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*Deputy Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

#### Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Proposed Flood Risk Management Project on the Red River of the North in Fargo, ND & Moorhead, MN

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The St. Paul District Corps of Engineers, in partnership with the City of Fargo, North Dakota and City of Moorhead, Minnesota is conducting a flood risk management feasibility study for the Fargo-Moorhead metropolitan area. The feasibility study will focus on reducing flood risk in the entire Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan area and surrounding areas. The study will evaluate several alternative measures, including but not limited to; levees and floodwalls, diversion channels, non-structural flood-proofing, relocation of flood-prone structures, and flood storage.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions about the proposed action and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) can be directed to: Mr. Terry J. Birkenstock, Chief, Environmental and Economic Analysis Branch, 190 Fifth Street East, St. Paul, MN 55101-1638, *telephone:* (651) 290-5264.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Fargo, North Dakota, and Moorhead, Minnesota, are on the west and east banks, respectively, of the Red River of the North approximately 150 miles south of the Canada/United States border. In addition to the Red River, the Wild Rice, Sheyenne, Maple and Rush Rivers in North Dakota and the Buffalo River in Minnesota also cross the study area.

The purpose of this study is to collect and evaluate pertinent engineering, economic, social, and environmental information in order to assess the potential for a federal flood risk management project in the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Area. The study

objective is to define a feasible and implementable project to reduce flood risk in the study area. The Fargo-Moorhead metropolitan area has a relatively high risk of flooding. The highest river stages usually occur as a result of spring snowmelt, but summer rainfall events have also caused significant flood damages. The Red River of the North has exceeded the National Weather Service flood stage of 17 feet in 51 of the past 107 years, and every year from 1993 through 2009. The study area is between the Wild Rice River, the Sheyenne River, and the Red River of the North; interbasin flows complicate the hydrology of the region and contribute to extensive flooding. Average annual flood damages in the Fargo-Moorhead metropolitan area are currently estimated at over \$43 million.

Fargo and Moorhead have become accustomed to dealing with flooding. Sufficient time is usually available to prepare for flood fighting because winter snowfall can be monitored to predict unusual spring runoff. Both communities have well documented standard operating procedures for flood fights. Both communities avoided major flood damages in the historic flood of 1997 by either raising existing levees or building temporary barriers. Since the 1997 flood, both communities have implemented mitigation measures, including acquisition of almost 100 floodplain homes, raising and stabilizing existing levees, installing permanent pump stations, and improving storm sewer lift stations and the sanitary sewer system. Although emergency measures have been very successful, they may also contribute to an unwarranted sense of security that does not reflect the true flood risk in the area.

The Fargo-Moorhead Metro Feasibility Study and its associated NEPA documentation will be prepared by the Corps and the cities of Fargo, North Dakota and Moorhead, Minnesota. The Corps will act as the lead agency and the cities will act as cooperating partners.

The study will evaluate several alternative measures, including but not limited to: levees and floodwalls along the river through the towns, diversion channels either west or east of the Fargo-Moorhead Metro area, non-structural flood-proofing, relocation of flood-prone structures, and flood storage.

Significant resources and issues to be addressed in the DEIS will be determined through coordination with Federal agencies, State agencies, local governments, the general public, interested private organizations, and

industry. Anyone who has an interest in participating in the development of the DEIS is invited to contact the St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers.

*To date, the following areas of discussion have been identified for inclusion in the DEIS:*

1. Flood damage reduction.
2. Fish and wildlife.
3. Land-use Effects (effects on agricultural land).
4. Archeological, cultural, and historic resources.
5. Social Effects.
6. Groundwater (Buffalo Aquifer).

Additional areas of interest may be identified through the scoping process, which will include public and agency meetings. A notice of those meetings will be provided to interested parties and to local news media.

The first scoping meeting will be held May 19 at Centennial Hall in Fargo, North Dakota and May 20th at the Hanson Theater on the Minnesota State University, Moorhead campus in Moorhead, Minnesota. Both meetings will begin at 5:30 for open house followed by presentation and questions and answers at 7.

An environmental review will be conducted under the NEPA of 1969 and other applicable laws and regulations. It is anticipated that the DEIS will be available for public review in the winter of 2009-2010.

Dated: April 22, 2009.

**Terry J. Birkenstock,**  
*Chief, Environmental and Economic Analysis Branch.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

#### Withdrawal of Notice of Intent To Prepare Environmental Impact Statement for St. Charles International Airport

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

**ACTION:** Withdrawal of Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army, Army Corps of Engineers today withdraws its Notice of Intent (67 FR 65342, October 24, 2002) to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the St. Charles International Airport Project.

The Department has relied upon the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) CEQ guidelines, to complete the actions taken in connection with this project.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information on the St. Charles International Airport Project or for information on the Department of Defense's NEPA process, please contact: Mr. Gib Owen at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, PM-RS, P.O. Box 60267, New Orleans, LA 70160-0267, phone (504) 862-1337, fax number (504) 862-2572 or by E-mail at [gib.a.owen@mvn02.usace.army.mil](mailto:gib.a.owen@mvn02.usace.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), New Orleans District (MVN), received an application from St. Charles International Airport, LLC, 3453 Meadow Lane, Houston, TX 77027 to build an international airport facility in St. Charles Parish, in the vicinity of the highway I-10/I-310 interchange near Kenner, LA. The MVN initiated this study under the authority of 33 CFR part 320. This study was to investigate the feasibility of constructing an international airport facility in St. Charles Parish as per the Clean Water Act Section 404 permit application submitted by St. Charles International Airport, LLC.

On October 24, 2002, the Department of the Army, Army Corps of Engineers published in the **Federal Register** a Notice of Intent to prepare a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the St. Charles International Airport Project. A letter was sent to all parties believed to have an interest in the analysis requesting their input on alternatives and issues to be evaluated. The letter also notified interested parties of a public scoping meeting held on February 18, 2003. From 2003 to 2005 the USACE-MVN coordinated with The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). The FAA provided guidance and comments for areas within their expertise. The USFWS assisted in the documentation of existing conditions and the assessment of effects of project alternatives through the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act consultation procedures. Consultation with the USFWS and the NMFS concerning threatened and endangered species and their critical habitat was ongoing through 2005. NMFS consultation on the effects of the proposed action on Essential Fish Habitat was initiated. After the devastation of Hurricane Katrina the applicant withdrew his Clean Water Act section 404 application. Therefore preparation of an EIS is no longer needed and the Department of the Army, Army Corps of

Engineers proposes to withdraw the Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS.

Copies of documents related to the St. Charles International Airport project are on file at, and may be obtained from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, PM-RS, P.O. Box 60267, New Orleans, LA 70160-0267.

Dated: March 17, 2009.

**Alvin B. Lee,**  
Colonel, U.S. Army, District Commander.  
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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Correction Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On April 27, 2009, the Department of Education published a comment period notice in the **Federal Register** (Page 19072, Column 1) for the information collection, "Historically Black Colleges and Universities Masters Degree Program". Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 26, 2009. The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, hereby issues a correction notice as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Dated: April 30, 2009.

**Angela C. Arrington,**  
IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.  
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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### National Board for Education Sciences

**AGENCY:** Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences.

**ACTION:** Notice of An Open Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of an upcoming open meeting of the National Board for Education Sciences. The notice also describes the functions of the Committee. Notice of this meeting is required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is intended to notify the public of their opportunity to attend.

**DATES:** May 20 and 21, 2009.

**Time:** May 20, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; May 21, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** 80 F Street, NW., Room 100, Washington, DC 20208.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Norma Garza, Executive Director,

National Board for Education Sciences, 555 New Jersey Ave., NW., Room 627H, Washington, DC 20208; *phone:* (202) 219-2195; *fax:* (202) 219-1466; *e-mail:* [Norma.Garza@ed.gov](mailto:Norma.Garza@ed.gov).

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Board for Education Sciences is authorized by section 116 of the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002. The Board advises the Director of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) on the establishment of activities to be supported by the Institute, on the funding for applications for grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements for research after the completion of peer review, and reviews and evaluates the work of the Institute.

On May 20 the Board will receive a briefing from the Acting Director and IES Commissioners and staff on its activities and progress reports on projects underway since January 2009. These presentations will begin at 10:15 a.m. and continue until noon.

From 1:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. the Board will have a presentation on the Evaluation of the Impact of the DC Choice Program by Patrick Wolf, Principal Investigator, University of Arkansas. On May 21, the Board will review the prior day's activities and current agenda from 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., followed by a presentation and discussion from 8:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. on the What Works Clearinghouse Practice Guides. From 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., the Board will have a presentation by Jill Constantine of Mathematica Policy Research on An Evaluation of Teachers Trained through Different Routes to Certification. Following a 15 minute break, the Board will discuss its annual report as well as its plans and agenda for the future. The meeting will adjourn at 12:30 p.m.

A final agenda will be available from Norma Garza (see contact information above) on May 13. Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (*e.g.*, interpreting services, assistance listening devices, or materials in alternative format) should notify Norma Garza no later than May 8. We will attempt to meet requests for accommodations after this date but cannot guarantee their availability. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Records are kept of all Committee proceedings and are available for public inspection at 555 New Jersey Ave., NW., Room 627 H, Washington, DC 20208,