

must register by close of business Monday, June 16, 2008, in order to attend. Please submit your name, time of arrival, e-mail address and phone number to Tessa Beavers, Administrative Support Assistant, NIST/NVLAP, and she will provide you with instructions for admittance. Non-U.S. citizens must also submit their country of citizenship, title, employer/ sponsor, and address. Ms. Beavers' e-mail address is [tessa.beavers@nist.gov](mailto:tessa.beavers@nist.gov) and her phone number is (301) 975-4017.

Dated: June 6, 2008.

**Richard F. Kayser,**  
Chief Scientist.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Federal Consistency Appeal by AES Sparrows Point LNG, LLC and Mid-Atlantic Express, LLC From an Objection by the Maryland Department of the Environment

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (Commerce).

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of time to issue a decision.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby provided that the deadline for issuing a decision has been extended 15 days, in the federal consistency appeal filed with the Department of Commerce by AES Sparrows Point LNG, LLC and Mid-Atlantic Express, LLC (collectively, AES).

**DATES:** The new deadline for issuing a decision on AES's federal consistency appeal is extended to June 30, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Materials from the appeal record are available at the Internet site <http://www.ogc.doc.gov/czma.htm> and at the Office of the General Counsel for Ocean Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Odin Smith, Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulation, Department of Commerce, via e-mail at [osmith@doc.gov](mailto:osmith@doc.gov), or at (202) 482-4144.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In August 2007, AES filed a notice of appeal with the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) pursuant to section 307(c)(3)(A) of the

Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1451 *et seq.*, and the Department of Commerce's implementing regulations, 15 CFR part 930, subpart H. The appeal was taken from an objection by the Maryland Department of the Environment (State) to AES's consistency certification for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission permits to construct and operate a liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal and associated 88-mile natural gas pipeline.

The decision record for this appeal was closed on April 14, 2008. Notice of closure was published in the **Federal Register**, 73 FR 20,028 (April 14, 2008). Under the CZMA, a final decision on the appeal must be issued no later than 60 days after notice announcing closure of the decision record is published. 16 U.S.C. 1465(c)(1). This deadline, however, may be extended by publishing (within the 60-day period) a subsequent notice explaining why a decision cannot be issued within that time frame. 16 U.S.C. 1465(c)(1). In this event, a final decision must be issued no later than 15 days after the date of publication of the subsequent notice. 16 U.S.C. 1465(c)(2).

This announcement provides notice that the deadline for issuing a decision on the appeal has been extended 15 days. The Secretary needs the additional time to complete a review of the record and reach a decision. A decision on AES's administrative appeal will be issued no later than June 30, 2008.

Dated: June 9, 2008.

**Joel La Bissonniere,**  
Assistant General Counsel for Ocean Services.  
(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog No. 11.419 Coastal Zone Management Program Assistance.)

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Intent To Prepare a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/ Subsequent Environmental Impact Report for the Sacramento River Deep Water Ship Channel, CA

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, San

Francisco District, (Corps) in coordination with the Port of Sacramento is preparing a draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement /Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIS/SEIR) to evaluate the action of resuming construction of navigational improvements to the Sacramento River Deep Water Ship Channel (SRDWSC). The SRDWSC runs from the Contra Costa county line to the Port of Sacramento. Construction was initiated in 1989, but work was suspended in 1990 after deepening a portion of the channel to the authorized depth of 35 feet. The proposed action involves deepening the existing Federal navigation channel from 30 feet to 35 feet (mean lower low water) and widening portions of the channel to improve navigational efficiency for movement of goods and safety. The SRDWSC project was originally authorized by the River and Harbors Act of 1946, Public Law 525, 79th Congress, 2nd Session, and reauthorized under Section 202(a) of the Water Resources and Development Act of 1986, Public Law 99-662, 100 Stat. 4092. This is a notice of intent to prepare an SEIS/SEIR, and to consider alternatives, evaluate potential impacts of the proposed action, and identify appropriate mitigation measures.

**DATES:** A public meeting will be held in West Sacramento on Monday, June, 30, 2008 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The public comment period begins on June 16, 2008. Written comments must be received by July 22, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the West Sacramento City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions and comments regarding the proposed action can be addressed to: Attn.: Bill Brostoff, ET-PA, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District, 1455 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94103-1398; telephone (415) 503-6867; or [SPNETPA@usace.army.mil](mailto:SPNETPA@usace.army.mil). Written comments can also be faxed to (415) 503-6692 or sent electronically to [SPNETPA@usace.army.mil](mailto:SPNETPA@usace.army.mil).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Background.* The SRDWSC is located in the Sacramento—San Joaquin Delta region of northern California. The 46.5-mile long ship channel lies within Contra Costa, Solano, Sacramento, and Yolo Counties and serves the marine terminal facilities at the Port of Sacramento. The SRDWSC joins the existing 35-foot deep channel at New York Slough, thereby affording the Port

of Sacramento access to San Francisco Bay Area harbors and the Pacific Ocean. This navigational improvement project was analyzed in the Feasibility Report and Final Environmental Impact Statement (1980), the General Design Memorandum and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (1986), and Environmental Assessments (1988, 1991, 1992). Navigational improvements to the SRDWSC were authorized in the Supplemental Appropriations of 1985, Public Law 99-88. Construction to deepen the existing channel to 35 feet was initiated in 1989, but work was suspended in 1990 at the request of the Port of Sacramento. Two of six construction contracts, from River Mile 43 to 35 (approximately eight miles near the Port of Sacramento), have been completed. The Corps was directed to prepare a reevaluation report in a Conference Report, H. Rept. 105-749, 105th Congress, 2nd Sess., 1998, by the Committee of Conference that resolved differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill that became the Energy and Water Appropriations Act of 1999.

2. *Proposed Action.* The proposed project would complete the deepening and widening of the navigation channel to its authorized depth of 35 feet. Deepening of the existing ship channel is anticipated to allow for movement of cargo via larger deeper draft vessels. Widening portions of the channel would increase navigational safety by increasing maneuverability.

3. *Project Alternatives.* Alternatives that are anticipated to be evaluated in this SEIS/SEIR include, but are not limited to, the following: (A) No action alternative. (B) Increased use of lighter aboard ship (LASH); lighters (barges) would be used to transport cargo from ports in shallow water to larger ocean going vessels birthed in deeper water. (C) Increased use of intermodal transportation; cargo would be loaded at other terminal facilities and transported by truck or railroad, and (D) project depths shallower than 35 feet.

4. *Environmental Considerations.* The SEIS/SEIR will update the 1980 EIS and the 1986 SEIS and will evaluate changes to project conditions. The SEIS/SEIR will determine if there are significant new issues, information, or environmental concerns bearing on the proposed project and alternatives. The SEIS/SEIR being prepared will reexamine water and air quality issues, fish and wildlife impacts, and effects to endangered or threatened species; potential impacts from dredging and placement of dredged material at upland disposal sites; and the potential impact of deepening on salinity intrusion in the

Delta. Additionally, the economic benefits of the proposed project and alternatives will be examined.

5. *Scoping Process.* The Corps is seeking participation and input of all interested federal, state, and local agencies, Native American groups, and other concerned private organizations or individuals on the scope of the draft SEIS/SEIR through this public notice. The purpose of the public scoping meeting is to solicit comments regarding the potential impacts, environmental issues, and alternatives associated with the proposed action to be considered in the draft SEIS/SEIR. The meeting place, date and time will be advertised in advance in local newspapers, and meeting announcement letters will be sent to interested parties. The draft SEIS/SEIR will be available for public review and comment in May 2009. The final SEIS/SEIR will be available for review in October 2009.

6. *Availability of SEIS/SEIR.* The public will have an additional opportunity to comment on project alternatives once the draft SEIS/SEIR is released. The Corps will announce availability of the draft SEIS/SEIR in the **Federal Register** and other media, and will provide a 45-day public review period for the public, organizations, and agencies to review and comment on the SEIS/SEIR. All submitted comments will be addressed in the final SEIS/SEIR.

**Craig W. Kiley,**

*Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army, Commanding.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Inland Waterways Users Board

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

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

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

*Name of Committee:* Inland Waterways Users Board (Board).

*Date:* July 31, 2008.

*Location:* Marcus Whitman Hotel and Conference Center, Six West Rose Drive, Walla Walla, WA 99362, (509-525-2200 or 866-826-9422).

*Time:* Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting is scheduled to adjourn at 1 p.m.

*Agenda:* The Board will hear briefings on the status of the funding for inland navigation projects and studies, an assessment of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund, and be provided updates of various inland waterways projects.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Mark R. Pointon, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, CECW-IP, 441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20314-1000; *Ph:* 202-761-4258.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the committee at the time and in the manner permitted by the committee.

**Brenda S. Bowen,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA-341]

### Application To Export Electric Energy; Photovoltaic Technologies, LLC

**AGENCY:** Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of Application.

**SUMMARY:** Photovoltaic Technologies, LLC (Photovoltaic) has applied for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

**DATES:** Comments, protests, or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before July 14, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests, or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Mail Code: OE-20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-586-5860).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-9624 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-2793.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated by the Department of Energy (DOE) pursuant to sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151(b), 7172(f)) and require authorization under section 202(e) of the FPA (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On June 9, 2008, DOE received an application from Photovoltaic for authority to transmit electric energy