

Comments: Comments on this request for extension of approval of information collection requirements should be submitted by February 18, 2003, to (1) the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for CPSC, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503; telephone: (202) 395-7340, and (2) the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207. Written comments may also be sent to the Office of the Secretary by facsimile at (301) 504-0127 or by e-mail at *cpsecos@cpsec.gov*.

Copies of this request for extension of the information collection requirements and supporting documentation are available from Linda Glatz, Management and Program Analyst, Office of Planning and Evaluation, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone: (301) 504-0416, ext. 2226.

Dated: January 13, 2003.

Todd A. Stevenson,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Armed Forces Epidemiological Board; Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of partially-closed meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 92-463, The Federal Advisory Committee Act, announcement is made of the following meeting:

Name of Committee: Armed Forces Epidemiological Board (AFEB).

Dates: February 18, 2003. February 19, 2003 (Partially-closed meeting).

Times: 7:30 a.m.—16:30 p.m. (February 18, 2003); 7:30 a.m.—17:30 p.m. (February 19, 2003).

Location: The Phillips Space Conference Center, Building 201, 1750 Kirtland Drive, Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87117.

Agenda: The purpose of the meeting is to address pending and new Board issues, provide briefings for Board members on topics related to ongoing and new Board issues, conduct subcommittee meetings, and conduct an executive working session.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colonel James R. Riddle, Executive

Secretary, Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, Skyline Six, 5109 Leesburg Pike, Room 682, Falls Church, Virginia 22041-3258, (703) 681-8012/3.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting will be partially-closed to the public. Open sessions of the meeting will be limited by space accommodations. The meeting will be open to the public in accordance with Section 522b(c) of Title 5, U.S.C., specifically subparagraph 91) thereof and Title 5, U.S.C., appendix 1, subsection 10(d). Any interested person may attend, appear before or file statements with the committee at the time and in the manner permitted by the committee.

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Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Mid-Chesapeake Bay Island, MD, Environmental Restoration Feasibility Study

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) in partnership with the State of Maryland Department of Transportation, Maryland Port Administration has initiated an environmental restoration feasibility study for the restoration of island habitat in the Mid-Chesapeake Bay region. The study focuses on restoring hundreds of acres of aquatic and wildlife island habitat in the Mid-Chesapeake Bay region through the beneficial use of dredged materials from the Port of Baltimore channel system. As part of this study and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared to document the plan formulation process and recommendations of this study.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions or information about the proposed action and draft EIS can be addressed to Ms. Michele (Mimi) Bistany, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CENAB-PL, 10 South Howard Street, P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore, MD

21203-1715, telephone 410-962-4934; e-mail address: *michele.a.bistany@usace.army.mil*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Mid-Chesapeake Bay study area is defined by the confluence of the Chester River south to the confluence of the Potomac River with the Chesapeake Bay, Maryland.

Land subsidence, rising sea level, and wave action have caused valuable island habitats to be lost through erosion throughout the Chesapeake Bay. Through the beneficial use of dredged material, a restored island can be constructed to replace hundreds of acres of wetland and upland habitat. Therefore, the goal for this feasibility study is to restore valuable aquatic and terrestrial resting, foraging, and nursery habitat that has been lost in the Chesapeake Bay for many migratory birds, fish, and wildlife species through the beneficial use of dredged material. This habitat will afford improved productivity to the surrounding area, while providing an environmentally sound method for the use of dredged material removed from Bay channels.

Corps feasibility studies are conducted using a six-stage planning approach that incorporates the NEPA process: (1) Identify problems, opportunities, goals, and objectives; (2) Inventory baseline conditions; (3) Formulate alternatives; (4) Evaluate effects of the alternatives; (5) Compare alternatives; and (6) Select a recommended plan or set of alternative plans that are environmentally, economically, and engineering sound.

The project delivery team is actively seeking public opinion, participation, and advice to be incorporated into the planning process and the selection of an island for restoration. At this time, the islands that are under consideration within the Mid-Chesapeake Bay region include Barren, Bloodsworth, James, Holland, Lower Eastern Neck, Parson's and Sharp's islands. The team is open to any additional islands for consideration in the Mid-Bay region. As part of the initial phase of the study, an objective screening criteria will be developed based on information obtained for the State of Maryland's Dredged Material Management Program, public and agency input, available data, and best professional judgment. Following the Corps and NEPA processes, once the island is selected for restoration, a detailed analysis of the current existing conditions will be undertaken; alternative restoration plans will be developed, analyzed and compared; the impacts of those plans