

evaluated. The letter will also notify interested parties of the public scoping meeting that will be held in the local area. A notice will be sent to the local news media. All interested parties are invited to comment at this time, and anyone interested in the study should request to be included on the mailing list.

A public scoping meeting will be held June 16, 2008, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum Auditorium, 3015 Greenwood Road, Shreveport, LA.

Significant Issues. The tentative list of resources and issues to be evaluated in the EIS includes aquatic resources, recreational and commercial fisheries, wildlife resources, water quality, air quality, threatened or endangered species, recreation resources, and cultural resources. Tentative socio economic items to be evaluated in the EIS include business and industrial activity, tax revenues, population, community and regional growth, transportation, housing, community cohesion, and navigation.

Environmental Consultation and Review. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) will be asked to assist in the documentation of existing conditions, impact analysis of alternatives, and overall study review through the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act consultation procedures. The FWS would provide a Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act report to be incorporated into the EIS. The draft EIS or a notice of availability will be distributed to all interested agencies, organizations, and individuals.

Estimated Date of Availability. The earliest that the draft EIS is expected to be available is March 31, 2010.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Economic and Environmental Principles and Guidelines for Water and Related Land Resources Implementation Studies; Initiation of Revision and Request for Suggested Changes

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

ACTION: Request for suggestions and notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Section 2031 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-114) directs the Secretary of the Army to revise the "Economic and Environmental Principles and Guidelines for Water and Related Land Resources Implementation Studies", dated March 10, 1983 consistent with a number of considerations enumerated in the statute. Upon completion the revision will apply to water resources projects, project reevaluations, or project modifications and project feasibility studies carried out by the Secretary except those commenced prior to the completion of the revised guidance. The Secretary intends to craft the revision in two phases, with the first phase of this revision to address revisions to the 1983 Principles and Standards (Chapter I of the existing Guidelines) and the second phase to address revisions to the Procedures (Chapters II through IV of the 1983 Guidelines). The purpose of this notice is to provide opportunity for interested individuals and organizations to submit suggestions for revising the Principles and Standards. Using that input the Secretary intends for the initial draft of the revision to be prepared in June and released for public comments by July.

DATES: A public meeting to hear recommendations will be held on June 5, 2008. Written suggestions are being accepted now and will be accepted through the end of the public meeting, 5 p.m., June 5, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Suggestions should be submitted in writing to HQUSACE, Attn: P&G Revision, CECW-ZA, 441 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20314-1000, by E-mail to: larry.j.prather@usace.army.mil or FAX: 202-761-5649.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry J. Prather, Assistant Director of Civil Works, at 202-761-0106.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 2031 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-114) directs the Secretary of the Army to revise the "Economic and Environmental Principles and Guidelines for Water and Related Land Resources Implementation Studies", dated March 10, 1983 and when completed to apply the revision to planning studies of water resources projects within his jurisdiction. The Secretary is initiating the first phase of this revision to include the 1983 Principles and Standards (Chapter I of the Guidelines). Revision of Chapters II through IV of the Guidelines will be

initiated at a later date. The Secretary requests interested individuals and organizations to submit suggestions for revision of the 1983 Principles and Standards. In view of subparagraph (b)(5)(A)(ii) of Section 2031 of the Public Law 110-114, the Secretary requests that each suggested revision be accompanied by a statement of the intent of the revision. Written suggestions (by mail, fax, or e-mail) are preferred and should be submitted to (see **ADDRESSES**).

In addition, the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) and staff of the United States Army Corps of Engineers will hold a public meeting to hear suggestions for proposed revisions on June 5, 2008 in the Atrium Ballroom; Washington Court Hotel; 525 New Jersey Avenue, NW; Washington, DC from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Those wishing to make oral suggestions and ask questions are encouraged to attend this meeting but written suggestions will be appreciated even if an interested party wishes to provide suggestions orally. To facilitate oral suggestions for revision, the time available for making oral suggestions will be divided among those wishing to speak by a random drawing. To accommodate those who may be able to participate for only part of the day, one drawing will be held at the start of the meeting for the morning time blocks and another at about 1 p.m. for the afternoon time slots.

Interested individuals and organizations may request copies of the following documents by mail or e-mail or access them at the Internet addresses indicated: "Economic and Environmental Principles and Guidelines for Water and Related Land Resources Implementation Studies, dated March 10, 1983 (http://www.usace.army.mil/cw/cecw-cp/library/Principles_Guidelines.pdf), Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-114) (http://www.usace.army.mil/cw/cecw-cp/links/wrda2007_hr1495.pdf).

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Closed Meetings of the Naval Research Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.