

initiated by the Military Departments and Defense Agencies to be conducted by industry, universities or in government laboratories. The agenda for this meeting will include programs on RF technology, microelectronics, electro-optics, and electronic materials.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of Pub. L. No. 92-463, as amended, (5 U.S.C. App. 2), it has been determined that this Advisory Group meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1), and that accordingly, this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: May 17, 2005.

**Jeannette Owings-Ballard,**

*OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,  
Department of Defense.*

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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 meeting.

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

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

*Dates:* June 21, 2005 (Open meeting). June 22, 2005 (Open meeting). *Times:* 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (June 21, 2005). 8 a.m.-4:15 p.m. (June 22, 2005).

*Location:* The Hope Hotel and Conference Center, Building 823, Area A, Air Force Research Laboratory, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio 45433-5000.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The entire sessions on June 21, 2005 and June 22, 2005 will be open to the public in accordance with Section 552b(b) of Title 5, U.S.C., specifically subparagraph (1) thereof and Title 5, U.S.C., appendix 1, subsection 10(d). Open sessions of the

meeting will be limited by space accommodations. Any interested person may attend, appear before or file statements with the Board at the time and in the manner permitted by the Board.

**Brenda S. Bowen,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Availability of Draft Integrated Feasibility Report & Environmental Impact Statement for the Flood Damage Reduction Project, Bloomsburg, PA

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Baltimore District has prepared a Draft Integrated Feasibility Report & Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the flood damage reduction project for the Town of Bloomsburg, in Columbia County, PA. The integrated report investigates the potential environmental effects of an array of alternative plans based on reducing flood damages in Bloomsburg. The preferred alternative includes 16,555 linear feet of levee/floodwall systems with fourteen drainage structures, and nine closure structures, six of which incorporate limited road raisings. We are making the integrated report and EIS available to the public for a 45-day review and comment period.

**DATES:** Comments need to be received on or before June 27, 2005, to ensure consideration in final plan development. A public meeting on the flood damage reduction measures presented in the integrated report and EIS will be held on Thursday, June 16, 2005 beginning at 7 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments concerning this proposed project to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, Attn: Mr. Jeff Trulick, CENAB-PL-P, P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore, MD 21203-1715. Submit electronic comments to [jeff.trulick@usace.army.mil](mailto:jeff.trulick@usace.army.mil). The public meeting will be held at the Bloomsburg Fire Department Banquet Hall at 911 South Market Street, in Bloomsburg, PA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Jeff Trulick, Study Manager, (410) 962-6715 or (800) 295-1610.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Town of Bloomsburg, PA is located in Columbia County within the Middle Susquehanna River sub-basin. The Susquehanna River forms the Town's southern boundary, and Fishing Creek forms the northern and western boundary.

The primary water resources problem along the Susquehanna River at Bloomsburg is recurrent flooding. Recurrent flooding that occurs in the Bloomsburg study area is a result of the morphology of the Susquehanna River and the regional topography. When the Susquehanna River and a local tributary, Fishing Creek, simultaneously rise above flood stage, overbank flooding can cover up to 33 percent of the landmass within the Town of Bloomsburg's boundaries.

Flood damages are attributable to overbank flooding from the Susquehanna River and to flooding along Fishing Creek. Past flood events have resulted in extensive damages to structures and their contents and have threatened public safety. The Bloomsburg study area includes approximately 525 residential structures and 75 businesses.

The recommended flood damage reduction plan is the National Economic Development (NED) Plan with a Tropical Storm Agnes (440-year) level of protection from Susquehanna river flooding, and 100-year level of protection from Fishing Creek flooding. The recommended plan consists of 16,555 linear feet of levee/floodwall systems with fourteen drainage structures, and nine closure structures, six of which incorporate limited road raisings. The alignment of the line of protection was refined based on physical, environmental, and economic criteria.

The project consists of a system of earthen levees, mechanically stabilized earth (MSE) floodwalls, concrete floodwalls, railroad and road closure structures and roadway relocations to provide ramps over the line of protection. Earthen levees are proposed for the majority of the line of protection, though MSE walls will be required along portions of Fishing Creek in both Bloomsburg and Fernville and a concrete floodwall (H-Pile wall) will be required along portions of Fishing Creek in Bloomsburg. Limited riprap will be used to protect the steep banks of Fishing Creek from bank crest to below the stream invert along the lower project reaches along Fishing Creek.

Permanent environmental impacts would include restricted views by the levee/floodwall system of Fishing Creek from Bloomsburg and Fernville, excavation and off-site disposal of approximately 4,500 cubic yards of hazardous, toxic and radioactive waste materials, conversion of approximately 11.5 acres of farmland designated as Prime Farmland or additional Farmland of Statewide Importance to non-agricultural use, long-term loss of nearly 3,000 linear feet of riparian habitat along Fishing Creek, the loss of less than one acre of wetlands, and taking of residential homes and business structures within the levee/floodwall footprint.

A public hearing on the Draft SEIS will be held at the Bloomsburg Fire Department Banquet Hall (*see DATES and ADDRESSES*). A map showing the location of the Bloomsburg Fire Department can be found at <http://wphc.us/Default.aspx?alias=wphc.us/bfd>. The meeting will provide an opportunity for the public to present oral and/or written comments. For submission of electronic comments, your comment must be contained in the body of your message; do not send attached files. Include your name and address in your message. All persons and organization that have an interest in the flood damage reduction measures as they affect Columbia County and the environment are urged to attend the meeting and provide comments.

USACE has distributed copies of the Draft report and EIS to appropriate members of Congress, State and local government officials, Federal agencies, and other interested parties. Copies are available for public review at the following locations:

- (1) Bloomsburg Public Library, 225 Market Street, Bloomsburg, PA 17815.
- (2) Columbia County Historical Library, 225 Market Street, Bloomsburg, PA 17815.
- (3) Columbia County Traveling Library, 15 Perry Avenue, Bloomsburg, PA 17815.

You may view the Draft report and EIS in addition to related information on our web page at [http://www.nab.usace.army.mil/publications/non-reg\\_pub.htm](http://www.nab.usace.army.mil/publications/non-reg_pub.htm).

After the public comment period ends on June 27, 2005, USACE will consider all comments received. The integrated report and EIS will be revised as appropriate and a Final Integrated Report and EIS will be issued.

The Draft Integrated Report and EIS has been prepared in accordance with (1) The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), (2) regulations of

the Council on Environmental quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), and (3) USACE regulations implementing NEPA (ER–200–2–2).

**Jeff Trulick,**

*Study Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement in Conjunction With Proposed Sediment Management and Restoration Measures on the Grand Calumet River and non-Federal Portions of the Indiana Harbor Canal in Lake County, IN

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The study involves sediment management and restoration measures on the Grand Calumet River and non-Federal portions of the Indiana Harbor Canal. Potential alternatives to be evaluated are type and extent of dredging, possibility of capping areas, disposal options and restoration measures.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is expected to be released for public review in June 2006. As part of the scoping process, written comments will be accepted for a 60-day period, starting from the date of this notice. Comments should be submitted to Mr. Keith Ryder (*see ADDRESSES*).

**DATES:** Public scoping meetings will be held on:

1. May 24, 2005, 2–4 p.m., East Chicago, IN.
2. May 24, 2005, 5:45–7:45 p.m., Gary, IN.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting locations are:

1. East Chicago, IN—East Chicago City Hall, 4525 Indianapolis Boulevard, East Chicago, IN 46312.
2. Gary, IN—Gary Public Library, Main Branch, 220 West Fifth Avenue, Gary, IN 46402.

Submit written comments to Mr. Keith Ryder, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Suite 600, 111 North Canal Street; Chicago, IL 60606–7206.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Keith Ryder, (312) 846–5587.

**Gary E. Johnston,**

*Colonel, U.S. Army, District Engineer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Coastal Engineering Research Board (CERB)

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), announcement is made of the following committee meeting:

*Name of Committee:* Coastal Engineering Research Board (CERB).

*Date of Meeting:* June 7–9, 2005.

*Place:* William A. Egan Civic and Convention Center, 555 West 5th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501.

*Times:*

8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. (June 7, 2005)

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (June 8, 2005)

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (June 9, 2005)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Inquiries and notice of intent to attend the meeting may be addressed to Colonel James R. Rowan, Executive Secretary, Commander, U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, Waterways Experiment Station, 3909 Halls Ferry Road, Vicksburg, MS 39180–6199.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Proposed Agenda:*

On Tuesday morning, June 7, the Board will meet in Executive Session. On Tuesday afternoon, June 7, there will be presentations entitled “Tsunami Warning Center Operations,” “Pacific Risk Management Ohana,” “Alaska Modeling and Data Issues,” “Alaska Ocean Observing System,” and “Island Ocean Observing System.” On Wednesday morning, June 8, there will be presentations entitled “Honolulu District Coastal Research and Development Needs,” “Climate Change Impacts on Alaska Coastline,” “Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessments,” and “Subsistence and Cultural Issues.” The afternoon session on June 8 will include presentations entitled “Denali Commission,” “North Slope Science Initiative,” and “Report of Newtok,” plus a panel discussion pertaining to Shishmaref, Alaska. On Thursday morning, June 9, there will be presentations entitled “Port of