

any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

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**Note:** The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: September 30, 2013.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement: Department of the Army Permit Application Pursuant to the Clean Water Act and Rivers and Harbors Act and Permissions Under the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana for the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion, Plaquemines Parish, LA

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to inform a decision relative to the request for a Department of the Army (DA) permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, and permissions under 33 U.S.C. Section 408, to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) for their proposed action on the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion (MBSD). The EIS will be used to ensure compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and as a basis for both the permit decision and the Section 408 permissions.

The DA permit and the 408 permissions are two separate processes with different authorities analyzed by different mission areas (including Regulatory and Civil Works) inside the USACE. Under Section 404 of the CWA and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, the District Engineer permits the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States as well as work, to include the installation and maintenance of structures, in navigable waters of the U.S., if the discharge meets the requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency's 404(b)(1) guidelines, and the proposal is determined to not be contrary to the overall public interest. Under 33 U.S.C. 408, the Chief of Engineers grants permission to alter, modify, or impair an existing USACE project if it is not injurious to the public interest and does not impair the usefulness of such work. The project involves structural crossings of the Federal Mississippi River and Tributaries (MR&T) Levee and the future New Orleans to Venice (NOV) Hurricane Protection Levee and could impact the Mississippi River Navigation Channel, Davis Pond Freshwater Diversion as well as other Federal projects. USACE Regulatory and Civil Works will coordinate on all aspects of the production of the EIS.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and suggestions should be addressed to Mr. Nathan Dayan at USACE, CEMVN-PDN-CEP, P.O. Box 60267, New Orleans, LA 70118-0267, by phone (504) 862-2530, or by email at [CEMVN-Midbarataria@usace.army.mil](mailto:CEMVN-Midbarataria@usace.army.mil). Request to be placed on the mailing list should be mailed to this address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions on the DA permit should be directed to: Mr. Robert Tewis by phone (504) 862-2041 or at the email above. Questions on the 408 permissions should be directed to: Mr. Nathan Dayan (see **ADDRESSES**) or at the email above.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. **Authority:** Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 408); Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403); Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344); and, Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332).

2. **Proposed Action.** The USACE will prepare an EIS to analyze the impacts of diverting sediment-laden Mississippi River water into the Mid-Barataria Basin by CPRA. This permit request is proposed to re-establish a connection between the Mississippi River and the Basin to build, sustain, and maintain

land. CPRA is proposing to construct the diversion intake through the levee on the west side of the Mississippi River at approximately river mile 60.7, in Plaquemines Parish, LA, and the diversion outfall through the future NOV Hurricane Protection Levee into the Mid-Barataria Basin to allow sediment laden water from the Mississippi River to flow into the Barataria Basin.

3. **Alternatives.** The EIS will address an array of alternatives to re-establish a connection between the Mississippi River and the Basin. Some alternatives will be brought forward from existing studies and projects including the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) Program, Louisiana Coastal Area (LCA) Ecosystem Restoration Study, LCA Medium Diversion at Myrtle Grove (MDMG) with Dedicated Dredging Feasibility Study, the State/Non-governmental Organization (NGO) Myrtle Grove Delta Building Diversion Modeling Effort in Support of LCA Medium Diversion at Myrtle Grove with Dedicated Dredging, the 2012 Louisiana Coastal Master Plan, and alternatives developed through the NEPA scoping process.

4. **Scoping.** Scoping is the process utilized for determining the range of alternatives and significant issues to be addressed in the EIS. The USACE invites full public participation to promote open communication on the issues surrounding the proposed action. All individuals, organizations, NGOs, and local, state, and Federal agencies that have an interest are urged to participate in the NEPA scoping process. Public scoping meeting(s) will be held to present information to the public and to receive comments from the public. Public scoping meetings for both processes will be conducted jointly. The dates, times and locations of the scoping meetings will be determined in conjunction with CPRA at a later date and announced through local media channels as well as Regulatory public notice Web site—<http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/PublicNotices.aspx>.

5. **Significant issues.** The EIS will analyze the potential social, economic, and natural environmental impacts resulting from the proposed project. Important resources and issues that will be evaluated in the EIS could include but would not be limited to effects on tidal wetlands and other waters of the U.S.; aquatic resources; commercial and recreational fisheries; wildlife resources; essential fish habitat; water quality; cultural resources; geology and soils including agricultural and prime/unique

farmland; hydrology and hydraulic; air quality; threatened and endangered species and critical habitat. Socioeconomic issues include navigation; induced flooding; land use; property values, tax revenues; population and housing, community and regional growth; environmental justice (effect on minorities and low income populations), community cohesion; public services, recreation, transportation and traffic, utilities and community service systems and cumulative effects of related projects in the study area.

6. *Environmental Consultation and Review.* The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) will assist in documenting existing conditions and assessing effects of project alternatives through the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act consultation procedures. Consultation will be accomplished with the USFWS and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) concerning threatened and endangered species and their critical habitat per the Endangered Species Act. The NMFS will be consulted regarding the effects of this proposed action on Essential Fish Habitat per the Magnuson-Stevens Act. The USACE will consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer per the National Historic Preservation Act.

7. *Availability.* The draft EIS is estimated to be available for public review and comment no sooner than the spring of 2015. At that time a 45-day public review period will be provided for individuals and agencies to review and comment on the DEIS. All interested parties are encouraged to respond to this notice and provide a current address if they wish to be notified of the DEIS circulation.

Dated: September 26, 2013.

**Richard L. Hansen,**

*Colonel, U.S. Army District Commander.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is requesting peer reviewed information that would be useful in the preparation of the North

Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study (Hurricane Sandy). The USACE is preparing a report that will be submitted to Congress in 2015. The goals of the North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study authorized under the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, Public Law 113-2 are to (1) provide risk reduction strategies to reduce risk to which vulnerable coastal populations are subject, and (2) promote coastal resilient communities to ensure a sustainable and robust coastal landscape system, considering future sea level rise and climate change scenarios, to reduce risk to vulnerable population, property, infrastructure and ecosystems.

**DATES:** The USACE will accept data and literature in response to this request until December 31, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Methods for submission include: *Email:* Send information by electronic mail to: *NACCS@usace.army.mil*. Please include your name and contact information in the body of your email. *Fax:* Fax information to: (410-962-4698), ATTN: Mr. David Robbins. *Mail:* Send information by mail to: Mr. David Robbins, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 10 South Howard Street Baltimore Maryland 21201, ATTN: North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study.

Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. Information on a CD ROM should be formatted as a MS Word, Rich Text, or Adobe Acrobat PDF file.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, please contact: Mr. David Robbins, Project Manager, at *David.W.Robbins@usace.army.mil*, or by telephone at (410) 962-0685.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Congressional response to the devastation in the wake of Hurricane Sandy included a mandate to address as a regional system the vulnerability of populations at risk in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) North Atlantic Division. The draft analyses of the Comprehensive Study will be coordinated amongst interagency stakeholders in early 2014 and a report will be submitted to Congress in 2015.

The USACE would appreciate receiving information from the public to facilitate the preparation of the Study. The USACE prefers information which has been peer reviewed. Interested persons may provide scientific analyses, studies, and other pertinent scientific information, preferably information which has undergone scientific peer review. The USACE will consider all submissions but will give preference to all peer reviewed data and literature

sources. Please understand that not all data and sources provided may be reflected in the draft analyses socialized in early 2014, but the resources will be incorporated into the final report.

**Brenda S. Bowen,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Environmental Impacts Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7146 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

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#### Notice

Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA's comment letters on EISs are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html>.

*EIS No. 20130287, Final EIS, USFS, ID, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, Revised Land Management Plan, Review Period Ends: 11/26/2013, Contact: Mary Farnsworth 208-765-7223.*

The above document was inadvertently omitted from EPA's **Federal Register** Notice Published 09/27/2013. The review/wait period will start 09/27/2013 and end 11/26/2013.

*EIS No. 20130288, Final EIS, USACE, TX, Luce Bayou Interbasin Transfer Project, Review Period Ends: 11/04/2013, Contact: Jayson Hudson 409-766-3108.*

*EIS No. 20130289, Draft EIS, USACE, CA, Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration Integrated Feasibility Report, Comment Period Ends: 11/18/2013, Contact: Erin Jones 213-300-9723.*

*EIS No. 20130290, Draft EIS, NPS, CA, Restoration of Native Species in High Elevation Aquatic Ecosystems Plan, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Comment Period Ends: 11/25/2013, Contact: Woodrow Smeck 559-565-3101.*

*EIS No. 20130291, Final EIS, BOEM, 00, Gulf of Mexico OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sales: 2014 and 2016; Eastern*