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David A. Stawick,

Secretary of the Commission.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Availability of Non-Exclusive, Exclusive License or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Concerning "Continuous Disreefing Apparatus for Parachute"

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 37 CFR Part 404.6, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of US Patent No. US 7,416,158 entitled "Continuous Disreefing Apparatus for Parachute" issued August 26, 2008. This patent has been assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Army.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Jeffrey DiTullio at U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center, Kansas Street, Natick, MA 01760, Phone: (508) 233-4184 or e-mail: [Jeffrey.Ditullio@us.army.mil](mailto:Jeffrey.Ditullio@us.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Any licenses granted shall comply with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR Part 404.

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Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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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; Availability of Proposed Principles and Request for Comments

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

**ACTION:** Announcement of availability of proposed Principles and request for comments.

**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 (P&G), which the Water Resources Council issued on March 10, 1983. The Army Corps of Engineers ("Corps") proposes to craft the revision in phases. The first phase would address the basic principles of water resources planning ("Principles") and the next phase or phases would provide more detailed implementing guidance.

This notice includes a copy of the proposed Principles (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**), which would replace the first two pages of the P&G. The proposed Principles may also be found at: [http://www.usace.army.mil/cw/hot\\_topics/ht\\_2008/pandg\\_rev.htm](http://www.usace.army.mil/cw/hot_topics/ht_2008/pandg_rev.htm).

**DATES:** Written comments are invited and will be accepted through October 15, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments 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](mailto:larry.j.prather@usace.army.mil) or FAX: 202-761-5649.

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**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 to apply the revisions to all water resources projects carried out by the Secretary, other than projects for which the Secretary has already commenced a feasibility study.

The Corps requested interested individuals and organizations to submit suggestions for revision of the P&G in a notice published in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 26086) on Thursday, May 8, 2008. As announced in that notice, the Corps also held a public meeting to hear oral suggestions for proposed revisions on June 5, 2008. Several major issues were discussed in the oral or written comments, including watershed planning, collaborative planning, the reliance on benefit cost ratios, giving more standing to environmental values, and non-structural flood damage reduction projects.

The Corps is now asking interested individuals and organizations to submit comments on the proposed Principles. Comments on any aspect of the proposal are welcome.

The issues on which the public may want to comment include: actions covered by the Principles (section 1), the language used to describe the national planning objective (section 2), the role of public safety in project formulation (sections 2, 7, and 9), the role of watershed analysis (section 4), the response to uncertainty (sections 5, 6, and 9), ensuring consideration of all reasonable alternatives (sections 6 and 7), the definition of and preference for non-structural plans (sections 7 and 9), and the plan selection criteria (section 9). Comments are also specifically invited on the appropriate discount rate to use in formulating proposed water resources projects.