uses biometrics technology to recognize the identity, or verify the claimed identity of an individual.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Individuals covered include, but is not limited to, military, civilian, and contractor personnel; military reserve personnel; Army and Air National Guard personnel, and other persons requiring or requesting access to DoD information and facilities.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Operator's/user's name, Social Security Number, organization, telephone number, and office symbol; security clearance; level of access; subject interest code; user identification code; data files retained by users; assigned password; magnetic tape reel identification; abstracts of computer programs and names and phone numbers of contributors; similar relevant information; biometrics templates, biometric images, supporting documents, and biographic information including, but not limited to, name, date of birth, place of birth, height, weight, eye color, hair color, race and gender.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

Public Law 106–246, Section 112; 10 U.S.C. 3013, Secretary of the Army; 10 U.S.C. 5013, Secretary of the Navy; 10 U.S.C. 8013, Secretary of the Air Force; Department of Defense Directive 8500.1, Information Assurance (IA); DoD Instruction 8500.2, Information Assurance Implementation; Army Regulation 25–2, Information Assurance; and E.O. 9397 (SSN).

PURPOSE(S):

To administer passwords and identification numbers for operators/ users of data in automated media; to identify data processing and communication customers authorized access to or disclosure from data residing in information processing and/ or communication activities; and to determine propriety of individual access into the physical data residing in automated media.

To control logical and physical access to DoD information and facilities and to identify or verify the identity of individuals by using a measurable physical or behavioral characteristic.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

The DoD 'Blanket Routine Uses' set forth at the beginning of the Army's compilation of systems of records notices also apply to this system.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE

Paper records in file folders and electronic storage media.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Name, Social Security Number, subject, application program key word/ author, and biometric template, and other biometric data.

SAFEGUARDS:

Computerized records maintained in a controlled area are accessible only to authorized personnel. Physical and electronic access is restricted to designated individuals having a need therefore in the performance of official duties.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Individual data remain on file while a user of computer facility; destroyed on person's reassignment or termination.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Chief Information Officer, Department of the Army, 107 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310–0107.

Director, Department of Defense Biometrics Management Office, 2530 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202– 3934.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system should address written inquiries to the Chief Information Officer, Department of the Army, 107 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310–0107.

For verification purposes, individual should provide full name, sufficient details to permit locating pertinent records, and signature.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking access to information about themselves contained in this system should address written inquiries to the Chief Information Officer, Department of the Army, 107 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310–0107.

For verification purposes, individual should provide full name, sufficient details to permit locating pertinent records, and signature.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The Army's rules for accessing records, and for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are contained in Army Regulation 340–21; 32 CFR part 505; or may be obtained from the system manager.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

From the individual, DoD security offices, system managers, computer facility managers, automated interfaces for user codes on file at Department of Defense sites.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD. **ACTION:** Notice to amend a system of records.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army is proposing to amend a system of records notice in its existing inventory of records systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

DATES: This proposed action will be effective without further notice on January 27, 2005, unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Department of the Army, Freedom of Information/Privacy Office Division, U.S. Army Records Management and Declassification Agency, ATTN: AHRC-PDD-FPZ, 7701 Telegraph Road, Casey Building, Suite 144, Alexandria, VA 22325–3905.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Janice Thornton at (703) 428–6597.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of the Army systems of records notices subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.

The specific changes to the records systems being amended are set forth below by the notices, as amended, published in their entirety. The proposed amendments are not within the purview of subsection (r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, which requires the submission of a new or altered system report.

Dated: December 20, 2004.

Jeannette Owings-Ballard,

OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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SYSTEM NAME:

Army Safety Management Information System (ASMIS) (May 15, 2002, 67 FR 34684).

CHANGES:

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SYSTEM LOCATION:

Add to first paragraph "and U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, 5158 Blackhawk Road, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010–5403."

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AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

Add to entry "DoD Instruction 6055.1, DoD Safety and Occupational Health Program".

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SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Add to entry "Commander, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, 5158 Blackhawk Road, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010–5403."

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SYSTEM NAME:

Army Safety Management Information System (ASMIS).

SYSTEM LOCATION:

U.S. Army Safety Center, 4905 5th Avenue, Fort Rucker, AL 36362–5363, and the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, 5158 Blackhawk Road, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010–5403.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: Chief, Safety and Occupational Health Office, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20314—1000, and all U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Safety and Occupational Health Offices. Official mailing addresses are published as an Appendix to the Army's compilation of systems of records notices.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Individuals (includes contractors, volunteer personnel, and members of the public) involved in accidents incident to Army and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers operations and recreational facilities.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Records include name of injured individual, Social Security Number, job title, date of injury, location of accident, activity at time of injury, type of injury, board findings, recommendations, witness statements, wreckage distribution diagrams, maintenance and material data, and other personal and accident related and environmental information.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

10 U.S.C. 3013, Secretary of the Army; 5 U.S.C. 7902, Safety Programs; Public Law 91–596, Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970; DoD Instruction 6055.1, DoD Safety and Occupational Health Program; Army Regulations 385–10, Army Safety Program; Army Regulation 385–40, Accident Reporting and Records; and E.O. 9397 (SSN).

PURPOSE(S):

Information will be used to monitor and facilitate the U.S. Army's and the USACE Safety and Occupational Health Offices' safety programs; to analyze accident experience and exposure information; and to support the Army's accident prevention efforts.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

To the Department of Labor, the Federal Aviation Agency, the National Transportation Safety Board, and to Federal, State, and local agencies, and applicable civilian organizations, such as the National Safety Council, for use in a combined effort of accident prevention.

In some cases, data must also be disclosed to an employee's representative under the provisions of 29 CFR 1960.29.

The DoD "Blanket Routine Uses" set forth at the beginning of the Army's compilation of systems of records notices also apply to this system.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE

Magnetic tapes, electronic storage media and printouts.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Information is retrieved by individual's name and Social Security Number.

SAFEGUARDS:

Paper records are maintained in locked file cabinets. Information is accessible only by authorized personnel with appropriate clearance/access in the performance of their duties. Remote terminal accessible only by authorized personnel.

At USACE and USACHPPM the computer stored records are secured behind security doors, accessible only by authorized personnel provided password access.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Accident and incident case records and aviation accident and incident case records maintain for 5 years then destroy, except for: U.S. Army Safety Center and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers maintain for 30 years in current file area then destroy; Office of Corps of Engineers records created prior to 1 January 1982 maintain for 30 years then destroy. Environmental restoration reports are maintained for 50 years then destroyed (5 years in current file area then transferred to records holding area). Reports of artillery mis-firings or accidents and harmful chemical, biological and radiological exposures accumulated in combat or combat support elements are permanent.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Commander, U.S. Army Safety Center, 4905 5th Avenue, Fort Rucker, AL 36362–5363.

Commander, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, 5158 Blackhawk Road, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010– 5403

Chief, Safety and Occupational Health Office, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20314–1000.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system should address written inquiries to the appropriate system manager.

Individual must furnish his/her full name, Social Security Number, current address and telephone number, when and where the accident occurred, type of equipment involved in the accident, and signature.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking access to information about themselves contained in this system should address written inquiries to the appropriate system manager.

Individual must furnish his/her full name, Social Security Number, current

address and telephone number, when and where the accident occurred, type of equipment involved in the accident, and signature.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The Army's rules for accessing records, and for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are contained in Army Regulation 340–21; 32 CFR part 505; or may be obtained from the system manager.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Records and reports of accident, injury, fire, morbidity, law enforcement, traffic accident investigations, vehicle accident reports, and marine accident/casualty reports, individual sick clips, and military aviation records/reports.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Hackensack Meadowlands Ecosystem Restoration Project, Hackensack Meadowlands District, Bergen and Hudson Counties, NJ: Feasibility Phase

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

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the New York District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with Council on Environmental Quality regulations as defined and amended in 40 CFR parts 1500–1508 (promulgated pursuant to NEPA); Corps' principles and guidelines as defined in Engineering Regulations (ER) 1105-2-100, Planning Guidance Notebook, and ER 200-2-2, Procedures for Implementing NEPA; and other applicable Federal and State environmental laws for the proposed ecosystem restoration project in the Hackensack Meadowlands District, Bergen and Hudson Counties, New Jersev.

The study area, known as the Hackensack Meadowlands District, is located approximately five miles west of New York City in northern New Jersey, and comprises 30.4 square miles in

portions of 14 municipalities in two counties; Carlstadt, East Rutherford, Little Ferry, Lyndhurst, Moonachie, North Arlington, Ridgefield, Rutherford, South Hackensack, and Teterboro in Bergen County and Jersey City, Kearny, North Bergen, and Secaucus in Hudson County. The District is bisected by the Hackensack River and the western spur of the NJ Turnpike (US Interstate 95) and approximately bordered to the north by State Route 46; to the east by US routes 1 and 9 (Tonnelle Avenue) and the freight railroad owned by Norfolk Southern and CSX Corporation (the former Conrail main line); to the south by the Port Authority Trans Hudson (PATH) railroad and the Pulaski Skyway; and to the west by the Pascack Valley and (former) Kingsland railroads and State Route 17.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY, 10278– 0090.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Bill Shadel, Project Biologist and NEPA Coordinator, Planning Division, Environmental Analysis Branch; (212) 264–0570; or William.P.Shadel@usace.armv.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 1. The Hackensack Meadowlands Ecosystem Restoration Study is being carried out under the Corps' General Investigations Program. The study was authorized under the authorization of the Hudson-Raritan Estuary Feasibility Study in a resolution of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, dated April 15, 1999, which reads:

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, That, the Secretary of the Army is requested to review the reports of the Chief of Engineers on the New York and New Jersey Channels, published as House Document 133, 74th Congress, 1st Session; the New York and New Jersey Harbor Entrance Channels and Anchorage Areas, published as Senate Document 45, 84th Congress, 1st Session; and the New York Harbor, NY Anchorage Channel, published as House Document 18, 71st Congress, 2nd Session, as well as other related reports with a view to determining the feasibility of environmental restoration and protection relating to water resources and sediment quality within the New York and New Jersey Port District, including but not limited to creation, enhancement, and restoration of aquatic, wetland, and adjacent upland habitats.

Section 324 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1992, as amended by Section 550 of the WRDA of 1996, authorized the Secretary of the Army to provide design and construction assistance to the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission of the State of New Jersey for the development of an environmental Improvement Program within the Hackensack Meadowlands District.

2. To advance the restoration of specific sites during the preparation of the EIS, separate Environmental Assessments will be completed for Anderson Creek in Secaucus and other sites throughout the Hackensack Meadowlands District.

3. Federal agencies interested in participating as a Cooperating Agency are requested to submit a letter of intent to Colonel Richard J. Polo, Jr., District Engineer (see ADDRESSES).

4. It is estimated that a draft EIS will be completed by April 2007, subject to availability of funds.

Leonard Houston,

Chief, Environmental Analysis Branch, Planning Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Lower Passaic River Ecosystem Restoration Project, Essex, Hudson, Passaic, and Bergen Counties, NJ: Feasibility Phase

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

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the New York District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with Council on Environmental Quality regulations as defined and amended in 40 CFR parts 1500-1508 (promulgated pursuant to NEPA); Corps' principles and guidelines as defined in Engineering Regulations (ER) 1105-2-100, Planning Guidance Notebook, and ER 200-2-2, Procedures for Implementing NEPA; and other applicable Federal and State environmental laws for the proposed ecosystem restoration project in the Lower Passaic River Basin located in the counties of Essex, Hudson, Passaic, and Bergen in New Jersey.

The study area is identified as the Lower Passaic River and its basin, which comprises the tidally influenced portion of the river from the Dundee