

attend. Contact Mr. Karpinski (757-728-5531) for meeting agenda and specific locations.

Any member of the public may file a written statement with the committee before, during, or after the meeting. To the extent that time permits, the committee chairman may allow public presentations or oral statements at the meeting.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Feasibility Study and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Bloomsburg Local Flood Protection Project in Columbia County, PA

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is initiating the Bloomsburg Local Flood Protection Feasibility Study in Columbia County, Pennsylvania. This study will include an evaluation of levee/floodwall alignment alternatives to provide adequate protection to the Town of Bloomsburg. The level of protection will be determined through an assessment of flood damages; degree of adverse impacts to the cultural, environmental, and socio-economic surroundings, and a benefit-cost ratio. A DEIS will be prepared that will document existing conditions, project actions, and project impacts. The Town of Bloomsburg is the non-Federal sponsor.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about the proposed action and DEIS can be addressed to Ms. Stacey Underwood, Study Team Leader, Baltimore District; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CENAB-PL-P, P.O. Box 1715; Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1715, telephone (410) 962-4977. E-mail address: stacey.m.underwood@usace.army.mil

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. The authorization for the Bloomsburg Reconnaissance Study was the U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure resolution, dated September 12, 1996.

2. The Bloomsburg Reconnaissance Study produced by the Corps in 1998 determined that there was both Federal and non-Federal interest in pursuing a feasibility study and implementation of a local flood protection project.

3. In June 1999, the Corps and the Town of Bloomsburg executed a feasibility cost-sharing agreement. The study area is the Town of Bloomsburg, located in central Columbia County, Pennsylvania, approximately 50 miles southwest of Wilkes-Barre. Bloomsburg is situated at the confluence of Fishing Creek and the Susquehanna River.

4. Environmental issues will focus on, but are not limited to, effects on air quality, wetlands, water quality; fish and wildlife resources (including threatened and endangered species); hazardous, toxic, and radioactive waste; aesthetic resources; and cultural resources (including archaeological sites and historic architecture). Benefits, costs, and impacts will be examined in detail to determine whether a flood protection structure is justified and the appropriate alignment for such a structure. The team will evaluate the environmental impacts (both adverse and beneficial) of the proposed actions.

5. The decision to implement these actions will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activities on the public interest, and will also be based on the national concern for protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit that reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal will be balanced against the project's reasonably foreseeable costs. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the Baltimore District are preparing a DEIS that will describe the impacts of the proposed project on environmental and cultural resources in the study area and the overall public interest. The DEIS will be in accordance with NEPA and will document all factors that may be relevant to the proposal, including the cumulative effects thereof. If applicable, the DEIS will also apply guidelines issued by the Environmental Protection Agency, under the authority of Section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act of 1977 (Public Law 95-217).

6. The public involvement program will include workshops, meetings, and other coordination with interested private individuals and organizations, as well as with concerned Federal, state and local agencies. Coordination letters and newsletters will be sent to appropriate agencies, organizations, and individuals on an extensive mailing list. Additional public information will be provided through print media, mailings, radio and television announcements.

7. Other participants that will be involved in the study and DEIS process in addition to the Corps, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, and the Town of Bloomsburg include the following: the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Geological Survey, Natural Resource Conservation Service, and U.S. National Park Service. The Baltimore District invites potentially affected Federal, state, and local agencies, and other organizations and entities to participate in this study.

8. The Bloomsburg Local Flood Protection Feasibility Study and DEIS are tentatively scheduled for public review in December 2001.

Robert W. Lindner,

Chief, Planning Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 23, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments 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, D.C. 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 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,

Information Management Group, 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.

Dated: November 17, 1999.

William E. Burrow,

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

Office of Special Education and
Rehabilitative Services.

Type of Review: New.

Title: Special Education Elementary
Longitudinal Study (SEELS).

Frequency: Biennially.

Affected Public: Individuals or
households; Not-for-profit institutions.
Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour
Burden:

Responses—31,095;

Burden Hours—17,049.

Abstract: SEELS will provide the first national picture of the experiences and outcomes of students in special education ages 6 through 12 at the outset of the study. The study will inform special education policy development and support Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) measurement and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) reauthorization. Data will be collected three times over a five-year period from the parents, teachers and principals of sample students.

Written comments of the 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 mail her at 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.

Office of Elementary and Secondary
Education.

Title: Core Alcohol and Other Drug
Survey.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Businesses or other
for-profit.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour
Burden:

Responses—216,750;

Burden Hours—144,500.

Abstract: The Core Alcohol and Other
Drug Survey is being conducted as a
national probability sample in order for
the Department to obtain national
statistics on alcohol and other drug use
and violence at public and private, two-
and four-year institutes of higher
education.

Requests for copies of this
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 Kathy Axt at 703-426-9692 or
by e-mail at *kathy_axt@ed.gov*.

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telecommunications device for the deaf
(TDD) may call the Federal Information
Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-
8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site- Specific Advisory Board, Hanford

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a
meeting of the Environmental
Management Site-Specific Advisory
Board (EM SSAB), Hanford Site. The
Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub.
L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that
public notice of these meetings be
announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, December 2, 1999:
8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday, December 3,
1999: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Doubletree Hotel, Lloyd
Center, 1000 N.E. Multnomah Street,
Portland, OR 97232, 503-281-6111.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gail
McClure, Public Involvement Program
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Richland Operations Office, P.O. Box
550 (A7-75), Richland, WA 99352; Ph:
(509) 373-5647; Fax: (509) 376-1563.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board

The purpose of the Board is to make
recommendations to DOE and its
regulators in the areas of environmental
restoration, waste management, and
related activities.

Tentative Agenda

- Tutorial on 100 Area Cleanup:
Promote understanding of the
direction of 100 Area cleanup,
including contrasts of land use focus,
and risk assessments, regulations, and
cleanup standards. Also, to promote
understanding of trustee and tribal
expectations on 100 Area cleanup,
and to identify Hanford Advisory
Board values on the cleanup.
- Consider advice on DOE budget
reprogramming for Hanford.
- Update on the progress of Tri-Party
Agreement negotiations, including
major elements of the new Core
Agreement.

Participation

The meeting is open to the public.
Written statements may be filed with
the Board either before or after the
meeting. Individuals who wish to make
oral statements pertaining to agenda
items should contact Gail McClure's
office at the address or telephone
number listed above. Requests must be
received 5 days prior to the meeting and
reasonable provision will be made to
include the presentation in the agenda.
The Deputy Designated Federal Officer
is empowered to conduct the meeting in
a fashion that will facilitate the orderly
conduct of business. Each individual
wishing to make public comment will
be provided equal time to present their
comments. This notice is being
published less than 15 days before the
date of the meeting due to programmatic
issues that had to be resolved prior to
publication.

Minutes

The minutes of this meeting will be
available for public review and copying
at the Freedom of Information Public
Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal
Building, 1000 Independence Avenue,
SW, Washington, DC 20585 between
9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday,
except Federal holidays. Minutes will
also be available by writing to Gail
McClure, Department of Energy
Richland Operations Office, P.O. Box
550, Richland, WA 99352, or by calling
her at (509) 373-5647.