

relevant Industry Trade Advisory Committees.

CITA found that there are several domestic manufacturers with the ability to weave the subject fabrics. There was a general concern expressed about the sourcing of the required rayon staple fibers. However, rayon fiber can be sourced worldwide and be used in qualifying U.S. formed fabric for preferential treatment under the CBTPA.

Based on the information provided, including review of the petition, public comments and advice received, and our knowledge of the industry, CITA has determined that certain woven fabrics, of the specifications detailed below, classified in the indicated subheadings of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), for use in apparel articles, can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. Sharretts, Paley, Carter & Blauvelt's request is denied.

**James C. Leonard III,**

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### **Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Construction and the Operation of a Battle Area Complex and a Combined Arms Collective Training Facility Within U.S. Army Training Lands in Alaska**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Army announces the availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the construction and operation of a co-located Battle Area Complex (BAX) and a Combined Arms Collective Training Facility (CACTF) within U.S. Army training lands in Alaska, and the execution of routine, joint military training at these locations. The purpose of the proposed project is to provide a year-round, fully automated, multi-purpose, and realistic training facility for U.S. Army, Alaska and other units. The DEIS analyzes the proposed action's impacts upon Alaska's natural and man-made environments. The Army prepared this DEIS in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

**DATES:** Written comments on the DEIS are invited during the 45-day public

comment period, which begins on the date the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency publishes notice of receipt of the DEIS in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be directed to: Mr. Kevin Gardner, Directorate of Public Works, 730 Quartermaster Road, Attention: APVR-RPW-EV (GARDNER), Fort Richardson, AK 99505-6500; facsimile: (907) 384-3047; e-mail: [kevin.gardner@richardson.army.mil](mailto:kevin.gardner@richardson.army.mil).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Major Dan Hunter, Public Affairs Officer, 600 Richardson Drive, #5600, ATTN: APVR-RPV-O (HUNTER), Fort Richardson, AK 99505-5600; telephone: (907) 384-3306; facsimile: (907) 384-2060; e-mail: [robert.hunter@richardson.army.mil](mailto:robert.hunter@richardson.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** U.S. Army, Alaska (USARAK) proposes to construct and to operate a state-of-the-art, fully automated and instrumented combat training facility. This involves the construction and operation of a co-located BAX (rural environment) and CACTF (urban environment). The BAX and CACTF require approximately 3,500 and 800 acres of land suitable for the construction and operation of these ranges, respectively. In addition, a surface danger zone is associated with both, brining the total required area to approximately 30,000 acres.

The purpose of the proposed action is to provide year-round, fully automated, comprehensive, and realistic training and range facilities, which, in combination, would support company (200 soldiers) through battalion (800 soldiers) combat team training events. The construction and operation of a co-located BAX and CACTF would support required higher levels of realistic combat training in both urban and rural environments. Automated facilities will be used to provide timely feedback that is critical to effective training.

The BAX and CACTF would fully train soldiers for war by maintaining unit readiness and availability in recognition of the threats facing our nation and the world today. The BAX would support company combat team live-fire operations on a fully automated rural maneuver range and would provide for joint combined arms team training with other Department of Defense organizations. The CACTF would support battalion combat team training and joint operations in an urban environment.

Tribes, Federal, state, and local agencies and the public were invited to participate in the scoping process for the preparation of this DEIS. The primary issues analyzed in the DEIS

include the result of public scoping. These issues are: Soil resources; wildlife and fisheries; cultural resources; surface water (particularly local flooding events); fire management; noise; and human health and safety. These issues have been analyzed based on the following proposed alternative courses of action: (1) No Action (maintain existing range infrastructure and do not construct a BAX and a CACTF); (2) Construction and operation of a BAX and a CACTF within Eddy Drop Zone; (3) Construction and operation of a BAX and a CACTF within Donnelly Drop Zone; and (4) Construction and operation of a BAX and a CACTF within North Texas Range. These three alternative sites are located in Donnelly Training Area, East, which is adjacent to Fort Greely, Alaska.

Copies of the DEIS are available for review at the following locations: Noel Wien Public Library, 1215 Cowles Street, Fairbanks, AK; Delta Junction Public Library, Deborah Street, Delta Junction, AK; Donnelly Training Area Natural Resources Office, Building T100, Room 201, Fort Greely, AK; and Fort Wainwright Environmental Resources Department, Building 3023, Fort Wainwright, AK. A copy of the DEIS may be obtained at the following Web site: <http://www.usarak.army.mil/conservation>, or by contacting Major Dan Hunter (listed above).

Comments on the DEIS, received during the 45-day public comment period, will be considered in preparing the Final Environmental Impact Statement. The Army will hold public meetings to solicit comments on the DEIS. Notification of the dates, times and locations for the meetings will be published in local newspapers.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### **Intent To Prepare a Joint Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/ Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the Port of Los Angeles Channel Deepening Project Additional Disposal Capacity; Los Angeles County, CA**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent/notice of preparation.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is currently constructing the Channel Deepening Project. Disposal sites developed for the Channel Deepening Project have proven to be inadequate to provide disposal capacity for all sediments that require removal as part of the Channel Deepening Project. In addition, as identified in the project Feasibility Study, various berths located throughout the Port of Los Angeles (POLA) require dredging in order to accommodate deeper draft vessels that the Channel Deepening Project will allow to navigate the Main Channel.

**DATES:** A formal scoping meeting to solicit public comment and concerns on the proposed action and alternatives will be held on November 30, 2004, at 6 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting location is in the Bannings Landing Community Center; 100 East Water Street; Wilmington, CA 90748. Telephone: (310) 522-2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information contact Mr. Larry Smith, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, CESPL-PD-RN, P.O. Box 532711, Los Angeles, CA 90053-2325; phone (213) 452-3846; or E-mail: [lawrence.j.smith@spl.usace.army.mil](mailto:lawrence.j.smith@spl.usace.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

1. *Authorization:* The study was authorized by the Water Resources Development Act of 2000.

2. *Background:* The Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIS/SEIR) supplements the Port of Los Angeles Channel Deepening Project SEIS/SEIR (SEPT 2000) that supplemented the Deep Draft Navigation Improvements, Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors, San Pedro Bay, California Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (SEPT 1992) and the Channel Deepening Project Port of Los Angeles Environmental Impact Report (JAN 1998).

3. *Proposed Action:* The Corps is currently constructing the Channel Deepening Project. Disposal sites developed for the Channel Deepening Project have proven to be inadequate to provide disposal capacity for all sediments that require removal as part of the Channel Deepening Project. In addition, as identified in the project Feasibility Study, various berths located throughout the POLA require dredging in order to accommodate deeper draft

vessels that the Channel Deepening Project will allow to navigate the Main Channel. The following plan has been identified to provide additional disposal capacity and to mitigate impacts: (1) Expand the Pier 300 expansion site by up to 40 acres; (2) mitigate for loss of eelgrass by building an eelgrass restoration site of approximately 20 acres in the Seaplane Lagoon or Seaplane Anchorage; (3) expand the Cabrillo Shallow Water Habitat by approximately 35 acres to mitigate for loss of shallow water habitat; (4) cap the Consolidated Slip; and (5) construct a 15-acre land area within the existing Cabrillo shallow water habitat at the San Pedro Breakwater for future use as a migratory bird nesting area.

4. *Alternatives:* Alternative disposal sites being considered are: (1) No action; (2) offshore disposal at LA-2 of suitable fine-grained materials that have no beneficial use; (3) disposal in the Pier 400 submerged material storage site reducing water depth from -15' MLLW to -12' MLLW; (4) disposal in the Pier 400 submerged material storage site creating up to 40 acres of new land; (5) fill two existing slips at Berths 243-245; (6) disposal in the West Channel from an existing depth of -30 to -35' MLLW to -15' MLLW or (7) fill the northwest slip located in the West Basin between Berths 129-136. A combination of sites may be selected based on dredge material volume, and potential impacts from the use of each disposal site. The proposed plan, viable project alternatives, and the "no action" plan will be carried forward for detailed analysis pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321, as amended) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970 (Public Resources Code, Sections 21000-21177).

5. *Scoping Process:* a. Potential impacts associated with the proposed action will be fully evaluated. Resource categories that will be analyzed are: Biology, air quality, water quality, cultural resources, land use, geology, recreational, aesthetics, ground and vessel transportation, noise, public health and safety, and utilities.

b. The Corps and the POLA are preparing a joint SEIS/SEIR to address potential impacts associated with the proposed project. The Corps is the Lead Federal Agency for compliance with NEPA for the project, and the POLA is the Lead State Agency for compliance with the CEQA for the non-Federal aspects of the project. The Draft SEIS/SEIR (DSEIS/SEIR) document will incorporate public concerns in the analysis of impacts associated with the Proposed Action and associated project

alternatives. The DSEIS/SEIR will be sent out for a 45-day public review period, during which time both written and verbal comments will be solicited on the adequacy of the document. The Final SEIS/SEIR (FSEIS/SEIR) will address the comments received on the DSEIS/SEIR during public review, and will be furnished to all who commented on the DSEIS/SEIR, and is made available to anyone that requests a copy during the 30-day public comment period. The final step involves, for the federal SEIS, preparing a Record of Decision (ROD) and, for the state SEIR, certifying the SEIR and adopting a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan. The ROD is a concise summary of the decisions made by the Corps from among the alternatives presented in the FSEIS/SEIR. The ROD can be published immediately after the FSEIS public comment period ends. A certified SEIR indicates that the environmental document adequately assesses the environmental impacts of the proposed project with respect to CEQA.

c. The public, as well as Federal, State, and local agencies are encouraged to participate in the scoping process by attending the scoping meeting and/or submitting data, information, and comments identifying relevant environmental and socioeconomic issues to be addressed in the environmental analysis. Useful information includes other environmental studies, published and unpublished data, historical photos of the area, alternatives that should be addressed in the analysis, and potential environmental enhancement and restoration opportunities that exist along the Main Channel and San Pedro Bay. Individuals and agencies may offer information or data relevant to the proposed study and provide comments by attending the public scoping meeting, or by mailing the information to Mr. Larry Smith before December 13, 2004. Requests to be placed on the mailing list for announcements and the DSEIS/SEIR should also be sent to Mr. Larry Smith.

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