

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Proposed Action.* The proposed action would replace or modify and incorporate certain non-Federal levees on the west bank of the Mississippi River in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana into the existing New Orleans to Venice hurricane protection project. The proposed project study area includes the west bank of the Mississippi River, starting near the community of Oakville to the north and ending at St. Jude to the south. The New Orleans to Venice hurricane protection project was authorized by Public Law 87-874, as amended. Under this authority, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers constructed a hurricane protection levee system extending along a portion of the west bank of the Mississippi River. This SEIS is being prepared as a third supplemental to the July 1974 final EIS, "New Orleans to Venice, Louisiana, Hurricane Protection Project", filed with the Council on Environmental Quality on January 6, 1975.

The existing federally authorized hurricane protection system does not provide continuous protection from Belle Chasse to Venice. Specifically, approximately 34 miles of existing non-Federal levees in Plaquemines Parish do not provide hurricane and storm damage reduction protection to the authorized level of the New Orleans to Venice hurricane protection project. This condition exposes residents and businesses in several west bank communities and the hurricane evacuation route, Louisiana Highway 23, to a higher potential for flooding in the event of a storm or hurricane. Engineering, economic, and environmental analysis would be used to determine the most cost effective plan, which would provide for the greatest overall public benefit.

2. *Alternatives.* Several levee alignments are being investigated to protect these communities, businesses, the hurricane evacuation route, and to avoid wetland impacts. In addition, non-structural alternatives such as relocations or raising homes and businesses are also being developed and evaluated. Incremental analysis of costs and benefits for different reaches of the levee alignments would also be

conducted. Various protection levels for the levee alignments would also be investigated.

3. *Scoping.* Scoping is the process for determining the scope of alternatives and significant issues to be addressed in the SEIS. A notice requesting scoping comments will be sent to affected Federal, State, and local agencies, affected Indian tribes, and all interested parties requesting their input on alternatives and issues to be evaluated in the SEIS. The notice will also notify interested parties of public scoping meetings that will be held in the local area. Notices will also be sent to local news media. All interested parties are invited to comment at this time, and anyone interested in this study should request to be included in the study mailing list.

Two public scoping meetings will be held in March 2007. The meetings will be held in the vicinity of Belle Chasse and West Pointe a la Hache. Additional meetings could be held, depending upon interest and if it is determined that further public coordination is warranted.

4. *Significant Issues.* The tentative list of resources and issues to be evaluated in the SEIS includes tidal wetlands (marshes and swamps), aquatic resources, commercial and recreational fisheries, wildlife resources, essential fish habitat, water quality, air quality, threatened and endangered species, recreation resources, and cultural resources. Socioeconomic items to be evaluated in the SEIS include hurricane and flood protection, business and industrial activity, employment, land use, property values, public/community facilities and services, tax revenues, population, community and regional growth, transportation, housing, community cohesion, and noise.

5. *Environmental Consultation and Review.* The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) will be assisting in the documentation of existing conditions and assessment of effects of project alternatives through Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act consultation procedures. The USFWS will provide a Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act report. Consultation will be accomplished with the USFWS and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) concerning threatened and endangered species and their critical habitat. The NMFS will be consulted on the effects of this proposed action on essential fish habitat. The draft SEIS or a notice of its availability will be distributed to all interested agencies, organizations, and individuals.

6. *Estimated Date of Availability.* The earliest that the draft SEIS is expected to be available is in spring 2008.

Dated: February 16, 2007.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Office of International Regimes and Agreements; Proposed Subsequent Arrangement**

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of proposed subsequent arrangement.

SUMMARY: This notice is being issued under the authority of section 131 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2160). The Department is providing notice of a proposed "subsequent arrangement" under the Agreement for Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy between the United States and the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) and the Agreement for Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy between the United States and Canada.

This subsequent arrangement concerns the retransfer of 846,126 kg of Natural UO₃ (82.7% U), containing 700,000 kg of Uranium. This material will be retransferred from Cameco Corporation, Canada, to Springfields Fuels Ltd., United Kingdom for ultimate use as nuclear power reactor fuel by Electric Power Development Company Ltd., Japan. Springfields Fuels Ltd. is authorized to receive nuclear material pursuant to the U.S.-Euratom Agreement for Cooperation.

In accordance with section 131 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, we have determined that this subsequent arrangement will not be inimical to the common defense and security.

This subsequent arrangement will take effect no sooner than fifteen days after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: February 20, 2007.

For the Department of Energy.

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