening, deepening and a riprap armored trapezoidal channel along with constructing a high flow diversion channel connecting Sauquoit Creek to the Mohawk River.

Funding constraints and changes in administration policy delayed proposed implementation of the recommended plan and the FEIS was not filed in the **Federal Register**, pending resolution of these issues. Work resumed on the project in 1995 with the preparation of the plans and specifications phase. Due to the time that has lapsed and the project design changes, an updated draft EIS is necessary. The objective of this revised draft Environmental Impact Statement is to provide a description of the original and current projects, and to account for any potential impacts that may occur from construction disturbances since the original draft statement was written in 1984. Major revisions that have substantially reduced the amount of adverse impacts of the project made since the development of the 1984 DEIS include: (1) Elimination of the diversion channel and opening the culverts under the Conrail Bridge; (2) Incorporating bioengineering methods into the plan in lieu of all rip rap; (3) Installation of a low flow channel and a pilot channel.

Several scoping meetings were held at the time of the original environmental assessment for this project and significant issues related to the project were identified. The changes in the project design have decreased the environmental impacts; therefore an

additional scoping meeting was not considered necessary.

Eugene Brickman,
Chief, Plan Formulation Branch.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Availability of A Novel Quantum-Well for Exclusive, Partially Exclusive or Non-Exclusive Licenses

AGENCY: U.S. Army Research Laboratory, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army announces the general availability of exclusive, partially exclusive or non-exclusive licenses relative to a novel quantum-well technology as described in the U.S. Patent #5,579,331; "Delta-strained quantum-well semiconductor lasers and optical amplifiers"; Shen, *et al.*; November 26, 1996. Licenses shall comply with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
 Michael D. Rausa, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Office of Research and Technology Applications, ATTN: AMSRL-CS-TT/Bldg 459, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland 21005-5425, Telephone: (410) 278-5028.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Gregory D. Showalter,
Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Intent to Grant an Exclusive or Partially Exclusive License to Optical Crossing, Inc.

AGENCY: U.S. Army Research Laboratory, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with 37 CFR 404 *et seq.*, the Department of the Army hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to Optical Crossings, Inc., a corporation having its principle place of business at 411 N. Central Ave. Suite 70, Glendale, CA 91203, an exclusive or partially exclusive license relative to a patented ARL technology (U.S. Patent # 5,579,331; "Delta-strained quantum-well semiconductor lasers and optical amplifiers"; Shen, *et al.*; November 26,