

as cooperating agencies on the preparation of the FSEIS.

2. Three alternatives are considered in detail in the FSEIS:

a. The Preferred Action alternative includes the development, restoration, or enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat on an additional 118,650 acres on individual sites purchased from willing sellers and through easements. Included in the 118,650 acres would be the construction or restoration of approximately 7,000 to 20,000 acres of shallow water habitat to achieve a goal of 20–30 acres per mile along the 735-mile BSNP.

b. The No Development alternative includes the acquisition of 118,650 acres on individual sites purchased from willing sellers or through easements, however, there would be no subsequent habitat development or construction activities.

c. The No Action alternative would not develop, restore, or enhance any additional acres for fish and wildlife habitat except for that previously authorized under WRDA of 1986 or that of other state or Federal programs.

3. Copies of the FSEIS are available for review in the following libraries:

a. Atchison Library, 401 Kansas Avenue, Atchison, KS 66002.

b. Atchison County Library, 200 S. Main St., Rock Port, MO 64482–1532.

c. Blair Public Library, 210 S. 17th Street, Blair, NE 68008.

d. Boonslick Regional Library, 618 Main Street, Boonville, MO 65233–1572.

e. Callaway County Public Library, 710 Court Street, Fulton, MO 65251.

f. Carrollton Public Library, 206 W. Washington, Carrollton, MO 64633.

g. Council Bluffs Public Library, 400 Willow Ave., Council Bluffs, IA 51503–4269.

h. Daniel Boone Regional Library, 100 W. Broadway, Columbia, MO 65201.

i. Dakota City Public Library, 1708 Broadway, Dakota City, NE 68731.

j. Fayette Public Library, 201 South Main Street, Fayette, MO 65248.

k. Keytesville Library, 406 W. Bridge Street, Keytesville, MO 65261–1016.

l. Leavenworth Public Library, 417 Spruce, Leavenworth, KS 66048.

m. Lewis Library of Glasgow, 315 Market Street, Glasgow, MO 65254–2395.

n. Lexington Library, 1008 Main Street, Lexington, MO 64067–1345.

o. Lydia Bruun Woods Memorial Library, 120 E. 18th Street, Falls City, NE 68355.

p. Mid-Continent Public Library, 100 Kent Street, Liberty, MO 64068–2256.

q. Morton-James Public Library, 923 First Corso, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

r. Onawa Public Library, 707 Iowa Avenue, Onawa, IA 51040.

s. Oregon Public Library, 103 S. Washington Street, Oregon, MO 64473.

t. Plattsmouth Public Library, 401 Avenue A, Plattsmouth, NE 68048.

u. River Bluffs Regional Library, 927 Felix St., St. Joseph, MO 64501.

v. St. Charles Library, 2323 Elm Street, St. Charles, MO 63301–1440.

w. St. Louis Public Library, 5850 N. Hanley Road, St. Louis, MO 63134.

x. Scenic Regional Library, 113 E. 4th Street, Hermann, MO 65041–1129.

y. Scenic Regional Library, 912 S. Highway 47, Warrenton, MO 63383–2004.

z. Sidney Public Library, 604 Clay Street, Sidney, IA 51652.

aa. Sioux City Public Library, 529 Pierce Street, Sioux City, IA 51101–1203.

bb. Thomas Jefferson Library, 214 Adams St., Jefferson City, MO 65101.

cc. Washington Public Library, 415 Jefferson Street, Washington, MO 63090–2607.

dd. Walthill Public Library, Main Street, Walthill, NE 68067.

ee. W. Dale Clark Library, 215 S. 15th Street, Omaha, NE 68102–1004.

4. The FSEIS is also available for review on the Missouri River Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project Web site at: <http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/projects/mitigation/supplemental-eis.htm>.

5. The Record of Decision (ROD) will be issued no sooner than 30 days after publication of the notice of availability in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Luz D. Ortiz,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Project

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Jacksonville District intends to prepare an integrated Project Implementation Report/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (PIR/DEIS) for the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Project. The study is a

cooperative effort between the Corps and the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), which is also a cooperating agency for this DEIS. One of the recommendations of the final report of the Central & South Florida (C&SF) Comprehensive Review Study (Restudy) was the implementation of the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Project. The purpose of this project is to rehydrate wetlands and reduce point source discharge to Biscayne Bay. This study is intended to replace lost overland flow and partially compensate for the reduction in groundwater seepage by redistributing, through a spreader system, available surface water entering the area from regional canals. This project is a component of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, a multi-year effort to restore the greater Everglades ecosystem while providing water supply and other water-related benefits to South Florida over many decades.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Brad Tarr, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Planning Division, Environmental Branch, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, FL, 32232–0019, by email bradley.a.tarr@usace.army.mil, or by telephone at 904–232–3582.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

a. *Authorization:* The authority for this project is contained within the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 2000. The “Design Agreement between the Department of the Army and the SFWMD for the Design of Elements of the Comprehensive Plan for the Everglades and South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Project” contains additional guidance.

b. *Study Area:* The general geographical extent of the project is along the mainland coast of southern Biscayne Bay from the Deering Estate, south to the Florida Power and Light Turkey Point Power Plant, generally along the L–3E canal in Miami-Dade County, Florida. The study area will extend further west and south, as needed, to evaluate project effects.

c. *Project Scope:* The Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands project may include the installation or construction of pump stations, spreader swales, stormwater treatment areas, flowways, levees, culverts, and backfilling canals as part of an effort to rehydrate wetlands and reduce point source discharge to Biscayne Bay.

The purpose of these features is to replace lost overland flow and partially compensate for the reduction in groundwater seepage by redistributing, through a spreader system, available

surface water entering the area from regional canals. The proposed redistribution of freshwater flow across a broad front is expected to restore or enhance freshwater wetlands, tidal wetlands, and nearshore bay habitat.

The study will evaluate alternatives based on their ability to improve water deliveries to the natural system, protect and conserve water resources, protect or restore fish and wildlife and their associated habitat, restore and manage wetland and associated upland ecosystems, sustain economic and natural resources, improve water quality, and other performance criteria being developed by the Project Delivery Team.

d. Preliminary Alternatives: Additional alternatives will be drafted which may be revised pending model results and public feedback.

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project will include an evaluation of adverse environmental impacts, including but not limited to, water quality, socio-economic, archaeological and biological. In addition to adverse impacts, the evaluation will also focus on how well the plans perform with regard to specific performance measures.

e. Issues: The EIS will address the impacts concerning freshwater overland flow into Biscayne Bay; and water quality, particularly in the estuaries and receiving waters of Biscayne Bay and the reef tract.

The EIS will also address environmental issues, such as: Flood protection; aesthetics and recreation; fish and wildlife resources, including protected species; cultural resources; and other impacts identified through scoping, public involvement, and interagency coordination.

f. Scoping: A scoping letter and public workshops will be used to invite comments on alternatives and issues from Federal, State, and local agencies, affected Indian tribes, and other interested private organizations and individuals.

Public meetings will be held over the course of the study; the exact location, dates, and times will be announced in public notices and local newspapers.

g. DEIS Preparation: The integrated draft PIR, which will include a draft EIS, is currently scheduled for publication in July 2005.

Dated: February 21, 2003.

James C. Duck,

Chief, Planning Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

American Statistical Association Committee on Energy Statistics

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the American Statistical Association Committee on Energy Statistics, a utilized Federal Advisory Committee. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, April 3, 2003, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Friday, April 4, 2003, 8:30 a.m.-12 noon.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Energy, Room 8E-089, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. William I. Weinig, EI-70, Committee Liaison, Energy Information Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585, Telephone: (202) 287-1709. Alternately, Mr. Weinig may be contacted by e-mail at william.weinig@eia.doe.gov or by FAX at (202) 287-1705.

Purpose of the Committee: To advise the Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration (EIA), on EIA technical statistical issues and to enable the EIA to benefit from the Committee's experience concerning other energy-related statistical matters.

Tentative Agenda

Thursday, April 3, 2003

- A. Opening Remarks by the ASA Committee Chair, the EIA Administrator and the Director, Statistics and Methods Group, EIA, Room 8E-089.
- B. Major Topics (Room 8E-089 unless otherwise noted)
 1. EIA's Survey Quality Effort: Where is EIA Going?
 - A. Overview of EIA's Survey Quality Initiatives
 - B. Survey Quality Efforts of the Office of Coal, Nuclear, Electric and Alternate Fuels
 - C. Survey Quality via Performance-Based Service Contracting
 2. New Confidentiality Law and EIA's Response
 3. An Alternative Natural Gas Production Estimation Procedure
 4. EIA's (Draft) Electricity Transmission Study (Room 5E-069)
 5. Public Questions and Comments

Friday, April 4, 2003, Room 8E-089

C. Major Topics

1. Redesign of the EIA-906
2. Using Data from Combined Heat and Power Plants to Estimate Natural Gas Industrial Prices (Room 5E-069)
3. ASA Committee Suggestions for the Fall, 2003 Meeting
4. Public Questions and Comments

D. Closing Remarks by the Chair

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. The Chair of the Committee is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Written statements may be filed with the committee either before or after the meeting. If there are any questions, please contact Mr. William I. Weinig, EIA Committee Liaison, at the address or telephone number listed above.

Minutes: A Meeting Summary and Transcript will subsequently be available through Mr. Weinig who may be contacted at (202) 287-1709 or by e-mail at william.weinig@eia.doe.gov.

Issued at Washington, DC on March 3, 2003.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee, Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Savannah River

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Savannah River. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Monday, March 24, 2003, 1 p.m.-7 p.m., Tuesday, March 25, 2003, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Augusta Sheraton Hotel, 2651 Perimeter Parkway, Augusta, GA 30909.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gerri Flemming, Science Technology & Management Division, Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office, P.O. Box A, Aiken, SC, 29802; Phone: (803) 725-5374.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations