

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Seattle District, as lead Federal agency, will prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) evaluating the Grays Harbor Navigation Improvement Project. The purpose of this supplement is to address proposed changes to the Grays Harbor and Chehalis River Navigation Project developed since the Corps prepared the 1982 Grays Harbor, Chehalis and Hoquiam Rivers, Washington Channel Improvements for Navigation Interim Feasibility Report and Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and its 1989 supplement. The SEIS updates the original EIS and its supplement with more recent relevant environmental information, and updates the description of effects that may potentially occur from implementing the proposed action. The SEIS will evaluate the practicality and potential environmental impacts of three alternatives: two with varying channel depths and no action.

**ADDRESSES:** To be included on the mailing list for review of the SEIS, all requests should be submitted to Mr. Kevin McKeag, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District, 4735 East Marginal Way South, Seattle, Washington, 98134.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Kevin McKeag, Environmental and Cultural Resources Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at email: [kevin.j.mckeag@usace.army.mil](mailto:kevin.j.mckeag@usace.army.mil), by regular mail (see **ADDRESSES**), or telephone: 206-764-3576.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Preparation of an SEIS will inform the Corps' eventual decision on whether or not to implement the proposed action. As part of the NEPA process, the Corps will gather and analyze information to compare the potential environmental effects of possible project alternatives and a "no action" alternative in the SEIS. The SEIS will be prepared to assess the potential social, economic and environmental impacts of the project, and will be sufficient in scope to address Federal, State and local regulatory requirements and pertinent environmental and socio-economic issues. The Federal SEIS process begins with publication of this Notice of Intent. The SEIS will be prepared in accordance with the Corps' procedures for implementing NEPA (33 CFR Part 230) and consistent with the Corps' policy to facilitate public understanding and review of agency proposals.

1. *Proposed Action:* The proposed action is to deepen the Federal navigation deep-draft channel in Grays Harbor from its currently maintained depth of minus 36 feet mean lower low water (MLLW) down to its authorized depth of minus 38 feet MLLW, including placement of the dredged material at existing authorized dredged material placement sites (including appropriate upland placement as necessary for any sediments not meeting unconfined aquatic placement criteria). Congress initially authorized construction of the navigation channel in the Rivers and Harbors Appropriations Act of 1899. Dredging of the navigation channel to a depth of minus 38 feet MLLW was subsequently authorized in the form of the Navigation Improvement Project by Congress in Section 202 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 99-662) in November 1986.

2. *Alternatives:* The SEIS will evaluate the practicability and environmental impacts of three alternatives, including the no action alternative: (1) Deepen channel to minus 37 feet MLLW; (2) Deepen channel to minus 38 feet MLLW; and (3) no action (continue to maintain channel at existing depth of minus 36 feet MLLW). The draft SEIS will identify the agency preferred action alternative, which will be identified in consideration of overall environmental impacts and contributions to cumulative impacts. The potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the proposed action and action alternatives on the following resource issues will be analyzed in the SEIS: Vessel traffic and navigational safety; aquatic habitats; aquatic species, including Endangered Species Act-listed species and Washington State species of concern; Tribal treaty rights; wetland and riparian habitat; wildlife; vehicle traffic; cultural, historic, and archeological resources; air and water quality; noise; recreation; land use; and aesthetics.

3. *Public Involvement:* Initial public participation included a December 2012 public meeting held at the Port of Grays Harbor. Additional public involvement efforts will continue throughout the development of a Draft SEIS, and when complete, the Draft SEIS will be distributed (either mailed or emailed) to pertinent Federal, State and local agencies, Government officials, local libraries, Native American Tribes, and environmental interest organizations, and known interested citizens, for review and comment.

4. *Scoping.* Consistent with NEPA procedures, a public scoping meeting will not be held in the development of this Supplemental EIS. Comments

received during the December 2012 public meeting will be used to assist in development of the Draft SEIS.

5. *Other Environmental Review and Coordination Requirements:* The Corps has and will continue to coordinate with several agencies and entities throughout the NEPA process including: the Port of Grays Harbor, the Quinault Indian Nation, the Chehalis Tribe, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, Washington Department of Ecology, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Washington Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Marine Fisheries Service. The draft SEIS will address the extent to which the proposed project is in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, including NEPA, the Clean Water Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Coastal Zone Management Act, the Clean Air Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, and Treaty Rights.

6. *Availability of Draft SEIS.* The draft SEIS is estimated to be completed and available for public review in fall 2013.

Dated: September 3, 2013.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Notice of Public Meetings for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Overseas Environmental Impact Statement for Military Readiness Activities in the Mariana Islands Training and Testing Study Area

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and regulations implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 1500-1508), and Presidential Executive Order 12114, the Department of the Navy (DoN) has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS). The Draft EIS/OEIS evaluates the potential environmental effects associated with military readiness training and research, development, test, and evaluation activities (training and testing) conducted within the Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT) Study

Area. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), the U.S. Air Force, and the U.S. Coast Guard are cooperating agencies for this EIS/OEIS.

The MITT Study Area is composed of established ranges (at-sea ranges and land based training areas on Guam and the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands [CNMI]); operating areas; and special use airspace in the region of the Mariana Islands that are part of the Mariana Islands Range Complex (MIRC) and its surrounding seas; includes a transit corridor between the MIRC and the Hawaii Range Complex; and Navy pierside locations where sonar maintenance and testing activities occur.

With the filing of the Draft EIS/OEIS, the DoN is initiating a 60-day public comment period and has scheduled four public meetings to receive comments on the Draft EIS/OEIS. This notice announces the dates and locations of the public meetings and provides supplementary information about the environmental planning effort.

**DATES AND ADDRESSES:** The 60-day Draft EIS/OEIS public review period will begin September 13, 2013 and end November 12, 2013. The DoN will hold four public meetings to inform the public about the Proposed Action and alternatives under consideration, and to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the Proposed Action, alternatives, and the adequacy and accuracy of the analysis in the Draft EIS/OEIS. Each of the public meetings will include an open house information session and an opportunity to present oral comments. DoN representatives will be available during the public meetings to clarify information related to the Draft EIS/OEIS. Federal and local agencies and officials, and interested organizations and individuals are encouraged to provide comments in writing during the public review period or in person at one of the scheduled public meetings.

The public meetings will be held between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on the following dates:

1. October 7, 2013, at the University of Guam, Leon Guerrero School of Business and Public Administration Building, Anthony Leon Guerrero Multi-Purpose Room 129, Mangilao, Guam 96923.
2. October 8, 2013, at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950.
3. October 9, 2013, at the Tinian High School Cafeteria, San Jose Village, Tinian, MP 96952.
4. October 10, 2013, at the Sinapalo Elementary School Cafeteria, Sinapalo I, Songsong Village, Rota, MP 96951.

Attendees will be able to submit oral and written comments during the public meetings. Oral comments from the public will be recorded by a court reporter. In the interest of available time, and to ensure all who wish to provide an oral comment to the court reporter have the opportunity to do so, each speaker's comments will be limited to three (3) minutes, which may be extended if meeting attendance permits. Equal weight will be given to oral and written statements. Comments may also be submitted via the U.S. Postal Service to Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, Attention: MITT EIS/OEIS Project Manager, 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3134, or electronically via the project Web site ([www.MITT-EIS.com](http://www.MITT-EIS.com)). All comments, oral or written, submitted during the public review period will become part of the public record on the Draft EIS/OEIS and will be responded to in the Final EIS/OEIS. All public comments must be postmarked or received by November 12, 2013, Chamorro Standard Time (ChST) to ensure they become part of the official record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, Attention: MITT EIS/OEIS Project Manager, 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3134.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A Notice of Intent to prepare this Draft EIS/OEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on September 8, 2011 (Vol. 76, No. 174, pp. 55653-55654).

The DoN's Proposed Action is to conduct training and testing activities, which may include the use of active Sound Navigation and Ranging (sonar) and explosives, primarily in established operating and military warning areas of the MITT Study Area. The Proposed Action also includes pierside sonar maintenance and testing alongside Navy piers located in Inner Apra Harbor, and land-based training activities at existing ranges and other training locations on Guam and the CNMI.

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to achieve and maintain military readiness to meet the requirements of Title 10 of the U.S. Code, thereby ensuring that the DoN and other military services accomplish their mission to maintain, train, and equip combat-ready military forces capable of winning wars, deterring aggression, and maintaining freedom of the seas. This Draft EIS/OEIS will also support the renewal of federal regulatory permits and authorizations for current training and testing activities and to propose

future activities requiring environmental analysis.

The Draft EIS/OEIS evaluates the potential environmental impacts of three alternatives, including the No Action Alternative. The No Action Alternative continues baseline training and testing activities, and airspace and seaspace reconfigurations, as defined by existing environmental planning documents. Alternative 1 (Preferred Alternative) consists of the No Action Alternative, plus adjustments to the Study Area boundaries and to the types and levels of training and testing activities as necessary to support current and planned requirements. This alternative consists of activities conducted throughout the Study Area and mission requirements associated with force structure changes, including those resulting from the development, testing, and ultimate introduction of new vessels, aircraft, and weapons systems into the Fleet. Alternative 2 consists of all activities that would occur under Alternative 1, plus additional adjustments to the types and levels of training and testing activities. Alternative 2 is contingent upon potential budget increases, strategic necessity, and future training and testing requirements.

In this EIS/OEIS, the DoN analyzes potential impacts on environmental resources resulting from activities under the alternatives. Resources evaluated include sediments and water quality, air quality, marine habitats, marine mammals, sea turtles, marine birds, marine vegetation, marine invertebrates, fish, terrestrial species and habitats, cultural resources, socioeconomic resources, and public health and safety.

DoN is requesting from NMFS a Marine Mammal Protection Act incidental take authorization and governing regulations for the incidental take of marine mammals that may result from the implementation of the activities analyzed in the Draft EIS/OEIS. In accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, the DoN is consulting with NMFS and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the potential impacts of training and testing activities on federally listed species. In accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the DoN is consulting with NMFS on federally managed species and their essential fish habitat.

The Draft EIS/OEIS was distributed to Federal and local agencies, elected officials, and other interested organizations and individuals. Copies of the Draft EIS/OEIS are also available for public review at the following public libraries:

1. University of Guam Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Library, Government Documents Tan Siu Lin Building, University of Guam Station, Mangilao, GU 96923.

2. Tinian Public Library, P.O. Box 520704, Tinian, MP 96952.

3. Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, Insatto St., Beach Road, Susupe P.O. Box 501092, Saipan, MP 96950.

4. Nieves M. Flores Memorial Public Library, 254 Martyr St., Hagatna, GU 96910.

5. Rota Public Library, P.O. Box 537, Rota, MP 96951.

The Draft EIS/OEIS is also available for electronic viewing at [www.MITT-EIS.com](http://www.MITT-EIS.com). A compact disc of the Draft EIS/OEIS will be made available upon written request by contacting: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, Attention: MITT EIS/OEIS Project Manager, 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3134.

Dated: September 5, 2013.

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Commander, Office of the Judge Advocate General, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2972-022]

#### Woonsocket Falls Project, City of Woonsocket; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* Amendment of License.

b. *Project No.:* 2972-022.

c. *Date Filed:* June 21, 2012.

d. *Applicant:* City of Woonsocket.

e. *Name of Project:* Woonsocket Falls Project.

f. *Location:* On the Blackstone River, in Providence County, Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r.

h. *Applicants Contact:* Mr. Michael Debrousse, Engineering, City of Woonsocket, 169 Main Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895, (401) 762-6400.

Mr. Sean Coffey, Burns & Levinson LLP, One Citizens Plaza, Suite 1100, Providence, RI 02903, (401) 831-8173.

i. *FERC Contact:* Mr. Mark Pawlowski, (202) 502-6052, [mark.pawlowski@ferc.gov](mailto:mark.pawlowski@ferc.gov)

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests is 30 days from the issuance date of this notice by the Commission. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2972-022.*

k. *Description of Request:* The licensee requests to amend its license to remove the Woonsocket Falls Dam and impoundment as licensed project facilities because the dam and impoundment have been transferred to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to the requirements of section 2875 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 (PL 110-181). The licensee would continue to operate and maintain the hydroelectric facilities consisting of: (1) An intake structure constructed on the east bank of the river about 60 feet upstream from the dam; (2) two 8-foot diameter concrete penstocks; (3) a powerhouse located about 240 feet downstream from the dam; (4) a 1,200-foot-long, 13.8-kilovolt (kV) transmission line; and (5) appurtenant facilities.

l. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), for

TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:* Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). All motions to intervene, protests, or comments should relate to project works which are the subject of the application. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. If an intervener files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.