



# The GLMRIS Report

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## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**(The following correspondence is in date order.)**



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
CHICAGO DISTRICT, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
111 NORTH CANAL STREET  
CHICAGO IL 60606-7206

Planning Branch  
Environmental Formulation Section

28 DEC 2009

Kenneth Westlake, Chief  
Environmental Review Branch  
U.S. EPA ME-19J  
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Chicago, IL 60604

Re: Invitation to Join the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS) Team

Dear Mr. Westlake:

The Chicago District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) invites your agency to join the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS) Team. The GLMRIS encompasses a feasibility study and Environmental Impact Statement evaluating the options and methods that could be applied to prevent or reduce the risk of aquatic nuisance species (ANS) transfer between the Great Lakes (GL) and Mississippi River (MR) basins. This project is, in part, prompted by the spread of Asian carp up the Illinois River system.

The initial focus of the GLMRIS will be the immediate threat of Asian carp advancing toward Lake Michigan, and the evaluation of long-term measures to reduce the risk or prevent the Asian carp from using the Chicago-Area Waterway System to spread into the Great Lakes.

In parallel with the initial focus on Asian carp, the GLMRIS will serve as a larger study evaluating the entire extent of the GL and MR basins. This element of the broader GLMRIS is anticipated to include the following elements, among others:

- 1) Identification of potential hydraulic connections, including natural, anthropogenic, and episodic pathways, in addition to the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal (CSSC), that may exist between the GL and MR basins;
- 2) Exploration of additional nuisance species, including potential future ANS;
- 3) Analysis of the range of possible options and methods to prevent or reduce the risk of ANS transfer between the GL and MR basins; and
- 4) Completion of a thorough and comprehensive analysis of the gathered data and recommendation of alternatives to prevent or reduce the risk of ANS transfer between the basins. Recommended alternatives will be evaluated against present uses, such that adverse impacts can be fully understood and suitably mitigated.

The relevant overall area is made up of portions of 15 states, and includes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Chicago, Detroit, and Buffalo Districts within the Great Lakes & Ohio River Division and the St. Paul and Rock Island Districts within the Mississippi River Valley Division.

Please refer to the enclosed GLMRIS Plan Formulation Roadmap for additional details on the overall programmatic approach of the Study.

Collaboration with other Federal agencies is critical to the success of this project. The Chicago District encourages your agency to participate at whatever level possible. In particular, due to your agency's expertise in relevant issues the Corps invites you to become a cooperating agency in the study effort, as set forth in 40 C.F.R. 1501.6.

The Corps is organizing an Executive Steering Committee (ESC) to help scope and guide both the Chicago Area Waterway and larger Interbasin Studies. The ESC is conceptually comprised of senior leadership from coordinating agencies. As a recipient of this letter, you are invited to delegate a member of your agency to membership on the ESC. Given the rapt attention that the invasive species issue has garnered over recent weeks, the Corps wishes to move forward expeditiously with convening the ESC to address the immediate issues surrounding the Asian carp and the Chicago-Area Waterway System. A meeting date of January 20, 2010 has been identified to engage the ESC in scoping this topic.

Please provide your response to this invitation by letter or e-mail to reach our office no later than January 15, 2010. Mark your reply to the attention of Mr. Peter Bullock, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 111 North Canal Street, Suite 600, Chicago, Illinois 60606. If your agency chooses to become a team member, please also provide your agency's point of contact in your written response.

Questions regarding the feasibility study may be directed to Dave Wethington, Project Manager at 312/846-5522, or at [david.m.wethington@usace.army.mil](mailto:david.m.wethington@usace.army.mil). Your assistance is appreciated.

Sincerely,

*JS/*  
Susanne J. Davis, P. E.  
Chief of Planning Branch

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MFR: Consultation letter as required by NEPA.

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Davis PM-PL-E *SDW 12/29/0*  
*SJ 1/28/09*





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Planning Branch  
Environmental Formulation Section

Dear Sirs,

March 2, 2011

The Chicago District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been authorized to conduct the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study. This feasibility study is designed to provide a thorough and comprehensive analysis of the options, technologies, and alternatives for the prevention of inter-basin transfer of invasive, non-native aquatic nuisance species, between the Mississippi River and the Great Lakes basins, through aquatic pathways. This project is prompted by, but is not limited to, the spread of Asian carp up the Illinois River system.

Preliminary focus will include: 1) Analysis of any natural and made-man connections, in addition to the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, that may exist between the two basins. 2) An examination of possible technological solutions that would prevent the transfer of nuisance species and their potential impacts to existing environmental, commercial, recreational, water management and other interests. 3) An investigation of potential legal, cultural, and social measures to prevent future transfer of non-native species through human intervention.

The project area is made up of portions of 15 states, and includes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Chicago, Detroit, Huntington, and Buffalo Districts within the Great Lakes & Ohio River Division and the St. Paul, Rock Island, and St. Louis Districts within the Mississippi River Valley Division. Tribal consultations are being conducted through the Chicago District in coordination with Karen Krepps, Tribal Liaison Detroit District, William Butler, Tribal Liaison Buffalo District, Ron Deiss, Tribal Liaison Rock Island District and Tom Crumb, Tribal Liaison St. Paul District, Aaron Smith, Tribal Liaison Huntington District, and Roberta Heyworth St. Louis District.

To have your comments included please respond by letter or email before the end of the scoping period, March 31, 2011. Mark your reply to the attention of Mr. Peter Bullock, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 111 North Canal Street, Suite 600, Chicago, Illinois 60606. You may also leave comments at our website [www.glmris.anl.gov](http://www.glmris.anl.gov). Questions may be directed to Mr. Bullock at 312/846-5587, or at [peter.y.bullock@usace.army.mil](mailto:peter.y.bullock@usace.army.mil). Your assistance is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Susanne J. Davis, P. E.  
Chief of Planning Branch

MFR: Tribal Consultation letter as required by NEPA.

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November 12, 2010

Planning Branch  
Environmental Formulation Section

<First Name> <Last Name>  
<Business/Agency>  
< Street Address>  
<City>, <State> <ZIP>

Dear <Title> <Last Name >:

The Chicago District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS) pursuant to the Water Resources and Development Act of 2007, Section 3061, Pub. L. 110-114, 121 STAT. 1121, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*, as amended. Also for this project, USACE announces the first NEPA public scoping meeting will be held in Chicago on Wednesday, December 15, 2010 and scoping comments will be accepted through Monday, February 28, 2011.

In collaboration with other Federal and State agencies, local governments and non-governmental organizations, USACE is conducting a feasibility study. For GLMRIS, USACE will explore options and technologies, collectively known as aquatic nuisance species (ANS) controls, that could be applied to prevent or reduce the risk of ANS transfer between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Basins through aquatic pathways. ANS are nonindigenous species that threaten the diversity or abundance of native species or the ecological stability of infested waters, or commercial, agricultural, aquacultural or recreational activities dependent on such waters. See 16 U.S.C. § 4702(1) (2010).

USACE will conduct a comprehensive analysis of ANS controls and will analyze the effects each ANS control or combination of ANS controls may have on current uses of: i) the Chicago Area Waterway System (CAWS), the only known continuous aquatic pathway between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Basins; and ii) other aquatic pathways between these basins. Following the Economic and Environmental Principles and Guidelines for Water and Related Land Resource Implementation Studies, Water Resource Council, March 10, 1983, USACE will:

- Inventory current and forecast future conditions within the study area;
- Identify aquatic pathways that may exist between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Basins;
- Inventory current and future potential aquatic nuisance species;
- Analyze possible ANS controls to prevent or reduce the risk of ANS transfer, to include hydraulic separation of the basins;
- Analyze the impacts each ANS control may have on significant natural resources and existing and forecasted uses of the lakes and waterways within the study area; and

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- Recommend a plan to prevent or reduce the risk of ANS transfer between the basins. If necessary, the plan will include mitigation measures for impacted waterway uses and significant natural resources.

Significant issues associated with GLMRIS may include, but are not limited to:

- Significant natural resources such as ecosystems and threatened and endangered species;
- Commercial and recreational fisheries;
- Current recreational uses of the lakes and waterways;
- ANS effects on water users;
- Effects of potential ANS controls on current waterway uses such as flood risk management, commercial and recreational navigation, recreation, water supply, hydropower and conveyance of effluent from wastewater treatment plants and other industries; and
- Statutory and legal responsibilities relative to the lakes and waterways.

During the NEPA public scoping period, USACE is seeking input on GLMRIS from stakeholders, Tribes and the general public. Using input obtained during the scoping period, USACE will refine the scope of GLMRIS to focus on significant issues, as well as eliminate issues that are not significant from further detailed study. The public scoping period will end on February 28, 2011. Please refer to the GLMRIS project website at <http://glmris.anl.gov> for instructions for submitting comments.

The first public scoping meeting is scheduled for 12:00 – 7:00 PM on Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at the Gleacher Center, located at 450 North Cityfront Plaza Drive, Chicago, IL 60611. If you plan to make an oral comment, please register no later than Thursday, December 9, 2010, by submitting your registration on the GLMRIS project website at <http://glmris.anl.gov>. Oral comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per commenter. Refer to the website for an agenda and more information regarding the meeting. If you require assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact Ms. Lynne Whelan via email at [lynne.e.whelan@usace.army.mil](mailto:lynne.e.whelan@usace.army.mil) or by phone at (312) 846-5330 at least seven (7) business days in advance of the meeting to request arrangements.

USACE will host additional meetings in different cities. Information regarding these meetings will be posted in the [Federal Register](#) and at <http://glmris.anl.gov>.

Questions regarding this letter may be directed to the GLMRIS Project Manager, Dave Wethington at (312) 846-5522, or at [david.m.wethington@usace.army.mil](mailto:david.m.wethington@usace.army.mil).

Sincerely,



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November 12, 2010

Planning Branch  
Environmental Formulation Section

Dear Stakeholder:

The Chicago District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS) pursuant to the Water Resources and Development Act of 2007, Section 3061, Pub. L. 110-114, 121 STAT. 1121, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*, as amended. Also for this project, USACE announces the first NEPA public scoping meeting will be held in Chicago on Wednesday, December 15, 2010 and scoping comments will be accepted through Monday, February 28, 2011.

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During the NEPA public scoping period, USACE is seeking input on GLMRIS from stakeholders, Tribes and the general public. Using input obtained during the scoping period, USACE will refine the scope of GLMRIS to focus on significant issues, as well as eliminate issues that are not significant from further detailed study. The public scoping period will end on February 28, 2011. Please refer to the GLMRIS project website at <http://glmr.is.anl.gov> for instructions for submitting comments.

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USACE will host additional meetings in different cities. Information regarding these meetings will be posted in the Federal Register and at <http://glmr.is.anl.gov>.

Questions regarding this letter may be directed to the GLMRIS Project Manager, Dave Wethington at (312) 846-5522, or at [david.m.wethington@usace.army.mil](mailto:david.m.wethington@usace.army.mil).

Sincerely,



Susanne J. Davis, P. E.  
Chief of Planning Branch

## **PRESS RELEASES**



November 15, 2010

**Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study Web Site Now Live**

The Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS) web site is now live and will be your main source for important information, news, and events related to the study.

On this site, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announces its intent to prepare a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), accept public comments, and host public scoping meetings that will refine GLMRIS to focus on significant issues, as well as eliminate issues that are not significant from further detailed study.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will continue to organize stakeholder meetings. Public scoping meetings will be held in compliance with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) to gain broad-based public and community input to GLMRIS. The first of these meetings is scheduled in Chicago for December, 15 2010 at The University of Chicago Gleacher Center. Please [register](#) if you would like to give a public comment at this meeting. Public scoping in other cities, in both the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins, is anticipated to carry over into early 2011. Comments will be accepted until March 31, 2011. You may also [submit a comment online](#).

Thank you for your interest in and support of GLMRIS!



# PRESS RELEASE

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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For Immediate Release:

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## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Solicits Public Comment on Great Lakes Study

**Chicago** – On Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is holding its first public scoping meeting in Chicago from noon to 7:00 p.m. at the Gleacher Center, located at 450 North Cityfront Plaza Drive, to gather input on the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS). The public is invited to attend this scoping meeting and to provide comments on GLMRIS. Identical presentations about the study will be given at noon and 4:00 p.m., each followed by the comment period. The purpose of GLMRIS is to evaluate a range of options and technologies to prevent the transfer of aquatic nuisance species (ANS) between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River through aquatic pathways.

Using input obtained during the scoping period, USACE will refine the scope of GLMRIS to focus on significant issues, as well as eliminate issues that are not significant from further detailed study. Issues associated with GLMRIS are likely to include, but will not be limited to: significant natural resources, such as ecosystems and threatened and endangered species; commercial and recreational fisheries; recreational uses of the lakes and waterways; effects of potential ANS controls on waterways uses such as: flood risk management, commercial and recreational navigation; and statutory and legal responsibilities relative to the effected waterways.

In addition to Chicago, USACE will hold public scoping meetings in the following metropolitan locations: Buffalo, N.Y.; Cleveland, Ohio; St. Paul, Minn.; Green Bay, Wis.; Traverse City, Mich.; Cincinnati, Ohio; Ann Arbor, Mich.; St. Louis, Mo. and Vicksburg, Miss. Specific meeting venues and dates will be announced in Federal Register notices, the GLMRIS Web site and other media.

The public scoping comment period will end on March 31, 2011. If you plan to make an oral comment, please register on the GLMRIS Web site. Oral comments will be limited to three minutes per commenter. Comments can also be submitted electronically through the Web site. Each scoping meeting will consist of two separate four-hour sessions to allow as many attendees as possible.

An ANS is a nonindigenous species that threatens the diversity or abundance of native species; the ecological stability of infested waters; or the commercial, agricultural, aquacultural or recreational activities dependent on such water. As a result of international commerce, travel and local practices, ANS have been introduced and spread throughout the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins. Connected primarily by man-made channels, ANS transfer was impeded historically by the poor water quality of those waterways. Recent water quality improvements have lessened that impediment making it more likely for ANS transfer between the two basins to occur.

For more information regarding GLMRIS, the meeting agenda and scoping requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, visit the GLMRIS Web site at [www.glmris.anl.gov](http://www.glmris.anl.gov) or call the USACE, Chicago District, Public Affairs Office at 312-846-5330 or e-mail at [ChicagoDistrict.PAO@usace.army.mil](mailto:ChicagoDistrict.PAO@usace.army.mil).

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December 10, 2010

**Extended Scoping Period, Additional Meetings Announced**

 [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Solicits Public Comment on Great Lakes Study](#)  
(45 KB)

USACE announces the NEPA public comment period for the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study has been extended to March 31, 2011. USACE also announces that in addition to Chicago, Illinois, USACE will be hosting public scoping meetings in the following metropolitan areas on the following dates:

- Buffalo, NY - Tuesday, January 11, 2011
- Cleveland, OH - Thursday, January 13, 2011
- Minneapolis, MN - Thursday, January 20, 2011
- Green Bay, WI - Tuesday, January 25, 2011
- Traverse City, MI - Thursday, January 27, 2011
- Cincinnati, OH - Tuesday, February 1, 2011
- Ann Arbor, MI - Thursday, February 3, 2011
- Metro Area of St. Louis, MO - Tuesday, February 8, 2011
- Vicksburg, MS - Thursday, February 10, 2011

Public scoping meetings will be held in compliance with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) to gain broad-based public and community input to GLMRIS. USACE is seeking comments in order to refine GLMRIS to focus on significant issues, as well as eliminate issues that are not significant from further detailed study. For additional information about the scoping meetings see the [USACE Press Release](#).

Please see the [Public Meetings Schedule](#) if you would like to give an oral comment at any of these meetings. You may also [submit a comment online](#) through March 31, 2011. Please refer to our website to learn more about the public meetings.

Thank you for your interest in and support of GLMRIS!

January 14, 2011

**Nine Scoping Meetings Confirmed With Additional Meetings Planned for Milwaukee and New Orleans**

After the commencement of the first scoping meeting in Chicago on Dec. 15, 2010, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has confirmed the venues, dates and times of nine other public scoping meetings. The meeting times have been revised to begin at 2 pm and end at 8 pm. See the example agenda.

Through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) scoping process, USACE invites you to attend a meeting to help us refine the scope of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS) to focus on the most significant issues. To make an oral comment at one of these meetings, please register.

Due to high public interest, USACE will also hold meetings in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and New Orleans, Louisiana. Details to follow.

Remember, until March 31, 2011, USACE will be accepting public comments on the scope of GLMRIS. Written comments may be submitted online.

Get others engaged! Direct them to this Web site and tell them to follow our social media sites for more information.



January 31, 2011

**Ann Arbor Meeting Rescheduled Due to Weather Conditions**

The Ann Arbor, Michigan meeting scheduled for February 3, 2011, has been rescheduled due to weather conditions. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 8, 2011.

If you registered to speak at the February 3 meeting, you have automatically been registered to speak at the March 8 meeting. If you would like to cancel your registration, please send an email to [glmriswebmaster@anl.gov](mailto:glmriswebmaster@anl.gov).

The time and location for the meeting have NOT changed:  
2:00pm—8:00pm  
Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest  
1275 S Huron Street  
Ypsilanti, MI



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For Immediate Release:  
February 24, 2011

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**Corps Interbasin Study Comment Period to End March 31st**

**CINCINNATI, OH** – In Fall of 2010 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers unveiled its strategy for undertaking a comprehensive study of ways to prevent aquatic nuisance species, such as Asian carp, from transferring between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Basins (GLMRIS) and invited the public to provide comment on that strategy. Opportunity to provide public comment during this initial public scoping period is available through March 31, 2011. The last opportunity to attend a public scoping meeting will be in Ypsalanti, MI, March 8, at the Ann Arbor Marriott, at 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Anyone wanting to view or comment on the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS) program management plan can do so online at [www.GLMRIS.anl.gov](http://www.GLMRIS.anl.gov).

In the GLMRIS, the Corps is addressing the entire region and studying ways to prevent transit by aquatic nuisance species along all potential aquatic pathways between the basins. The scope of GLMRIS is massive, dealing with 1,500 miles of hydrologically complex topography and dozens of aquatic nuisance species. The Chicago Area Waterway system is particularly challenging given the multiple uses of a continuously flowing channel in heavily urbanized terrain. Those uses include flood risk management, storm water management and wastewater discharge, commercial and recreational navigation, industrial water supply, and transit by public safety vessels. As a result of these complexities, the study must develop a comprehensive grasp of the potential consequences of making changes to any part of this system.

The deliberate and thorough process that Corps feasibility studies, such as GLMRIS, follow ensures that comprehensive and scientifically-based facts and relevant data are developed in order to formulate recommended alternatives. As a result of its great scope and complexity, and because the Corps must abide by various laws and policies, including the National Environmental Policy Act, responsibly executing this study will require considerable time, energy, and resources. This structured approach is essential for determining the most effective permanent solution.

Although the final GLMRIS study is not expected to be completed until 2015 at the earliest, the Corps intends to release interim products as they are developed. In the meantime, the Corps and its partners in the multi-agency Asian Carp Regional Coordinating Committee (ACRCC) will continue to pursue the effective actions the agencies have underway, as outlined in the multi-tiered strategic framework document ([www.asiancarp.org](http://www.asiancarp.org)). These actions include operating and improving the fish barrier, aggressive monitoring, rapid response and various research efforts, all aimed at containing the Asian carp threat.

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**March Marks the Final Chance to Comment On and Attend a Public Scoping Meeting on GLMRIS**

The scoping comment period for the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS) ends on March 31. These next few weeks will be the last chance for the public, through substantive comments, to assist the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with refining the scope of GLMRIS to focus on significant issues, as well as eliminate issues that are not significant from further detailed study. Comments may be submitted electronically through this Web site on the [Submit a Scoping Comment](#) page, mailed into the Corps Chicago District Office or given orally at the last public meeting in Ann Arbor. Please see the [Getting Involved](#) page for more information on ways to submit comments.

On Tuesday, March 8, 2011, the last public scoping meeting will be held in Ypsilanti from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest, located at 1275 S. Huron St. Identical presentations about the study will be given at 2:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., each followed by the oral comment period. If you plan to make an oral comment, please register on this Web site on the [Public Scoping Meetings](#) page.

Remember, you can also keep up to date with GLMRIS through Facebook and Twitter: <http://www.facebook.com/glmris> and Twitter @GLMRIS.

GLMRIS has produced on-the-ground results already. In 2010 the study team found a near-term risk for Asian carp migration into Lake Erie from Eagle Marsh, in northeast Indiana. As a result of this finding, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources completed a temporary barrier to impede Asian carp movement in September 2010.

Active participation by all stakeholders to provide relevant data and research information for the GLMRIS is welcomed by the Corps and will help inform, and assist us to achieve the study purpose. If we are going to keep Asian carp from the Great Lakes, we need the active support of any state or local agency, academic, or scientific institution that has information or capabilities to help develop recommendations.

The Corps' efforts to contain Asian carp include the continuous operation of a highly effective electric barrier to prevent fish passage via the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal (CSSC), construction of a 13-mile barrier that prevents fish bypass during flooding, participation in monitoring efforts, and applying a variety of tools including intensive netting, electro-fishing and environmental DNA sampling. USACE expedited the design and construction of a third electric barrier that was completed a full year ahead of schedule, and will soon go into full-time operation.

All available laboratory research and field evidence shows that the electric barrier system effectively deters Asian carp that could be challenging the barriers. The Corps anticipates releasing a report summarizing research relevant to the operating parameters of the electric fish barriers in March. Despite recovery of over 130,000 pounds of fish from a single stretch of waterway and over 3200 hours of intensive and focused fishing efforts in the last year, only a single Asian carp has been found above the fish barrier. As a result, the multi-agency team has concluded that any Asian carp that may be present above the fish barrier are in such low numbers that they are not positioned to develop a sustainable population.

"Because of the Asian Carp Regional Coordinating Committee's effective actions, we have the time to do this enormous and complex study thoroughly and properly. An effective solution must, by law, take into account all potential impacts of proposed alternatives, and because of this the solution cannot be pre-determined. Executing a study quickly does not mean it would result in an effective plan. An approach with a pre-set timetable or that is designed for speed, is almost certain to result in unknown and unintended consequences, excessive cost, and ultimately inadequate solutions," said Major General John Peabody, commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division.

For more information on the ACRCC visit [www.asiancarp.org](http://www.asiancarp.org).

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## Last Week to Comment on Army Corps of Engineers Aquatic Nuisance Species Study

**CHICAGO** – March 31 is the last day to comment on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS). Anyone wanting to view the GLMRIS program management plan or comment on GLMRIS can do so online at [www.GLMRIS.anl.gov](http://www.GLMRIS.anl.gov). The purpose of GLMRIS, unveiled in the fall of 2010, is to evaluate a range of options and technologies to prevent the transfer of aquatic nuisance species (ANS), such as Asian carp, between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins through aquatic pathways.

"If we are going to complete GLMRIS efficiently and expeditiously, we need the active support of any state or local agency, academic or scientific institution that has relevant information or capabilities to help develop recommendations," said Col. Vincent Quarles, commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District.

Using input obtained during the scoping period, the Corps will refine the scope of GLMRIS to focus on significant issues, as well as eliminate issues that are not significant from further detailed study.

The scope of GLMRIS is massive, including portions of 31 states and evaluating hydrologically-complex topography along the nearly 1,500 mile-long Great Lakes and Mississippi River Basin Divide. The GLMRIS analysis takes into account dozens of potential ANS that may transfer through possible aquatic pathways across this divide.

The Chicago Area Waterway System is particularly challenging given the multiple uses of a continuously flowing channel in heavily urbanized terrain. Those uses include flood risk management, storm water management and wastewater discharge, commercial and recreational navigation, industrial water supply, and transit by public safety vessels. As a result of these complexities, the study must develop a comprehensive grasp of the potential consequences of making changes to any part of this system.

Although the final GLMRIS study is not expected to be completed until 2015, the Corps intends to release interim products as they are finalized. In the meantime, the Corps and its partners in the multi-agency Asian Carp Regional Coordinating Committee (ACRCC) will continue to pursue effective actions toward eliminating the threat of Asian carp to the Great Lakes.

GLMRIS has produced on-the-ground results already. In 2010, after performing a screening-level assessment along the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Basin Divide, the study team comprised of USACE and other federal, state and municipal agencies identified Eagle March, located in Fort Wayne, Indiana as having the highest potential risk of ANS transfer outside of the Chicago Area Waterway System. As a result of this finding, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources completed a temporary barrier in September 2010 to impede Asian carp movement. This action is

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being followed up by the Corps with a detailed analysis of potential ANS control technologies specifically focused on the potential Eagle Marsh connection.

“Because of the Asian Carp Regional Coordinating Committee’s effective actions, we have the time to do this enormous and complex study thoroughly and properly. An effective solution must, by law, take into account all potential impacts of proposed alternatives, and because of this the solution cannot be pre-determined,” said Major General John Peabody, commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division.

In addition to GLMRIS, the Corps has other projects aimed at preventing the transfer of aquatic nuisance species, in particular Asian carp, between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins. The Corps’ current efforts to contain Asian carp include the continuous operation of the Electric Dispersal Barrier System in the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, construction of a 13-mile barricade that prevents fish bypass during flooding along the Des Plaines River, participation in monitoring efforts and applying a variety of tools including intensive netting, electro-fishing and environmental DNA sampling. The Corps expedited the design and construction of a third electric barrier that was completed a full year ahead of schedule and will soon go into full-time operation.

The public comment period for GLMRIS opened on November 16, 2010. Since then, the Corps has hosted a dozen public meetings throughout the Great Lakes and Mississippi River drainage basins.

Transcripts of the scoping meetings and all comments received during scoping period will be posted on [www.glmris.anl.gov](http://www.glmris.anl.gov) when they are available.

GLMRIS periodic newsletters will be published to keep interested parties informed of the study progress. Copies of the newsletters will also be posted on the Web site. Additionally, those interested in staying current with GLMRIS may subscribe to the GLMRIS e-mail list to receive updates on opportunities for public involvement, documents that have been added to the Web site and other important news and events.


For more information regarding GLMRIS and scoping requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, and to be added to the GLMRIS e-mail list, visit the GLMRIS Web site at [www.glmris.anl.gov](http://www.glmris.anl.gov) or call or e-mail Dave Wethington, GLMRIS project manager, at 312-846-5522 or [David.M.Wethington@usace.army.mil](mailto:David.M.Wethington@usace.army.mil). Also, join the conversation at Facebook.com/glmris and Twitter @GLMRIS. For more information on the ACRCC visit [www.asiancarp.org](http://www.asiancarp.org).

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March 28, 2011

**Transcripts for Chicago and Buffalo Scoping Meetings Available**

 [Chicago, IL \(December 15, 2010\) Meeting Transcript \(904 KB\)](#)

 [Buffalo, NY \(January 11, 2011\) Meeting Transcript \(765 KB\)](#)

The transcripts for the public scoping meetings for Chicago (December 15, 2010) and Buffalo (January 11, 2011) are now available on this web site on the [Completed NEPA Public Scoping Meetings & Transcripts](#) page.

Additional scoping meeting transcripts will be posted as they become available.

March 31, 2011

**Last Day to Comment on the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study**

Today, March 31st, is the last day to comment on the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study. Don't miss your opportunity! Please encourage interested parties to give their input. The US Army Corps of Engineers greatly values the interest and comments received during this comment period, which opened on November 16, 2010. Comments may be submitted online through the GLMRIS Web site. See the project website for additional ways to submit comments.

The GLMRIS Team looks forward to a continuous relationship with our stakeholders. Periodic newsletters will be published to update you on the study's progress. Opportunities for public involvement, new documents and other important news and events will be posted on the GLMRIS Web site (a new Involvement page will go live in April) and sent to the GLMRIS e-mail subscription list. Please, join the conversation and discuss GLMRIS topics with the Corps and other stakeholders at Facebook.com/glmris and Twitter @GLMRIS.



April 1, 2011

**GLMRIS Scoping Period Closed**

USACE has completed the scoping phase for the Great Lakes Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS). The public comment period for scoping ran from November 16, 2010 through March 31, 2011. Comments were delivered during 12 USACE-hosted public scoping meetings and received via electronic submittal through the GLMRIS Web site, mail and hand-delivery.

Stay tuned for the posting of these comments and the meeting transcripts on this Web site. The scoping period may be closed, but visit our new page for more ways to Stay Involved!


April 1, 2011


**Stay Involved Page Launched**


The new [Stay Involved](#) page includes ways to stay up-to-date with GLMRIS, feeds from the GLMRIS Twitter and Facebook pages and information regarding past involvement opportunities. It also provides links to other federal agency websites for additional information on aquatic nuisance species and what you can do to prevent their spread.

April 22, 2011

**Transcripts for Cleveland, Minneapolis and Green Bay Scoping Meetings Available**

 [Cleveland, OH \(January 13, 2011\) Meeting Transcript \(790 KB\)](#)

 [Minneapolis, MN \(January 20, 2011\) Meeting Transcript \(634 KB\)](#)

 [Green Bay, WI \(January 25, 2011\) Meeting Transcript \(859 KB\)](#)

The transcripts for the public scoping meetings for Cleveland (January 13, 2011), Minneapolis (January 20, 2011) and Green Bay (January 25, 2011) are now available on this web site on the [Completed NEPA Public Scoping Meetings & Transcripts](#) page.

Additional scoping meeting transcripts will be posted as they become available.

April 22, 2011

**April 28, 2011 Asian Carp Regional Coordinating Committee Public Meeting in Chicago**

Asian Carp Director John Goss of the White House Council on Environmental Quality will lead a public meeting of the Asian Carp Regional Coordinating Committee (ACRCC) on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at the John G. Shedd Aquarium from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Goss and other members of the ACRCC will discuss the proactive efforts of the Obama Administration and the Great Lakes states to prevent Asian carp from establishing a self-sustaining population in the Great Lakes. Along with updates on the ACRCC Strategy Framework, the event will also provide an opportunity for public comment and feedback.

**When:** Thursday, April 28, 2011 Public Meeting from 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM (CDT)


**Where:** John G. Shedd Aquarium, South Entrance Presidential Conference Room, 1200 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois

**Watch:** The event will be webcast at <https://www.mymeetings.com/tetrattech/join/>  
Conference number: PG7013611  
Passcode: ASIAN CARP

**Listen:** (888) 603-8914

April 29, 2011

Transcript for Traverse City Meeting Available

 [Traverse City, MI \(January 27, 2011\) Meeting Transcript \(1.6 MB\)](#)

The transcript for the public scoping meetings for Traverse City (January 27, 2011) is now available on this web site on the [Completed NEPA Public Scoping Meetings & Transcripts](#) page.

Additional scoping meeting transcripts will be posted as they become available.

May 6, 2011

**Transcript for Cincinnati Meeting Available**

 [Cincinnati, OH \(February 1, 2011\) Meeting Transcript \(995 KB\)](#)

The transcript for the public scoping meetings for Cincinnati (February 1, 2011) is now available on this web site on the [Completed NEPA Public Scoping Meetings & Transcripts](#) page.

Additional scoping meeting transcripts will be posted as they become available.

June 13, 2011

**Transcripts for St Louis, Vicksburg, Milwaukee, New Orleans and Ann Arbor Scoping Meetings Available**

-  [Metro Area of St. Louis, MO \(February 8, 2011\) Meeting Transcript \(1.0 MB\)](#)
-  [Vicksburg, MS \(February 10, 2011\) Meeting Transcript \(550 KB\)](#)
-  [Milwaukee, WI \(February 15, 2011\) Meeting Transcript \(809 KB\)](#)
-  [New Orleans, LA \(February 17, 2011\) Meeting Transcript \(652 KB\)](#)
-  [Ann Arbor, MI \(March 8, 2011\) Meeting Transcript \(1.6 MB\)](#)

The transcripts for the public scoping meetings for St Louis (February 8, 2011), Vicksburg (February 10, 2011), Milwaukee (February 15, 2011), New Orleans (February 17, 2011) and Ann Arbor (March 8, 2011) are now available on this web site on the [Completed NEPA Public Scoping Meetings & Transcripts](#) page.

June 13, 2011

**Public Scoping Comments Available for Viewing**


USACE solicited public comment on the scope of the Great Lakes Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS) during the NEPA scoping period held from November 16, 2010, thru March 31, 2011. Over 900 comments were submitted through this Web site, via mail and at 12 NEPA public scoping meetings held throughout the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins. All comments, as well as transcripts from the public meetings, have been posted to the GLMRIS Web site. Use the Web site's interactive search tools to view these comments.

The GLMRIS Team thanks those who commented on the scope of this significant study. We truly appreciate and value your input and interest!



July 27, 2011

**ANS White Paper Release**

 [Non-Native Species of Concern and Dispersal Risk for the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study \(550 KB\)](#)

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released today an [Aquatic Nuisance Species White Paper](#) (PDF, 550 KB), the first interim product of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS). The purpose of the ANS White Paper is to catalog potential non-native species within the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins and identify which high-risk species will be an initial focus in GLMRIS.

Identification of the species in the ANS White Paper will aid the GLMRIS Team in focusing efforts toward identifying available prevention and control technologies for analysis.

A [new page](#) on the [Documents](#) tab of the GLMRIS Web site has been launched in conjunction with the release of this paper. Explore the 40 high-risk species that are poised to potentially transfer between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins through the Chicago Area Waterway System in our new [high-risk species fact sheets](#).


The Army Corps of Engineers will host a conference call on August 10, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. (central) for interested parties to ask questions of the technical team that developed the paper. Call in information is:

USA Toll-Free: (888) 684-8852  
Access Code: 3027302  
Security Code: 3010

If you have any questions about the paper, please contact Dave Wethington, GLMRIS Project Manager at (312) 846-5522.

September 9, 2011

**NEPA Scoping Summary Report Available**

 [NEPA Scoping Summary Report \(1.4 MB\)](#)

The US Army Corps of Engineers released the [NEPA Scoping Summary Report](#) today, an interim product of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS). The purpose of this report is to document those methods and procedures which were followed during the NEPA Scoping process, as well as to summarize the comments received. USACE solicited public comment on the scope of GLMRIS from November 16, 2010, thru March 31, 2011. For more information on NEPA see [What is NEPA Scoping?](#)

Over 900 comments were submitted through the GLMRIS Web site, via mail and at 12 NEPA public scoping meetings held throughout the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins. All comments, as well as transcripts from the public meetings, have been posted to this Web site.


The NEPA Scoping Summary Report will be utilized by the GLMRIS Team to assess topics of interest in order to refine the scope of GLMRIS to focus on significant issues, as well as eliminate issues that are not significant from further detailed study.


If you have any questions about the report, please contact Dave Wethington, GLMRIS Project Manager at (312) 846-5522, or e-mail [glmris@usace.army.mil](mailto:glmris@usace.army.mil)

Thank you for your interest in and support of GLMRIS, the Team truly appreciates and values your input!

September 16, 2011

**GLMRIS Natural Resources Team Responds to ANS Comments**

 [Non-Native Species of Concern and Dispersal Risk for the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study \(550 KB\)](#)

 [Memorandum for Record: Response to Public/Agency Review Comments \(16 KB\)](#)

The GLMRIS Natural Resources Team has made available responses to the public and agency review comments generated from a conference call held to ask questions and provide comment on the Aquatic Nuisance Species White Paper. A Memorandum for Record documents the comments and GLMRIS Team responses. In light of the stakeholder input, several revisions have been made to the ANS White Paper.

The total number of potential High Risk invasive species remains at forty (40), with no changes to individual species identified on this list.


View the response Memorandum and the updated ANS White Paper on the [Aquatic Nuisance Species Documents](#) page of this Web site.

If you haven't already, take a moment to explore the 40 high-risk species that are poised to potentially transfer between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins through the Chicago Area Waterway System via our High Risk Species fact sheets.

The Team wants to thank all those who took time to review and comment on the ANS White Paper. We sincerely appreciate your interest in GLMRIS!

September 23, 2011

**New Zealand Mudsail removed from list of riskiest invaders – GLMRIS High-Risk Species List reduced to 39**

 [Non-Native Species of Concern and Dispersal Risk for the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study \(550 KB\)](#)

The initial publication of the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) White Paper, the first interim product of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS), listed 40 High-Risk Species to potentially transfer between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins through the Chicago Area Waterway System. A late incorporation of a comment made by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service during the secondary agency review reduces the list to 39, as the New Zealand Mudsail, which is already found in both basins, will be removed.

The purpose of the ANS White Paper is to catalog potential non-native species within the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins and identify which high-risk species will be an initial focus in GLMRIS.

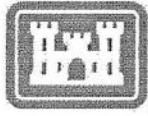
With the removal of the New Zealand Mudsail from the list, 10 species are high risk for potential transfer to the Great Lakes Basin and 29 are high risk for potential transfer to the Mississippi River Basin.

The identification of the species in the ANS White Paper will aid the GLMRIS Team in focusing efforts toward identifying available prevention and control technologies for further analysis.

The Other Pathways Team (Focus Area II) will be using the ANS White Paper to develop site-specific High-Risk Species lists for all other potential aquatic pathways along the basin divide.

View the ANS White Paper at [http://glmris.anl.gov/documents/docs/Non-Native\\_Species.pdf](http://glmris.anl.gov/documents/docs/Non-Native_Species.pdf), and explore the [39 High-Risk Species](#) on this Web site.

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Corps of Engineers releases report on non-cargo lock traffic as an interim product of GLMRIS

CHICAGO – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, today, released the Baseline Assessment of Non-Cargo Chicago Area Waterways System (CAWS) Traffic, an interim product of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS). The report is available on the GLMRIS Web site at [www.glmris.anl.gov](http://www.glmris.anl.gov).

This document serves as a baseline assessment of lock traffic by commercial passenger, recreation, and governmental vessels that includes an appraisal of historical traffic through the locks and a description of the lock operations. The assessment only includes non-cargo-related traffic, because cargo-related traffic will be identified through a separate report. This effort serves as a basis from which to compare potential impacts to waterway uses in the consideration of alternative aquatic nuisance species (ANS) controls.

Additional information and analysis will be included in a subsequent report entitled “Economic Evaluation of Non-Cargo CAWS Traffic,” which is expected for release in winter 2012.

The Baseline Assessment of Non-Cargo CAWS Traffic is the third GLMRIS interim product released this year by the Corps. In July, the Corps released the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) White Paper, which catalogues potential non-native species within the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins and identifies high-risk species. The second product, the NEPA Scoping Summary Report, released by the Corps earlier this month, documents the methods and procedures followed during NEPA Scoping process, as well as summarizes the public comments received.

During the GLMRIS process, the team will continue to compile and produce intermediate products, as appropriate. As with most complex studies, it is expected that many of the reports will be generated from the data-gathering phase. The Corps will ensure all interim products be made available to the public as they are completed.

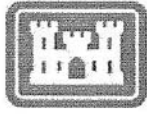
The Baseline Assessment of Non-Cargo CAWS Traffic Report is available in PDF format at: [http://glmris.anl.gov/documents/docs/GLMRIS\\_Baseline\\_NonCargo.pdf](http://glmris.anl.gov/documents/docs/GLMRIS_Baseline_NonCargo.pdf)

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Corps releases assessment of cargo traffic on Chicago Area Waterway System

CHICAGO - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released Dec. 7 the Baseline Assessment of Cargo Traffic on the Chicago Area Waterways System (CAWS), an interim product of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS). The report is available on the GLMRIS website at [www.glmris.anl.gov](http://www.glmris.anl.gov).

This assessment is intended to present commodity traffic data, as it relates to its movement into CAWS, through CAWS and within CAWS. The report also details commodity traffic and commodity group traffic through the CAWS locks, relative to the CAWS and the overall Illinois Waterway passing through the Lockport Lock and Dam, the Thomas J. O'Brien Lock and Dam and the Chicago Harbor Lock and Dam; historic traffic trends; consumers of the products and how they are typically used and how they generally move throughout the system.

In September 2011, the Corps released the Baseline Assessment of Non-Cargo Traffic, which assessed lock traffic by commercial passenger, recreational and governmental vessels. The data from these two reports will be used to develop navigation system models and waterway traffic forecasts in order to make the best potential recommendation for aquatic nuisance species controls on the waterway and, if necessary, mitigation measures.

The Corps will host a conference call on Jan. 5 at 10 a.m. (CST) for interested parties to ask questions on the Cargo Assessment. Call in information is: USA Toll-Free: 877-336-1839, Access Code: 8506361

The Baseline Assessment of Cargo Traffic on the CAWS is one of several GLMRIS interim products released this year. In July, the Corps released the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) White Paper, which catalogues potential non-native species within the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins and identifies ANS of Concern. The NEPA Scoping Summary Report, released by the Corps early September, documents the methods and procedures followed during the NEPA Scoping process and summarizes the public comments received.

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During the GLMRIS process, the team will continue to compile and produce interim products, as appropriate. As with most complex studies, it is expected that many of the reports will be generated from the data-gathering phase. The Corps will ensure all interim products are made available to the public as they are completed.

The purpose of GLMRIS is to determine the full range of options and technologies available to prevent ANS transfer via aquatic pathways between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins. The final study will consider possible ANS controls to prevent ANS transfer, analyze the impacts each ANS control may have on significant natural resources and the existing and forecasted uses of the lakes and waterways within the study area and recommend a plan to prevent ANS transfer between the basins. If necessary, the plan will include mitigation measures for impacted waterway uses and significant natural resources.

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Army Corps accepting comments for Aquatic Nuisance Species Controls Paper, released today

**CHICAGO** - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) today released for public comment the "Inventory of Available Controls for Aquatic Nuisance Species of Concern – Chicago Area Waterway System," an Interim Product of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS).

This ANS Control Paper identifies available options or technologies (ANS Controls) that may be effective at preventing the transfer of the 39 ANS of Concern, which were identified in the ANS White Paper released in July, from transferring through the aquatic pathways in the CAWS, as well as other potential aquatic pathways.

"It is important to note that the ANS Control Paper is intended to be an inventory of ANS Controls that are available. It does not contain specific recommendations, rank the effectiveness of the ANS Controls, or identify constraints, regulatory requirements or technological feasibility of application," said Gary O'Keefe, GLMRIS program manager. "Gathering the list of potential Controls is just the first step. As we move through the planning process, we will put these potential Controls through a thorough screening process."

Using the information contained in the paper, USACE will develop screening criteria consistent with study objectives and refine the list of ANS Controls to determine which warrant further consideration. USACE will formulate plans comprised of one or more of the screened ANS Controls in consideration of four criteria: completeness, effectiveness, efficiency and acceptability. USACE will then evaluate and compare the effects of the alternative plans.

To ensure the list of potential Controls is as complete as possible, USACE is asking interested members of the public to review the list contained in the paper and provide information regarding ANS Controls that may be effective but not included in the paper or comments regarding ANS Controls listed in the paper. Comments will be accepted from Dec. 21, 2011, through Feb. 17, 2012 and may be submitted electronically through the GLMRIS website at [www.glmris.anl.gov](http://www.glmris.anl.gov) or mailed to GLMRIS ANS Control Comments, 111 N. Canal, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60606. Comments must be postmarked by Feb. 17, 2012.

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“Public participation in the GLMRIS process is essential to ensuring an effective, long-term solution that works for Great Lakes communities,” said John Goss, Asian carp director, White House Council on Environmental Quality. “In tandem with GLMRIS, the Asian Carp Regional Coordinating Committee is overseeing an aggressive, coordinated strategy to keep Asian carp out of the Great Lakes.”

The paper will be posted, along with ANS Control Fact Sheets, on the new ANS Controls Page on the GLMRIS website at [www.glmris.anl.gov](http://www.glmris.anl.gov).

USACE will host teleconferences for interested members of the public to ask questions about the paper Jan. 10, 2012, from 2 – 4 p.m. (CST) and Feb. 8, 2012, from 10 a.m. – noon (CST). Call-in information for both calls is: USA Toll-Free: 877-336-1839, Access Code: 8506361, Security Code: 0000.

USACE will review and incorporate public input before finalizing and re-issuing the paper in spring 2012.

The purpose of GLMRIS is to determine the range of options and technologies available to prevent ANS transfer via aquatic pathways between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins. The study will inventory current conditions, as well as forecast future conditions within the study area; identify aquatic pathways that may exist between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Basins; analyze possible ANS Controls to prevent ANS transfer to include hydrologic separation of the basins; identify the impacts alternative plans may have on resources within the study area, including both the natural and human environment, under existing and forecasted conditions; and identify a preferred plan to prevent ANS transfer between the basins. If necessary, the plan will identify mitigation measures for impacted waterway uses and significant natural resources.

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Last week to comment on Army Corps of Engineers Aquatic Nuisance Species Controls Paper

**CHICAGO** - Feb. 17 is the last day for public comment on the "Inventory of Available Controls for Aquatic Nuisance Species of Concern – Chicago Area Waterway System," an Interim Product of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS), released by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Dec. 21.

This paper identifies available options or technologies that may be effective at preventing the transfer of the 39 ANS of Concern through the aquatic pathways in the Chicago Area Waterway System (CAWS), as well as other potential aquatic pathways. The specific ANS of Concern were identified in a previous report, which is available on the GLMRIS website.

"It is in our best interest as a collaborative group to make sure we have all potential controls identified in order to make the best recommendation for a control or suite of controls to prevent the transfer of aquatic nuisance species," said GLMRIS CAWS Project Manager Dave Wethington.

USACE is asking interested members of the public to review the list of potential controls contained in the paper and identify any additional potential controls that were not included in the paper. Comments may be submitted electronically through the GLMRIS website at [www.glmris.anl.gov](http://www.glmris.anl.gov) or mailed to GLMRIS ANS Control Comments, 111 N. Canal, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60606. Comments must be postmarked by Feb. 17, 2012.

USACE will review and incorporate public input before finalizing and re-issuing the paper in spring 2012. The final paper will be used to help develop screening criteria and refine the list of ANS Controls to determine which warrant further consideration.

The paper is posted, along with ANS Control Fact Sheets, on the new ANS Controls Page on the GLMRIS website at [www.glmris.anl.gov](http://www.glmris.anl.gov).

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## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Update on GLMRIS In Relation to GLC/CI Report *Restoring the Natural Divide*

February 27, 2012

**Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study – Use of “Restoring the Natural Divide” by the Great Lakes Commission and the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (GLC/CI)**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) appreciates the efforts of the Great Lakes Commission and the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (GLC/CI) and welcomes the information generated by the *Restoring the Natural Divide* report (GLC/CI Report). The report considers potential hydrologic separation of the Great Lakes and Mississippi basins in the Chicago area.

The Corps intends to use the information generated by the GLC/CI to inform the report authorized by Congress – the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS). In GLMRIS, Congress directed the Corps to prepare a feasibility study of the range of “options and technologies” available to prevent the spread of aquatic nuisance species (ANS) between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins via the Chicago Area Waterway System (CAWS) and other aquatic pathways. One of the “options and technologies” being considered by USACE is hydrologic separation.

### **How will USACE use the GLC/CI Report?**

The GLC/CI Report identifies many potential opportunities and constraints inherent in the analysis, planning, and potential implementation of a hydrologic separation alternative.

The GLC/CI Report affirms the need to answer the many questions identified by the GLMRIS team in the course of detailed assessment of this alternative.

The GLC/CI report presents one piece of a very complex puzzle being assembled in GLMRIS. An existing Corps hydrologic separation team has already conducted a preliminary review of the report. The Corps team has developed a summary of comments and questions to discuss with the GLC/CI study team in order to improve our understanding of the underlying assumptions, data sets used, and methodology. The Corps team will meet with the GLC/CI study team in early March to discuss these points.

### **How will GLMRIS build upon the contribution of the GLC/CI Report?**

- GLMRIS will develop models related to flood control to further evaluate the impacts of flooding under the various separation scenarios. These models would:
  - o Address the residual risk of reasonably anticipated extreme flood events that could overtop the types of barriers conceived in the GLC/CI report, thereby continuing the risk of ANS transfer despite substantial public investment,
  - o Identify if any additional capital investments would be required beyond the current Tunnel and Reservoir Project (TARP) as part of potential mitigation measures in a hydrologic separation scenario.
- GLMRIS will involve local, regional, and state jurisdictions in assessing the feasibility of a plan that would rely upon improved local and regional sewage treatment.
- GLMRIS will model the impacts of hydrologic separation on water quality in the CAWS and Lake Michigan and consult with regulatory agencies on regulatory requirements to identify the water quality impacts of new discharges to the Great Lakes resulting from a hydrologically separated system.
- GLMRIS will consult with agencies that regulate the waterway, including MWRD, the operator of the Stickney and other large wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs) that discharge to the CAWS, to determine future regulatory requirements and future plans for any anticipated improvements. Issues to be addressed include:
  - o Level of disinfection that is anticipated at the Stickney WWTP within the study period,
  - o Whether system-wide nutrient reduction will be implemented within the study period,



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- Anticipated regulatory requirements for emerging contaminants (e.g. mercury or other toxics) expected to be promulgated during the study period.
- GLMRIS will identify sediment remediation requirements that would be necessary with the implementation of a barrier separation project.
- GLMRIS will evaluate the functionality of stormwater systems as they currently exist, and may evaluate a changed future condition if the implementation of green infrastructure is anticipated by local municipalities to significantly reduce runoff.
- GLMRIS will continue to evaluate impacts to waterway users and the viability of mitigation for those impacts, building upon work already accomplished by the GLMRIS and GLC/CI study teams.

The GLMRIS Team continues to document observations and questions for further clarification with the GLC/CI study team. The GLMRIS Team looks forward to meeting with the GLC/CI study team, as well as other key stakeholders such as the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, to further discuss the implications of these observations.

February 20, 2012

**ANS Control Comment Period Closed**

USACE has closed the comment period for the: [Inventory of Available Controls for Aquatic Nuisance Species of Concern – Chicago Area Waterway System](#) (ANS Control Paper). The public comment period opened December, 21 2011 and closed February 17, 2012.


USACE asked interested members of the public to review the list of potential controls contained in the paper and provide information regarding ANS Controls that may be effective but not included in the paper or comments regarding ANS Controls listed in the paper. Comments were received via electronic submittal through the GLMRIS Web site and mail.

USACE will review these comments and will update and re-issue the ANS Control Paper in spring 2012. The updated, final paper will be posted to this Web site.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to read the paper and to comment. The GLMRIS Team appreciates your input.

April 12, 2012

**GLMRIS Navigation & Economics Team Responds to Comments on Cargo Assessment**

 [Memorandum for Record: Cargo Traffic Q&A's – Commercial Cargo Report Call-In](#)  
(98 KB)

The GLMRIS Navigation & Economics Team has made available responses to the public and agency comments generated from a conference call held to ask questions on the [Baseline Assessment of Cargo Traffic on the Chicago Area Waterway System](#) (PDF, 3.6 MB). A Memorandum for Record documents the comments and GLMRIS Team responses.

View the response Memorandum on the [Interim Products](#) page of this Web site.

The Team thanks all parties for their review and suggestions for improvement of this interim product.



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Army Corps releases final Aquatic Nuisance Species Control Paper based on public input

**CHICAGO** - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) released today April 18 the final Inventory of Available Controls for Aquatic Nuisance Species of Concern – Chicago Area Waterway System (ANS Control Paper), an Interim Product of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS).

In response to public comment on the available options or technologies that may be effective at preventing the transfer of ANS through aquatic pathways in the Chicago Area Waterway System (CAWS), new information has been added to the ANS Control Paper. In the category of "Lethal Temperature", three new control methods are outlined, including: 1) freezing, 2) carbon dioxide pellet blasting and 3) desiccation (drying). The team has also expanded the discussion of predatory fish in the "Biological Controls" category to include fish that eat mollusks and added a new sub-section to the "Benthic Barriers" category regarding the use of silt as a type of sediment-surface barrier.

The paper was originally released in December 2011. During the 60-day public comment period that ran from Dec. 21, 2011 to Feb. 17, 2012, USACE received 195 comments.

The majority of comments (120) were related to hydrologic separation, which is included as a control for further evaluation in GLMRIS. Other comments mentioned variations of control categories also previously identified, including controlled harvest and overfishing, sensory deterrents (such as water guns and acoustic, bubble or electric barriers), biological controls (native predators), vertical-drop barrier, ultraviolet light and the alteration of water quality.

"Public input is an important element of the GLMRIS study process, and we are grateful to everyone who took the time to review the draft inventory and submit comments to make this a thorough inventory of potential controls," said Gary O'Keefe, GLMRIS program manager.

As evidenced by the comments received during the 60-day public comment period of the ANS Control Paper, the GLMRIS Team has sufficiently inventoried the available ANS Controls, which will serve as the basis for further study. Using the information contained in the paper, USACE will develop a process to refine the list of ANS Controls to determine which warrant further consideration for potential future implementation.

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The final inventory of potential controls is the latest in a series of Interim Products that have been released by the GLMRIS Team, including the Aquatic Nuisance Species White Paper, which identified 39 species of concern for further consideration in GLMRIS, as well as baseline assessments of cargo and commercial non-cargo traffic in the CAWS. The final ANS Control Paper and Fact Sheets, as well as other Interim Products describing baseline study information, are available for viewing or download on the GLMRIS website at [www.glmris.anl.gov](http://www.glmris.anl.gov). The public may also visit the GLMRIS website to view the written comments received during the 60-day comment period or learn more about ways to stay involved with the study.

Over the next several months, the GLMRIS Team will be releasing three new Interim Products. These include an assessment of the baseline value of commercial fisheries in the Great Lakes, Upper Mississippi and Ohio rivers; a report outlining possible controls for the potential inter-basin connection of the Wabash and Maumee rivers near Fort Wayne, Ind.; as well as a ranking of probability for aquatic pathways to form at other sites along the basin divide.

The GLMRIS Team has also recently identified new opportunities for release of Interim Products and public engagement in the study process. Products resulting from the screening of the ANS Controls and the further evaluation of the 39 ANS of Concern - CAWS identifying the highest-risk species are anticipated to be released for public consideration in early 2013.

By late 2013, the GLMRIS Team is targeting for public release an array of alternative plans that would include general descriptions, a range of expected costs and anticipated mitigation requirements to alleviate adverse impacts to existing waterway uses.

"We're very excited about the latest plans to engage the public," stated GLMRIS CAWS Project Manager Dave Wethington. "The team sees these opportunities as a way to continue to involve our stakeholders, while also trying to accommodate requests to expedite the study process."

The array of alternative plans anticipated by the end of 2013 would be among the final candidates proposed for detailed engineering and design. USACE officials regard this public input opportunity as a significant milestone in providing stakeholders a mechanism to consider potential alternatives in advance of the anticipated study completion date.

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Army Corps releases report on valuation of commercial fisheries in the U.S. waters of the Great Lakes, Upper Mississippi River and Ohio River basins

**CHICAGO** - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) released May 1 the "Commercial Fisheries Baseline Economic Assessment - U.S. Waters of the Great Lakes, Upper Mississippi River, and Ohio River Basins" (Commercial Fisheries Report), an Interim Product of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS). The report is available on the GLMRIS website at <http://glmr.is.anl.gov/>.

"This baseline report provides a thorough summary of the most recently available commercial fisheries data in the GLMRIS study area," said GLMRIS Chicago Area Waterway System Project Manager Dave Wethington. "We will use this and other baseline reports to further our understanding of existing conditions, as well as to help forecast impacts from potential aquatic nuisance species transfer."

USACE will host a conference call May 10 at 10 a.m. (CST) for interested parties to ask questions on this report. Call-in information is: USA Toll-Free: United States: 866-233-3842; International: 651-291-9113; Participant Access Code: 246867

The average harvest level in the U.S. waters of the Great Lakes is estimated at 19.3 million pounds of commercially-caught fish with an associated average value of \$22.5 million. Similar analysis estimates 10 million pounds with an associated value of \$4 million for the Upper Mississippi River Basin and approximately 1.4 million pounds with an associated value of about \$2 million in the Ohio River Basin.

The average harvest level is calculated from the most recent five years of state-licensed and tribal commercial fishing annual harvest data available.

Two complimentary fisheries baseline assessments will be released later this spring: subsistence fisheries and pro-fishing tournaments. An assessment of recreational angling in the GLMRIS study area is anticipated at the end of 2012.

The purpose of GLMRIS is to evaluate the range of options and technologies available to prevent aquatic nuisance species (ANS) transfer via aquatic pathways between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins. The final study will consider possible ANS controls to prevent ANS transfer, analyze the impacts each ANS control may have on significant natural resources, as well as the existing and forecasted uses of the lakes and waterways within the study area, and present alternatives to prevent ANS transfer between the basins. If necessary, the alternatives will include mitigation measures for impacted waterway uses and significant natural resources.

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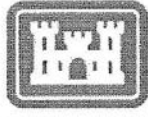
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Army Corps releases reports on pro-fishing and Native American fishing within Great Lakes, Upper Mississippi River and Ohio River basins for aquatic nuisance species study

**CHICAGO** - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released two reports today July 5, the "Treaty Rights and Subsistence Fishing in the U.S. Waters of the Great Lakes, Upper Mississippi River and Ohio River Basins" (Subsistence Fishing Report) and "Pro-Fishing Tournaments in the Great Lakes, Upper Mississippi River and Ohio River Basins" (Pro-fishing Report). These reports are Interim Products of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS) and are available on the GLMRIS website.

"These various fisheries baseline assessments are important to the analysis of alternatives in GLMRIS, as the study considers the potential future impacts of aquatic nuisance species on existing conditions and significant natural resources," said GLMRIS Program Manager Dave Romano.

The Pro-fishing Report acts as a snapshot of pro-fishing tournaments within the study area. It provides qualitative data for various tournaments, including descriptions of the types of tournaments and information on the rules and other elements.

The Subsistence Fishing Report is an overview of the harvest activities by Native American tribes through treaty rights within the study area and assesses the economic and cultural importance of subsistence harvesting for tribal communities.

USACE will host a conference call July 17 at 10 a.m. (CST) for interested parties to ask questions on this report. Call-in information is: USA Toll-Free: United States: 866-233-3842; International: 651-291-9113; Participant Access Code: 253963

Among the findings from the Subsistence Fishing Report, there are 37 federally recognized tribes in the study area, 16 of which engage in subsistence fishing, mostly in the western Great Lakes Basin. The annual approximate value of subsistence fishing activities to an individual subsistence household is between \$15 thousand and \$16 thousand. The main target species for subsistence fishers are walleye, whitefish, yellow perch and trout.

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The Pro-fishing Report indicates that tournaments occur frequently in the study area. The Upper Mississippi and Ohio rivers showed more occurrences of pro-fishing tournaments. On the Great Lakes, it is estimated that states such as Wisconsin and Minnesota host 450 to 700 pro-fishing tournaments annually. Bass fishing events seem to be particularly popular within the study area.

“This information, as with other assessments, will be provided to give the public and decision makers a clear picture of the overall regional implications of potential aquatic nuisance species (ANS) transfer in order for them to weigh in on the Array of Alternatives Report, which will be released for public comment in December 2013,” said Romano.

An assessment of recreational angling in the GLMRIS study area is anticipated at the end of 2012.

The purpose of GLMRIS is to evaluate the range of options and technologies available to prevent ANS transfer via aquatic pathways between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins. The study considers possible controls to prevent ANS transfer, analyzes potential impacts each ANS control may have on significant natural resources, as well as the existing and forecasted uses of the lakes and waterways within the study area, and presents alternatives to prevent ANS transfer between the basins. If necessary, the alternatives will include mitigation measures for impacted waterway uses and significant natural resources.

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Army Corps releases Focus Area 2 Aquatic Pathways Summary Report, solicits public comment

**CHICAGO** - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) today released for public comment the Focus Area 2 Aquatic Pathways Assessment Summary Report. This report presents the methodology and key evidence used to assess the potential for transfer of aquatic nuisance species (ANS) between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Basins through several aquatic pathways. A total of 18 potential aquatic pathway reports, and one report for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, will be released in phases, by state, as part of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS), Focus Area 2.

The overall objective of the Focus Area 2 portion of GLMRIS is to produce an interim report for each potential aquatic pathway that is found between the two basins. Each report evaluates key evidence from the available information to qualitatively estimate the likelihood of an aquatic pathway forming and ANS being able to utilize it to reach the adjacent basin. Included in many of these pathway assessments, and included in the summary report, are some potential actions or opportunities that were identified that might prevent or reduce the probability of ANS transfer occurring between the basins. These reports are the next step in a tiered approach to assess the risk associated with the spread of ANS between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Basins.

The USACE identified interested parties and solicited input early in the process for Focus Area 2 and has included individual visits and discussions with the state agencies responsible for water resources, and fish and wildlife management in the eight states bordering the Great Lakes. The process used for the Focus Area 2 assessments has also been discussed in meetings with representatives of the Council on Environmental Quality, U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Natural Resource Conservation Service, and Great Lakes Fishery Commission.

Comments will be accepted beginning September 14, 2012. The comment period will close 30 days later on October 14, 2012. Comments may be submitted electronically at [www.glmris.anl.gov](http://www.glmris.anl.gov) or mailed to GLMRIS Focus Area 2, Summary Report Comments, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, NY 14207-3199.

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Brigadier General Margaret W. Burcham of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Lakes and Rivers Division and Mr. John Goss, Asian Carp Director at the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) are pleased to announce the release of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study Aquatic Pathway Reports. "These reports were prepared in coordination and consultation with various Federal and State partner agencies," stated Brigadier General Burcham. "The reports are valuable tools as we work collaboratively to prevent aquatic nuisance species from spreading between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Basins."

"This draft report provides important information to help Federal agencies and States and communities address the range of potential entry points for Asian carp into the Great Lakes," said John Goss, Asian Carp Director at the White House Council on Environmental Quality. "We will continue to take comprehensive action to protect our Great Lakes and the communities that depend on them, and to ensure an effective long-term solution that works for Great Lakes communities."

The reports are available for download on the GLMRIS website at [www.glmris.anl.gov](http://www.glmris.anl.gov).

USACE will host a conference call on September 28, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. (Central). Call-in information is: USA Toll-Free: 877-336-1839, Access Code: 8506361, Security Code: 0000.

USACE will review and incorporate public input before finalizing and re-issuing the report later in winter 2012.

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The U.S Army Corps of Engineers is accepting comments for Minnesota Aquatic Nuisance Species Pathway Reports, released today.

**CHICAGO** - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) today released for public comment two draft Aquatic Pathway Assessment Reports for Swan River and Libby Branch of Swan River in Minnesota that evaluate key evidence to estimate the likelihood of an aquatic pathway forming and the possibility of aquatic nuisance species (ANS) using it to reach the adjacent basin.

"Though the reports indicate both pathways have a low probability for movement of ANS, we remain vigilant in our task of aquatic nuisance species prevention and recommend the results from all of the pathway assessments, regardless of their overall viability rating, be evaluated and taken into consideration by the appropriate federal, state, or local resource agencies," said USACE Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS) Program Manager Jack Drolet.

Comments will be accepted beginning Sept.25, 2012. The comment period will close 30 days later on Oct. 25, 2012. Comments may be submitted electronically at [www.glmris.anl.gov](http://www.glmris.anl.gov) or mailed to GLMRIS Focus Area 2, Summary Report Comments, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, NY 14207-3199. The reports will be available for download on the GLMRIS website at [www.glmris.anl.gov](http://www.glmris.anl.gov).

USACE will host a stakeholder conference call Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2012 at 10 a.m. (Central) to answer questions regarding the Minnesota reports. Call-in information is USA Toll-Free: 877-336-1839, USA Caller Paid/International Toll: 636-651-0008, Access Code: 8506361, Security Code: 0000.

The overall objective of the Focus Area 2 portion of GLMRIS is to produce an interim report for each potential aquatic pathway found between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins. These reports are the next step in a tiered approach to assess the probability associated with the spread of ANS between the basins.

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Additional reports focusing on potential pathways in Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio, New York, and Pennsylvania will be released over the next few months, as they are completed.

USACE will review and incorporate public input before finalizing and re-issuing the reports in winter 2012.

Additional information about GLMRIS can be found on the website at [www.glmris.anl.gov](http://www.glmris.anl.gov).

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Corps of Engineers releases interim aquatic nuisance species report to Congress for the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study

**CHICAGO** – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) today released the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS) 90-Day Interim Report, transmitted by the Secretary of the Army, Civil Works, to Congress, Oct. 4.

The 90-Day Interim Report outlines anticipated milestones, required resources and a plan for the completion of the GLMRIS Report, which will evaluate a range of options and technologies to prevent the transfer of aquatic nuisance species (ANS) between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins by aquatic pathways, by December 2013, as required by Section 1538 of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act.

The 90-Day Interim Report will be available for download on the GLMRIS website at [www.glmris.anl.gov](http://www.glmris.anl.gov).

“The GLMRIS Report will provide Congress and other stakeholders with an analysis of potential ANS control alternatives, as well as additional pertinent information for decision makers. The information we are providing to our stakeholders must be as thorough as possible, as a potential recommendation may affect various groups,” said GLMRIS Program Manager Jack Drolet.

Initiation of any action beyond the study is contingent upon a decision by the Secretary of the Army that a project is justified. USACE anticipates that the GLMRIS Report will identify additional requirements that must be completed after its release, including detailed design analyses, completion of the environmental compliance analysis and required internal and agency reviews. If the Secretary of the Army determines that a project is justified and consistent with Corps missions, the additional requirements will be completed as part of the effort leading into preconstruction engineering and design of an ANS control alternative.

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“Though the expedited timeframe will be challenging, we will make the GLMRIS Report as comprehensive as possible,” said Drolet. During the study, the Corps will be actively engaged in numerous activities to deter the transfer of ANS. Drolet emphasized that “Active prevention projects are ongoing and effective, such as operation of the electric barriers in the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal and partnering with other members of the Asian Carp Regional Coordinating Committee to aggressively monitor the canal to determine location and abundance of fish.”

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is accepting comments for Indiana Aquatic Nuisance Species Pathway Reports, released today.

CHICAGO – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) today, Nov. 9, released for public comment three draft Aquatic Pathway Assessment Reports for the State of Indiana: Eagle Marsh, Loomis Lake and Parker-Cobb Ditch. The purpose of each report is to evaluate key evidence to estimate the likelihood of an aquatic pathway forming and the possibility of aquatic nuisance species (ANS) using it to reach the adjacent basin, as part of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS).

In 2010, a temporary barrier was built to prevent adult Asian carp transfer at Eagle Marsh. However, the Eagle Marsh assessment report found that Eagle Marsh remains a high risk potential pathway due to the probability that viral hemorrhagic septicemia virus (VHS) could spread across the basin divide.

“There has been significant progress on Eagle Marsh. Because this was identified early on as a potential Asian carp transfer site, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources built a temporary barrier, and the GLMRIS Team began to evaluate potential permanent control options. That report will be available soon and will provide opportunity for stakeholder input,” said USACE GLMRIS Program Manager Jack Drolet.

The ANS Controls Report that identifies options and technologies that may be available to permanently prevent the inter-basin transfer of ANS during flooding events at the Wabash – Maumee basins connection at Eagle Marsh near Fort Wayne, Ind. will be released for a 60-day comment period Nov. 16.

The Indiana draft reports indicate that Porter County’s Parker-Cobb Ditch and Loomis Lake have a medium and low probability for movement of ANS, respectively.

A viable aquatic pathway exists at Parker-Cobb Ditch for the potential transfer of northern snakehead into the Great Lakes Basin and for the potential transfer of threespine stickleback, parasitic copepod and VHS into the Mississippi River Basin. The overall aquatic pathway viability rating for Parker-Cobb Ditch was determined to be medium, however, as there was limited opportunity for the ANS of Concern to reach the pathway location and then transfer into the adjacent basin within the next 20-50 years.

The overall viability of the Loomis Lake aquatic pathway was determined to be low, as no species were found capable of reaching the site solely through the aquatic pathway.

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Comments for the three draft Indiana reports will be accepted beginning Nov. 9, 2012 and will close Dec. 7, 2012. Comments may be submitted electronically at [www.glmris.anl.gov](http://www.glmris.anl.gov) or mailed to GLMRIS Focus Area 2, Summary Report Comments, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, NY 14207-3199. The reports will be available for download on the GLMRIS website at [www.glmris.anl.gov](http://www.glmris.anl.gov).

“USACE will continue to work closely with stakeholders to maintain an open dialogue regarding study efforts,” said Drolet.

USACE will host a stakeholder conference call Monday, Nov. 26, 2012 at 10 a.m. (Central) to answer questions regarding the Indiana reports. Call-in information is USA Toll-Free: 877-336-1839, USA Caller Paid/International Toll: 636-651-0008, Access Code: 8506361, Security Code: 0000.

The overall objective of the Focus Area 2 portion of GLMRIS is to produce an interim report for each of the 18 potential aquatic pathways found between the two basins (outside of the Chicago Area Waterway System or Focus Area 1). These reports are the next step in a tiered approach to assess the probability associated with the spread of ANS between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins.

Additional reports focusing on potential pathways in Wisconsin, Ohio, New York and Pennsylvania will be released over the next few months, as they are completed.

Reports include: study methodology; aquatic pathway characterization; aquatic pathway viability for ANS of Concern; overall aquatic pathway viability and some potential opportunities that, if implemented, could prevent or reduce the probability of ANS transferring between the basins.

USACE will review and incorporate public input before finalizing and re-issuing the reports winter 2012/2013.

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## Army Corps of Engineers releases the Eagle Marsh, Fort Wayne, Ind. Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Controls Report

LOUISVILLE, Ky. – The Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has released the Eagle Marsh Aquatic Nuisance Species Controls Report for public review and comment. Eagle Marsh, which is located in Fort Wayne, Ind., has been identified as a potential pathway where ANS may spread between the Mississippi River and Great Lakes basins. This potential pathway was identified in the report titled Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study Other Pathways Preliminary Risk Characterization released in 2010.

The purpose of the Eagle Marsh ANS Controls Report is to identify a permanent means to prevent the spread of Asian carp and other aquatic nuisance species across Eagle Marsh as efficiently and effectively as possible. In the report, nine structural alternatives are compared and at least three were determined to have a “high” likelihood of preventing interbasin spread of ANS across Eagle Marsh. A range of non-structural alternatives are also described that could complement any structural solution.

USACE actively coordinated with the Indiana DNR, U.S. Geological Survey, Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. EPA, Council on Environmental Quality, Little River Wetlands Project, Maumee River Basin Commission, Allen County Soil and Water Conservation District and Allen County Surveyor’s Office throughout development of the report. Their contributions significantly improved the quality of the report and reflect significant interest and capabilities that may be applied toward long-term prevention of the spread of ANS across Eagle Marsh.

The report is available for download at [www.glmris.anl.gov](http://www.glmris.anl.gov). A 60-day public comment period begins on Nov. 16, 2012 and ends on Jan 14, 2013. Comments may be submitted electronically at [www.glmris.anl.gov](http://www.glmris.anl.gov) or mailed to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District, ATTN: CELRL-PM-P Eagle Marsh Public Comments, P.O. Box 59, Louisville, KY 40201-0059.

The Army Corps of Engineers will hold a public meeting and question and answer panel on the report on Dec. 4, 2012 from 5-8 p.m. at the Allen County Main Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, IN 46802. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Louisville District Commander Col. Luke Leonard will provide Army oversight during the meeting. White House Council on Environmental Quality Mr. John Goss will moderate the events.

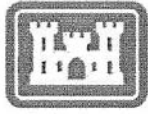
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The U.S Army Corps of Engineers is accepting comments for Wisconsin Aquatic Nuisance Species Pathway Reports, released today.

CHICAGO -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) today, Nov. 27, released for public comment eight draft Aquatic Pathway Assessment Reports for the State of Wisconsin. The purpose of each report is to evaluate key evidence to estimate the likelihood of an aquatic pathway forming and the possibility of aquatic nuisance species (ANS) using it to reach the adjacent basin, as part of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS).

The reports, which were developed in coordination with federal, state and local partners, show that Portage Upstream (Columbia County), Portage and Canal Downstream (Columbia County), Rosendale-Brandon (Fond du Lac County) and Brule Headwaters (Douglas County) have a medium probability for the potential transfer of viral hemorrhagic septicemia virus (VHSV) from the Great Lakes Basin into the Mississippi River Basin.

Jerome Creek (Kenosha County), South Aniwa Wetlands (Marathon-Shawano County), Hatley-Plover River (Marathon County) and West Menomonee Falls (Waukesha County) have a low probability for the inter-basin movement of ANS.

"Further efforts will be concentrated on pathways that have an overall rating of medium or high. However, results from all of the pathway assessments, regardless of their overall rating, should be evaluated and taken into consideration by the appropriate resource agencies. These pathway reports are tools to assist prioritization of future study funding decisions and to assist states in updating of their Comprehensive Aquatic Nuisance Species Management Plans," said GLMRIS Program Manager Jack Drolet.

Comments for the eight draft Wisconsin reports will be accepted beginning Nov. 27, 2012 and will close Dec. 27, 2012. Comments may be submitted electronically at [www.glmris.anl.gov](http://www.glmris.anl.gov) or mailed to GLMRIS Focus Area 2, Summary Report Comments, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, NY 14207-3199. The reports will be available for download on the GLMRIS website at [www.glmris.anl.gov](http://www.glmris.anl.gov).

USACE will host a stakeholder conference call Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012 at 10 a.m. (Central) to answer questions regarding the Wisconsin reports. Call-in information is USA Toll-Free: 877-336-1839, USA Caller Paid/International Toll: 636-651-0008, Access Code: 8506361, Security Code: 0000.

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The overall objective of the Focus Area 2 portion of GLMRIS is to produce an interim report for each of the 18 potential aquatic pathways found between the two basins (outside of the Chicago Area Waterway System or Focus Area 1). These reports are the next step in a tiered approach to assess the probability associated with the spread of ANS between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins.

Additional reports focusing on potential pathways in Ohio, New York and Pennsylvania will be released over the next few months, as they are completed.

Reports include: study methodology; aquatic pathway characterization; aquatic pathway viability for ANS of Concern; overall aquatic pathway viability and some potential opportunities that, if implemented, could prevent or reduce the probability of ANS transferring between the basins.

USACE will review and incorporate public input before finalizing and re-issuing the reports in early 2013.

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December 3, 2012

**Reminder: Focus Area 2 Eagle Marsh ANS Controls Report Public Meeting**

USACE will hold a public meeting and question and answer panel on the report on Dec. 4, 2012 from 5-8 p.m. (EST) at the Allen County Main Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

USACE Louisville District Commander Col. Luke Leonard will provide Army oversight during the meeting. White House Council on Environmental Quality Mr. John Goss will moderate the events.

A webinar will occur during the event. The public may connect to a webinar of the meeting on Dec. 4 at 5 p.m. (EST) at:

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The Eagle Marsh ANS Controls Report is available for download on the [Focus Area 2 Documents](#) page.

January 18, 2013

**ANS Control Screening Comment Period and Updated List of ANS of Concern – CAWS**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) today released the following:

**ANS Controls Screening**

As part of our continuing study, USACE has screened the ANS Controls identified in the Inventory of Available Controls for Aquatic Nuisance Species of Concern – Chicago Area Waterway System (ANS Control Paper) and removed certain controls from further consideration by GLMRIS. USACE is requesting comments regarding the ANS Controls Screening by February 21, 2013. Detailed information about the screening and information for providing comments can be found on the [ANS Control Screening](#) page.

**Species of Concern**

Forty (40) aquatic nuisance species were originally identified in the ANS White Paper as ANS of Concern for GLMRIS Focus Area I (CAWS). As announced in a September 23, 2011 GLMRIS Web cast, the New Zealand Mudsail is found in both basins and therefore, was removed from the list of ANS of Concern. While researching species in support of the detailed baseline risk assessment activities for GLMRIS, USACE removed five additional ANS of Concern – CAWS that are established in both the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins: alewife, European amphipod, cylindrical algae, tubificid worm, and spiny waterflea. Species removed from the list of ANS of Concern – CAWS will not be subject to further study in GLMRIS. Information about the list of species of concern is available on the [Aquatic Nuisance Species](#) page.

If you have any questions about these revisions or any other element of GLMRIS, please contact the GLMRIS team at [glmr@usace.army.mil](mailto:glmr@usace.army.mil).



February 22, 2013

**ANS Control Screening Comment Period Closed**

USACE has closed the comment period for the screened ANS Controls identified in the Inventory of Available Controls for Aquatic Nuisance Species of Concern – Chicago Area Waterway System (ANS Control Paper). The public comment period opened January 18 and closed February 21, 2013.

USACE requested information on ANS Controls that may be effective at preventing the transfer through the CAWS of fish, algae, crustaceans and plants in all life stages but are missing from the lists, or comments regarding ANS Controls identified.

Comments were received through an online comment form. USACE will consider the submitted information as it refines the list of ANS Controls available for alternative development.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to review the posted information and to comment. The GLMRIS Team appreciates your input.



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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is accepting comments for Ohio and New York Aquatic Nuisance Species Pathway Reports, released today

**CHICAGO** – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) today, Feb. 22, released for public comment four draft Ohio and one draft New York aquatic pathway assessment reports that estimate the likelihood of an aquatic pathway forming at each location and the probability of aquatic nuisance species (ANS) using them to reach the adjacent basin, as part of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS).

The draft reports, which were developed in coordination with federal, state and local partners, show that the Ohio-Erie Canal at Long Lake (Summit County) has a medium probability for the movement of Asian carp (i.e., silver, bighead and black) and northern snakehead into the Great Lakes Basin; and the Little Killbuck Creek (Medina County) site has a medium probability for the inter-basin movement of the viral hemorrhagic septicemia virus (VHSV), threespine stickleback, ruffe and tubenose goby and parasitic copepod.

The medium rating indicates that while ANS transfer could occur at these locations, it is estimated that none of the ANS would likely be able to reach the aquatic pathway on their own within the next 20 years.

Grand Lake-St. Mary's (Mercer County), Mosquito Creek Lake (Trumbull County) and the East Mud Lake site in New York (Chautauqua County) all have a low probability for the inter-basin movement of ANS.

"The low ratings mean it is unlikely for ANS of Concern to reach the pathway location on their own and to establish a population in the vicinity of the pathway within the next 50 years," said GLMRIS Other Pathways Project Manager Marty Wargo.

Comments for the four draft Ohio and one draft New York reports will be accepted beginning Feb. 22 through March 22, 2013. Comments may be submitted electronically at [www.glmris.anl.gov](http://www.glmris.anl.gov) or mailed to GLMRIS Focus Area 2, Summary Report Comments, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, NY 14207-3199. The reports will be available for download on the GLMRIS website at [www.glmris.anl.gov](http://www.glmris.anl.gov).

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USACE will host a stakeholder conference call March 7, 2013 at 10 a.m. (Central) to answer questions regarding these reports. Call-in information is USA Toll-Free: 877-336-1839, USA Caller Paid/International Toll: 636-651-0008, Access Code: 8506361, Security Code: 0000.

"Further efforts will be concentrated on pathways that have an overall rating of medium or high. The results of these assessments may aid in the implementation of, and future updates to, the Ohio and New York ANS management plans," said GLMRIS Program Manager Jack Drolet.

The overall objective of the Focus Area 2 portion of GLMRIS is to produce interim reports for each of the 18 potential aquatic pathways found along the basin divide (outside of the Chicago Area Waterway System or Focus Area 1). These reports are the next step in a tiered approach to assess the probability associated with the spread of ANS between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins. The reports released today conclude the Focus Area 2 draft interim assessment pathway report releases.

Reports include (as applicable): study methodology; aquatic pathway characterization; aquatic pathway viability for ANS of Concern; overall aquatic pathway viability, as well as some potential opportunities that, if implemented, could prevent or reduce the probability of ANS transferring between the basins.

USACE will review and incorporate public input before finalizing and re-issuing the reports in spring 2013.

USACE, in consultation with other federal agencies, Native American tribes, state agencies, local governments and non-governmental organizations, is conducting GLMRIS to explore options and technologies, collectively known as ANS controls, that could be applied to prevent ANS transfer between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins through aquatic pathways. A GLMRIS Report will be submitted to Congress in December that will present analyses of these controls. Visit [glmr.is.anl.gov](http://glmr.is.anl.gov) to view all products released to date on the study.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers**

**Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), Initiate the Public Scoping Period and Host Public Scoping Meetings for the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study ("GLMRIS")**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Chicago District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) announces its intent to (1) prepare a Draft EIS, (2) accept public comments and (3) host a public scoping meeting in Chicago for GLMRIS.

In collaboration with other Federal, State, and local agencies as well as non-governmental entities, USACE is conducting a feasibility study of the options and technologies that could be applied to prevent or reduce the risk of

aquatic nuisance species (ANS) transfer between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins through aquatic pathways.

**DATES:** The NEPA scoping period ends on February 28, 2011. The first NEPA Public Scoping meeting for GLMRIS is scheduled for December 15, 2010 in Chicago, Illinois. Please refer to the "Scoping and Public Involvement" section below for information regarding the public scoping meeting and for instructions on how to submit public comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information and/or questions about GLMRIS, please contact USACE, Chicago District, Project Manager, Mr. David Wethington, by mail: USACE, Chicago District, 111 N. Canal, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60606-7206, or by e-mail:

[david.m.wethington@usace.army.mil](mailto:david.m.wethington@usace.army.mil).

For media inquiries, please contact the USACE, Chicago District, Public Affairs Officer, Ms. Lynne Whelan, by mail: USACE, Chicago District, 111 N. Canal, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60606-7206, by phone: 312.846.5330 or by e-mail: [lynne.e.whelan@usace.army.mil](mailto:lynne.e.whelan@usace.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

1. *Background.* An aquatic nuisance species (ANS) is a nonindigenous species that threatens the diversity or abundance of native species or the ecological stability of infested waters, or commercial, agricultural, aquacultural or recreational activities dependent on such waters. See 16 U.S.C. 4702(1) (2010).

As a result of international commerce, travel and local practices, ANS have been introduced throughout the Mississippi River and Great Lakes Basins. These two basins are connected by man-made channels that, in the past, exhibited poor water quality, which was an impediment to the transfer of organisms between the basins. Now that water quality has improved, these canals allow the transfer of both indigenous and nonindigenous invasive species.

In collaboration with other Federal and State agencies, local governments and non-governmental organizations, USACE is conducting this feasibility study. For GLMRIS, USACE will explore options and technologies, collectively known as ANS controls, that could be applied to prevent or reduce the risk of ANS transfer between the basins through aquatic pathways. Potential ANS controls may include, but are not limited to, hydrologic separation of the basins, waterway modifications, selective barriers, etc.

USACE will conduct a comprehensive analysis of ANS controls and will analyze the effects of ANS control or combination of ANS controls may have on current uses of: (1) The Chicago Area Waterway System (CAWS), the only known continuous aquatic pathway between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Basins; and (2) other aquatic pathways between these basins. For the CAWS, current waterway uses include, but are not limited to: Flood risk management; commercial and recreational navigation; recreation; water supply; hydropower; and conveyance of effluent from wastewater treatment plants and other industries. Additionally, this study will identify mitigation measures or alternative facilities necessary to offset and address impacted waterway uses and current significant natural resources.

GLMRIS will be conducted in accordance with NEPA and with the *Economic and Environmental Principles and Guidelines for Water and Related Land Resource Implementation Studies*, Water Resources Council, March 10, 1983.

2. *Scoping and Public Involvement.* USACE will accept comments related to GLMRIS until February 28, 2011. Note, USACE will only consider comments that disclose the first name, last name and zip code of the commenter.

All forms of comments received during the scoping period will be weighted equally. Using input obtained during the scoping period, USACE will refine the scope of GLMRIS to focus on significant issues, as well as eliminate issues that are not significant from further detailed study.

Comments may be submitted in the following ways:

- *GLMRIS project Web site:* Use the web comment function found at <http://glmr.is.anl.gov>;
- *NEPA Scoping Meeting:* USACE is hosting scoping meetings and asks those who want to make oral comments to register on the GLMRIS project Web site at <http://glmr.is.anl.gov>. Each individual wishing to make oral comments shall be given three (3) minutes, and a stenographer will document oral comments;
- *Mail:* Mail written comments to GLMRIS Scoping, 111 N. Canal, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60611-3416. Comments must be postmarked by February 28, 2011; and
- *Hand Delivery:* Comments may be hand delivered to the Chicago District, USACE office located at 111 N. Canal, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60611-3416 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Comments must be received by February 28, 2011.

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The first public scoping meeting is scheduled from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 15, 2011 at the Gleacher Center, located at 450 North Cityfront Plaza Drive, Chicago, IL 60611. Please see the GLMRIS project Web site at <http://glmr.is.anl.gov> for more information regarding the meeting and if you wish to make an oral comment.

USACE is scheduling additional scoping meetings in other cities. Specific locations and dates of these meetings will be announced in a subsequent *Federal Register* notice, the GLMRIS project Web site, electronic media and news releases. For more information on NEPA scoping and study information, please visit the GLMRIS project Web site at <http://glmr.is.anl.gov>.

Comments received during the scoping period will be posted on the GLMRIS project Web site and will become a part of the EIS. You may indicate that you do not wish to have your name or other personal information made available on the Web site. However, USACE cannot guarantee that information withheld from the Web site will be maintained as confidential. Requests for disclosure of collected information will be handled through the Freedom of Information Act. Comments and information, including the identity of the submitter, may be disclosed, reproduced, and distributed. Submissions should not include any information that the submitter seeks to preserve as confidential.

If you require assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact Ms. Lynne Whelan via e-mail at [lynne.e.whelan@usace.army.mil](mailto:lynne.e.whelan@usace.army.mil) or phone at (312) 846-5330 at least seven (7) working days prior to the meeting to request arrangements.

3. *Significant Issues.* Issues associated with the proposed study are likely to include, but will not be limited to: Significant natural resources such as ecosystems and threatened and endangered species, commercial and recreational fisheries; current recreational uses of the lakes and waterways; ANS effects on water users; effects of potential ANS controls on current waterway uses such as flood risk management, commercial and recreational navigation, recreation, water supply, hydropower and conveyance of effluent from wastewater



treatment plants and other industries; and statutory and legal responsibilities relative to the lakes and waterways.

4. *Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.* Availability of the Draft EIS is contingent upon sufficient allocation of funding for the study. Draft EIS availability will be announced to the public in the **Federal Register** in compliance with 40 CFR 1506.9 and 1506.10.

5. *Authority.* This action is being undertaken pursuant to the Water Resources and Development Act of 2007, Section 3061, Public Law 110-114, 121 STAT. 1121, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*, as amended.

Dated: November 8, 2010.

Susanne J. Davis,  
Chief Planning Branch, Chicago District,  
Corps of Engineers.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

#### Notice is Given of the Names of Members of a Performance Review Board for the Department of the Air Force

**AGENCY:** Department of the Air Force.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is given of the names of members of a Performance Review Board for the Department of the Air Force.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* November 12, 2010.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 4314(c) (1) through (5) of Title 5, U.S.C., requires each agency to establish, in accordance with regulations, one or more Senior Executive Service performance review boards. The board(s) shall review and evaluate the initial appraisal of senior executive's performance by supervisors and make recommendations to the appointing authority or rating official relative to the performance of these executives.

The members of the 2010 Performance Review Board for the U.S. Air Force are:

1. Board President—Gen Hoffman, Commander, Air Force Materiel Command;
2. Lt Gen Atkins—Commander, 11 AF and Alaskan Command, PACOM;
3. Lt Gen Reno—Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Installations and Mission Support;

4. Mr. Beyland, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower and Personnel;

5. Mrs. Westgate, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Programs;

6. Mr. Williams, Director, Defense Contract Management Agency;

7. Mr. Tillotson, Deputy Chief Management Officer, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force;

8. Ms. Earle, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower and Personnel;

9. Mr. Schneider, Department of the Army, G1;

10. Ms. Gerton, Executive Deputy to the Commanding General, Army Materiel Command;

11. Mr. Murphy, Director, Intelligence Development;

12. Mr. Sciabica, Executive Director, Air Force Research Laboratory;

13. Ms. Puckett, Director, Installations and Logistics; and

14. Ms. Sisson, Director, Resources and Analysis;

Additionally, all career status Air Force Tier 3 SES members not included in the above list are eligible to serve on the 2010 Performance Review Board and are hereby nominated for inclusion on an ad hoc basis in the event of absence(s).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please direct any written comments or requests for information to Ms. Pereuna Johnson, Chief, Sustainment Division, Senior Executive Management, AF/DPSS, 1040 Air Force Pentagon, Washington DC 20330-1040 (PH: 703-695-7677; or via e-mail at [pereuna.johnson@pentagon.af.mil](mailto:pereuna.johnson@pentagon.af.mil).)

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Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Comment Request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Education (the Department), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the reporting burden on the public and helps the public understand

the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 18, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or mailed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that Federal agencies provide interested parties an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: November 10, 2010.

Darrin A. King,

Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

#### Office of Innovation and Improvement

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title of Collection:* National Charter School Resource Center Authorizer Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* Pending.

*Agency Form Number(s):* N/A.

*Frequency of Responses:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions.



**ACTION:** Notice of waiver of 10 U.S.C. 2534 for certain defense items produced in the United Kingdom.

**SUMMARY:** The Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics) is waiving the limitation of 10 U.S.C. 2534 for certain defense items produced in the United Kingdom (UK). 10 U.S.C. 2534 limits DoD procurement of certain items to sources in the national technology and industrial base. The waiver will permit procurement of enumerated items from sources in the UK, unless otherwise restricted by statute.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* This waiver is effective for one year, beginning December 23, 2010.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Jeffrey Grover, OUSD (AT&L), Office of the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Contract Policy and International Contracting, Room 5E621, 3060 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3060, telephone (703) 697-9352.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Subsection (a) of 10 U.S.C. 2534 provides that the Secretary of Defense may procure the items listed in that subsection only if the manufacturer of the item is part of the national technology and industrial base. Subsection (i) of 10 U.S.C. 2534 authorizes the Secretary of Defense to exercise the waiver authority in subsection (d), on the basis of the applicability of paragraph (2) or (3) of that subsection, only if the waiver is made for a particular item listed in subsection (a) and for a particular foreign country. Subsection (d) authorizes a waiver if the Secretary determines that application of the limitation "would impede the reciprocal procurement of defense items under a memorandum of understanding providing for reciprocal procurement of defense items" and if he determines that "that country does not discriminate against defense items produced in the United States to a greater degree than the United States discriminates against defense items produced in that country." The Secretary of Defense has delegated the waiver authority of 10 U.S.C. 2534(d) to the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics).

DoD has had a Reciprocal Defense Procurement Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the UK since 1975, most recently renewed on December 16, 2004.

The Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics) finds that the UK does not discriminate against defense items produced in the

United States to a greater degree than the United States discriminates against defense items produced in the UK, and also finds that application of the limitation in 10 U.S.C. 2534 against defense items produced in the UK would impede the reciprocal procurement of defense items under the MOU.

Under the authority of 10 U.S.C. 2534, the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics) has determined that application of the limitation of 10 U.S.C. 2534(a) to the procurement of any defense item produced in the UK that is listed below would impede the reciprocal procurement of defense items under the MOU with the UK.

On the basis of the foregoing, the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics) is waiving the limitation in 10 U.S.C. 2534(a) for procurements of any defense item listed below that is produced in the UK. This waiver applies only to the limitations in 10 U.S.C. 2534(a). It does not apply to any other limitation. This waiver applies to procurements under solicitations issued during the period from December 23, 2010 to December 22, 2011. Similar waivers have been granted since 1998, most recently in 2009 (74 FR 65763) on December 11, 2009.

**List of Items To Which This Waiver Applies**

1. Air circuit breakers.
2. Welded shipboard anchor and mooring chain with a diameter of four inches or less.
3. Gyrocompasses.
4. Electronic navigation chart systems.
5. Steering controls.
6. Pumps.
7. Propulsion and machinery control systems.
8. Totally enclosed lifeboats.

**Clare Zebrowski,**  
*Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers**

**Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), Initiate the Public Scoping Period and Host Public Scoping Meetings for the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study ("GLMRIS"); Correction, Clarification, Extension of the Public Scoping Period and Announcement of Additional Public Scoping Meeting Locations**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Reference the Notice of Intent published in the *Federal Register* on Tuesday, November 16, 2010, Volume 75, number 220, pages 69983-5. This notice contains corrections and clarifications to this November 16, 2010 notice, extends the public comment period and identifies additional locations for the GLMRIS public scoping meetings. The corrections are typographical errors found in the "Scoping and Involvement" section of the November 16, 2010 notice (75 FR 69983). Among the clarifications is information related to the timeframe of on-line registration for those wanting to make an oral comment at a public meeting, as well as the benefit of registering on-line. The registration process is found in the "Scoping and Involvement" section of the November 16, 2010 notice (75 FR 69983). For convenience, the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of the November 16, 2010 notice (75 FR 69983) has been reprinted with corrections, clarifications, and new text announcing the locations where USACE will host scoping meetings and the extension of the public scoping period.

**DATES:** The public scoping period to be held pursuant the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.* (NEPA) has been extended from February 28, 2011 to March 31, 2011. The first NEPA public scoping meeting for GLMRIS is scheduled for December 15, 2010 in Chicago, Illinois. The dates of the remaining public meetings have not been finalized. Once final, these dates will be posted in a subsequent *Federal Register* notice. Please refer to the "Scoping and Public Involvement" section below for information regarding the public scoping meetings and instructions on how to submit public comments.

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In addition to Chicago, Illinois, USACE will host NEPA scoping meetings in the following metropolitan areas: Buffalo, New York; Cleveland, Ohio; St. Paul, Minnesota; Green Bay, Wisconsin; Traverse City, Michigan; Cincinnati, Ohio; Ann Arbor, Michigan; St. Louis, Missouri; Vicksburg, Mississippi. Specific meeting places and dates will be announced in a subsequent **Federal Register** notice, the GLMRIS project Web site, electronic media and news releases. For more information on NEPA scoping and study information, please visit the GLMRIS project Web site at <http://glmr.is.anl.gov>.

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4. *Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.* Availability of the Draft EIS is contingent upon sufficient allocation of funding for the study. Draft EIS availability will be announced to the public in the **Federal Register** in compliance with 40 CFR 1506.9 and 1506.10.

5. *Authority.* This action is being undertaken pursuant to the Water Resources and Development Act of 2007, Section 3061, Public Law 110-114, 121 STAT. 1121, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*, as amended.

Dated: December 1, 2010.

**Susanne J. Davis,**  
Chief Planning Branch, Chicago District,  
Corps of Engineers.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA NO. 84.031H]

#### Office of Postsecondary Education; Programs

**ACTION:** Notice inviting applications for designation as an eligible institution.

Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP), American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCU), Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions (ANNH), Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISI), Native American Serving Nontribal Institutions (NASNTI), Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI), Hispanic-Serving Institutions (STEM and ARTICULATION), Promoting Postbaccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans (PPOHA), and Predominantly Black Institutions (PBI) Programs for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011.

*Purpose of Programs:* The SIP, TCCU, ANNH, AANAPISI, NASNTI, and PBI Programs are authorized under Title III, Part A, of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). Under these programs, institutions of higher education (IHEs or institutions) are eligible to apply for grants if they meet specific statutory and regulatory eligibility requirements. Similarly, IHEs are eligible to apply for grants under Title V of the HEA if they meet specific statutory and regulatory requirements. The HSI, HSI (STEM and ARTICULATION), and PPOHA Programs are authorized under Title V, Parts A and B of the HEA. In addition, under Title III of the HEA, institutions

applying for grants under the AANAPISI and NASNTI Programs must be eligible institutions as defined in section 312(b) of the HEA. Institutions applying for grants under the PBI Program must be eligible institutions as defined in section 318(b)(1) of the HEA.

An IHE that is designated as an eligible institution may also receive a waiver of certain non-Federal cost-share requirements under the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), the Federal Work Study (FWS), the Student Support Services (SSS), and the Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language (UISFL) Programs. The FSEOG, FWS, and SSS Programs are authorized under Title IV of the HEA. The UISFL Program is authorized under Title VI of the HEA. Qualified institutions may receive these waivers even if they are not recipients of grant funds under the Title III or Title V Programs.

**Special Note:** To qualify as an eligible institution under the Title III or Title V Programs, your institution must satisfy several criteria, including one related to needy student enrollment and one related to average educational and general (E&G) expenditures for a specified base year. The most recent data available for E&G expenditures are for base year 2008-2009. In order to award FY 2011 grants in a timely manner, we will use the most recent data available. Therefore, we use E&G expenditure threshold data from the base year 2008-2009. In completing your eligibility application, please use E&G expenditure data from the base year 2008-2009.

If you are designated as an eligible institution and you do not receive a new award under the Title III or Title V Programs in FY 2011, your eligibility for the non-Federal cost-share waiver under the FSEOG, the FWS, the SSS, and the UISFL Programs is valid for five consecutive years. You will not need to reapply for eligibility until 2016, *unless* you wish to apply for a new Title III or Title V grant. All institutions interested in applying for a new FY 2011 Title III or Title V grant or requesting a waiver of the non-Federal cost share, must apply for eligibility designation in FY 2011. Under the HEA, any institution interested in applying for a grant under *any of these programs* must first be designated as an eligible institution.

The notice for applying for designation as an eligible institution for FY 2010 was reopened on August 13, 2010, 74 FR 64059, and applications were due on September 13, 2010. That reopening of the application period applied only to those institutions that intended to apply for new awards in the specified program competitions. All

institutions intending to apply for funding in any of the other Title III or V competitions held in 2011 must apply for designation as an eligible institution in accordance with this announcement.

*Eligible Applicants:* To qualify as an eligible institution under the Title III or Title V Programs, an accredited institution must, among other requirements, have an enrollment of needy students, and its average E&G expenditures per full-time equivalent (FTE) undergraduate student must be low in comparison with the average E&G expenditures per FTE undergraduate student of institutions that offer similar instruction.

The eligibility requirements for the Title III Programs are found in 34 CFR 607.2 through 607.5. The regulations may be accessed at the following Web site: [http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx\\_02/34cfr607\\_02.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_02/34cfr607_02.html).

The eligibility requirements for the Title V, HSI Program are found in 34 CFR 606.2 through 34 CFR 606.5. The regulations may be accessed at the following Web site: [http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx\\_01/34cfr606\\_01.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_01/34cfr606_01.html).

The requirements for the PPOHA Program are found in the notice of final requirements published in the **Federal Register** on July 27, 2010 (75 FR 44055) (PPOHA NFP). Among the requirements established for the PPOHA Program in the PPOHA NFP are the use of the regulations in 34 CFR 606.2(a) and (b), and 606.3 through 606.5.

*Enrollment of Needy Students:* Under 34 CFR 606.3(a) and 607.3(a) and, for the PPOHA Program, *Requirement 1—Eligibility Criteria (Use of 34 CFR 606.2(a) and (b), 606.3 through 606.5)* in the PPOHA NFP, an institution is considered to have an enrollment of needy students if: (1) At least 50 percent of its degree students received financial assistance under one or more of the following programs: Federal Pell Grant, FSEOG, FWS, or the Federal Perkins Loan Programs; or (2) the percentage of its undergraduate degree students who were enrolled on at least a half-time basis and received Federal Pell Grants exceeded the median percentage of undergraduate degree students who were enrolled on at least a half-time basis and received Federal Pell Grants at comparable institutions that offer similar instruction.

To qualify under this latter criterion, an institution's Federal Pell Grant percentage for base year 2008-2009 must be more than the median for its category of comparable institutions provided in the 2008-2009 Median Pell Grant and Average E&G Expenditures per FTE Student Table in this notice.



Missile Defense Advisory Committee. Due to administrative matters, these meetings have been rescheduled from January 6–7, 2011 to January 19–20, 2011. There are no other changes to the notice announced on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 (75 FR 77848).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. David Bagnati, Designated Federal Officer at [MDAC@mda.mil](mailto:MDAC@mda.mil), phone/voice mail 703-695-6438, or mail at 7100 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-7100.

Dated: December 29, 2010.

Morgan F. Park,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers**

**Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for PacRim Coal's Proposed Chuitna Coal Project**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Alaska District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) intends to prepare an SEIS to identify and analyze the potential impacts associated with the proposed Chuitna Coal Project. It is anticipated that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Native Village of Tyonek (NVT), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ADNR) will participate as cooperating agencies in the SEIS development process. The USACE will be evaluating a permit application for work under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The SEIS will be used as a basis for the Corps' permit decision and to ensure compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The SEIS will also address issues related to the Alaska Surface Coal Mining Control and Reclamation Act (ASCMCRA) permit, which governs all aspects of the mining operation and infrastructure.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions about the proposed action and the DSEIS can be answered by: Ms. Serena Sweet, Regulatory Division, telephone: (907) 753-2819, toll free in AK: (800) 478-2712, fax: (907) 753-5567, e-mail: [serena.e.sweet@usace.army.mil](mailto:serena.e.sweet@usace.army.mil), or mail:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, CEPOA-RD, Post Office Box 6898, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska 99506-0898.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

1. The Chuitna Coal Project (Project) is located in the Beluga Coal Field, approximately 10 miles northwest of the Native Village of Tyonek and 45 miles west of Anchorage, Alaska. The Project is based on the development of a +1 billion metric ton, ultra low sulfur sub-bituminous coal resource located within the Chuitna Coal Lease Area. The proposed Project includes a surface coal mine, the Ladd Landing coal export terminal and other associated support facilities (including: Shop/office/warehouse facility, fuel storage facility and fueling station, ready line for parking and fueling of rolling stock, electrical substation, truck dump with stilling shed and coal crusher, 35,000 to 40,000-ton covered surge bin, overland conveyor loading station, roads, and a power distribution system). The project proponent, PacRim Coal, LP, targets a coal production rate of approximately 12 million tons per year (facilities are designed for up to 18–20 million tons per year), and a 25-year mine life based on current estimated coal reserves.

2. A previous project design was evaluated in an EIS and permitted by most of the applicable State and Federal regulatory programs in the early 1990s; however, this project did not proceed to development. Since 2006, EPA has been lead federal agency for the development of an SEIS for the Project and the USACE, ADNR, USFWS and NVT participated as cooperating agencies (71 FR 33446). On October 31, 2010, the EPA's authority to issue and enforce mining permits in Alaska for wastewater discharges issued under the Clean Water Act National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System program was transferred to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. Consequently, the EPA recently discontinued their role as lead federal agency for the Chuitna SEIS.

3. Alternatives: The alternatives to be evaluated include the "no-action" alternative, wastewater discharge alternatives and alternative discharge locations. In addition, the SEIS will evaluate mine access road and conveyor alignment alternatives, and coal export terminal alternatives. Additional alternatives may be developed.

4. Scoping for the proposed project was completed by EPA in 2006. Based on the comments received during this scoping period, PacRim Coal, LP has made revisions to the proposed Project. In accordance with NEPA, the Corps has reviewed the revised project description

and determined that because these revisions are the result of the original scoping process and remain within the original scope of review, additional scoping processes will not be conducted at this time.

5. Estimated Date of DSEIS Release: December 2011.

Dated: December 28, 2010.

Serena E. Sweet,

Project Manager, Alaska District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers**

**Notice of NEPA Public Scoping Meeting Information for the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study ("GLMRIS")**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In a November 16, 2010, Federal Register Notice (75 FR 69983), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Chicago District announced in a notice of intent that it will prepare a feasibility report and an environmental impact statement (EIS) for GLMRIS, and it will host a public scoping meeting in Chicago, Illinois, on December 15, 2010. In a December 8, 2010, Federal Register Notice (75 FR 76447), USACE announced the metropolitan locations where USACE would be hosting nine (9) additional public scoping meetings for GLMRIS. The December 8, 2010, notice did not include specific meeting details. This notice announces the venues, dates and times of these nine (9) public scoping meetings and also announces USACE's intent to host two (2) additional public scoping meetings in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and New Orleans, Louisiana.

USACE, in consultation with other federal agencies, Native American tribes, state agencies, local governments and non-governmental organizations, is conducting a feasibility study of the options and technologies that could be applied to prevent aquatic nuisance species (ANS) transfer between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins through aquatic pathways.

**DATES:** Until March 31, 2011, USACE will be accepting public comments on the scope of GLMRIS. Please refer to the "Scoping and Public Involvement" section below for instructions on how to submit public comments, the dates of

the upcoming public scoping meetings and other meeting information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information and/or questions about GLMRIS, please contact USACE, Chicago District, Project Manager, Mr. David Wethington, *by mail:* USACE, Chicago District, 111 N. Canal, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60606, or *by e-mail:* david.m.wethington@usace.army.mil.

For media inquiries, please contact the USACE, Chicago District, Public Affairs Officer, Ms. Lynne Whelan, *by mail:* USACE, Chicago District, 111 N. Canal, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60606, *by phone:* (312) 846-5330 or *by e-mail:* lynne.e.whelan@usace.army.mil.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

1. *Background.* USACE, in consultation with other federal agencies, Native American tribes, state agencies, local governments and non-governmental organizations, is conducting GLMRIS. For GLMRIS, USACE will explore options and technologies, collectively known as ANS controls, that could be applied to prevent ANS transfer between the basins through aquatic pathways. Potential ANS controls may include, but are not limited to, hydrologic separation of the basins, waterway modifications, selective barriers, etc.

USACE will conduct a comprehensive analysis of ANS controls and will analyze the effects an ANS control or combination of ANS controls may have on current uses of: (1) The Chicago Area Waterway System (CAWS), the only known continuous aquatic pathway between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins; and (2) other aquatic pathways between these basins. For the CAWS, current waterway uses include, but are not limited to: Flood risk management; commercial and recreational navigation; recreation; water supply; hydropower; and conveyance of effluent from wastewater treatment plants and other industries. Additionally, this study will identify mitigation measures or alternative facilities necessary to offset and address impacted waterway uses and current significant natural resources.

USACE will conduct GLMRIS in accordance with NEPA and with the *Economic and Environmental Principles and Guidelines for Water and Related Land Resource Implementation Studies*, Water Resources Council, March 10, 1983.

2. *Scoping and Public Involvement.* USACE will accept comments related to GLMRIS until March 31, 2011. Note, USACE will only consider comments that disclose the first name, last name and zip code of the commenter.

All forms of comments received during the scoping period will be weighted equally. Using input obtained during the scoping period, USACE will refine the scope of GLMRIS to focus on significant issues, as well as eliminate issues that are not significant from further detailed study.

Comments may be submitted in the following ways:

- *GLMRIS project Web site:* Use the Web comment function found at <http://www.glmris.anl.gov>;

- *NEPA Scoping Meeting:* USACE is hosting scoping meetings and asks those who want to make oral comments to register on the GLMRIS project Web site at <http://www.glmris.anl.gov>. Those registering to make oral comments through the project Web site may be given a preference over those that register to make oral comments at the meeting. The on-line registration for each individual meeting will close one (1) day prior to that meeting date. Each individual wishing to make oral comments shall be given three (3) minutes, and a stenographer will document oral comments;

- *Mail:* Mail written comments to GLMRIS Scoping, 111 N. Canal, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60606. Comments must be postmarked by March 31, 2011; and
- *Hand Delivery:* Comments may be hand delivered to the Chicago District, USACE office located at 111 N. Canal St., Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60606 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Comments must be received by March 31, 2011.

At the scoping meetings, USACE will provide informational materials about the study's authorities and USACE study process. The meetings will begin with a presentation regarding the study followed by an oral comment period. During each meeting, USACE will also collect written comments on comment cards and computer terminals.

In addition to the meeting held on December 15, 2010, in Chicago, Illinois, USACE will host NEPA public scoping meetings from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the following locations:

1. *Tuesday, January 11, 2011:* Buffalo Conference Center, 2 Fountain Plaza, Buffalo, NY.

2. *Thursday, January 13, 2011:* Great Lakes Science Center, 601 Erieside Avenue, Cleveland, OH.

3. *Thursday, January 20, 2011:* McNamara Alumni Center, University of Minnesota, 200 Oak Street, S.E., #35, Minneapolis, MN.

4. *Tuesday, January 25, 2011:* Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, 2740 West Mason Street, Green Bay, WI.

5. *Thursday, January 27, 2011:* The Hagerty Conference Center, NMC Great

Lakes Campus, 715 E. Front Street, Traverse City, MI.

6. *Tuesday, February 1, 2011:* Tangeman University Center, University of Cincinnati, 2766 UC Main Street, Cincinnati, OH. For driving directions to the parking garage, please use "W. Corry St. at Jefferson Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45221" as your destination address. Continue west on W. Corry St. until you reach the CCM parking garage.

7. *Thursday, February 3, 2011:* Ann Arbor Marriott-Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest, 1275 South Huron Street, Ypsilanti, MI.

8. *Tuesday, February 8, 2011:* National Great Rivers Museum (Adjacent to Melvin Price Locks and Dam), #2 Locks and Dam Way, Alton, IL.

9. *Thursday, February 10, 2011:* Vicksburg Convention Center, 1600 Mulberry Street, Vicksburg, MS.

Please see the GLMRIS project Web site at <http://www.glmris.anl.gov> for driving directions, if you wish to register to make an oral comment at one of these meetings, and for more information regarding the meeting including a meeting agenda.

In addition to the above-listed locations, USACE is also planning to host NEPA public scoping meetings in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and New Orleans, Louisiana. Specific meeting places and dates will be announced in a subsequent Federal Register notice, the GLMRIS project Web site, electronic media and news releases.

Comments received during the scoping period will be posted on the GLMRIS project Web site and will become a part of the EIS. You may indicate that you do not wish to have your name or other personal information made available on the Web site. However, USACE cannot guarantee that information withheld from the Web site will be maintained as confidential. Requests for disclosure of collected information will be handled through the Freedom of Information Act. Comments and information, including the identity of the submitter, may be disclosed, reproduced, and distributed. Submissions should not include any information that the submitter seeks to preserve as confidential.

If you require assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact Ms. Lynne Whelan via e-mail at [lynne.e.whelan@usace.army.mil](mailto:lynne.e.whelan@usace.army.mil) or phone at (312) 846-5330 at least seven (7) working days prior to the meeting to request arrangements.

3. *Significant Issues.* Issues associated with the proposed study are likely to include, but will not be limited to: Significant natural resources such as ecosystems and threatened and

endangered species, commercial and recreational fisheries; current recreational uses of the lakes and waterways; ANS effects on water users; effects of potential ANS controls on current waterway uses such as flood risk management, commercial and recreational navigation, recreation, water supply, hydropower and conveyance of effluent from wastewater treatment plants and other industries; and statutory and legal responsibilities relative to the lakes and waterways.

4. *Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.* The date that the draft EIS will be made available is contingent upon sufficient allocation of funding for the study. Draft EIS availability will be announced to the public in the **Federal Register** in compliance with 40 CFR 1506.9 and 1506.10.

5. *Authority.* This action is being undertaken pursuant to the Water Resources and Development Act of 2007, Section 3061, Public Law 110-114, 121 STAT. 1121, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*, as amended.

Dated: December 28, 2010.

Susanne J. Davis,  
Chicago District, Corps of Engineers.  
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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.  
**ACTION:** Comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Education (the Department), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the reporting burden on the public and helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. **DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 7, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or mailed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35) requires that Federal agencies provide interested parties an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: December 28, 2010.

James Hyler,  
Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

### Office of Postsecondary Education

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title of Collection:* Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants Program (TQE) Scholarship Contract and Teaching Verification Forms on Scholarship Recipients.

*OMB Control Number:* 1840-0753.

*Agency Form Number(s):* N/A.

*Frequency of Responses:* On Occasion; Semi-Annually; Annually.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Government, State Educational Agencies or Local Educational Agencies.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 285.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 426.

*Abstract:* Students receiving scholarships under section 204 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, Public Law 105-244, incur a

service obligation to teach in a high-need school in a high-need Local Educational Agency. This information collection consists of a contract to be executed when funds are awarded, subsequent addenda for students receiving funds beyond one semester/quarter/term, and a separate teaching verification form to be used by students and high-need school districts, to document the students' compliance with the contract's conditions.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 4465. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection and OMB Control Number when making your request.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.  
**ACTION:** Comment Request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Education (the Department), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the reporting burden on the public and helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.



submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Jeanette M. Weathers-Jenkins at (703) 681-2103, or Defense Information Systems Agency, 5600 Columbia Pike, Room 933-I, Falls Church, VA 22041-2705.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Defense Information Systems Agency systems of records notices subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the Federal Register and are available from the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT address above.

The Defense Information Systems Agency proposes to delete three systems of records notices from its inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended. The proposed deletion is not within the purview of subsection (r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, which requires the submission of a new or altered system report.

Dated: February 8, 2011.

**Morgan F. Park,**  
Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

**Deletions:**  
**K240.01**

Personnel Security Investigative Dossier File (PSIDF) (August 23, 1995, 60 FR 43777).

**REASON:**

The personnel security investigative Dossier (PSIDF) files are not stored at DISA. PSIDF are stored at military central adjudication facilities, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Defense Intelligence Agency, Washington headquarters adjudication facility, Defense Security Service, and Defense Industrial Security Clearance Office.

**K240.04**

Identification Badge System (February 22, 1993, 58 FR 10562).

**REASON:**

The identification badge system does not contain Personally Identifiable Information that is directly solicited, collected, and under the control of a Federal agency or component from which there is specific retrieval of information using a personal identifier (i.e., the name of the individual or by

some identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to the individual such as SSN, date of birth, symbol, etc.).

**K240.07**

Vehicle and Parking Registration Card (February 22, 1993, 58 FR 10562).

**REASON:**

The vehicle and parking registration card function is now managed by Department of Army, Fort Meade.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Air Force**

**Positioning Systems Directorate Will Be Hosting an Interface Control Working Group (ICWG) Meeting for Document ICD-GPS-870**

**AGENCY:** Interface Control Working Group (ICWG) meeting for document ICD-GPS-870.

**ACTION:** Meeting Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice informs the public that the Global Positioning Systems Directorate will be hosting an Interface Control Working Group (ICWG) meeting for document ICD-GPS-870, Navstar Next Generation GPS Operational Control Segment (OCX) to User Support Community Interfaces. This document captures the same interface as ICD-GPS-240 (Navstar GPS Control Segment to User Support Community Interfaces), but for the OCX era. Therefore, the meeting will only address the OCX data formats definition and the OCX information assurance requirements for data integrity. The ICWG is open to the general public. For those who would like to attend and participate in this ICWG meeting, you are requested to register to attend the meeting no later than 26 March 2011. Please send the registration to [Jaime.valdivia.ctr@losangeles.af.mil](mailto:Jaime.valdivia.ctr@losangeles.af.mil) and provide your name, organization, telephone number, address, and country of citizenship. More information, including Comments Resolution Matrix (CRM) form, Was/Is Matrix and Redlined ICD, will be posted at: <http://www.gps.gov/technical/ICWG/> & <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/> (under the News and Notices section) If you have any comments, please provide them in the CRM form and limit your comments to the Was/Is Matrix and the redlined areas of the ICDs which key on changes to the OCX data formats and IA requirements only. Submit your CRM comments to Jaime Valdivia by 26 March 2011.

**Date/Time:** 28 April 11/8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
**DIAL-IN INFO and LOCATION:**  
**Phone Number:** 1-800-366-7242  
**Code:** 1745510.

**Address:** SAIC Facility\*, 300 N. Sepulveda Blvd, El Segundo, CA 90245, 2nd Floor, CR-2060, \* Identification will be required at the entrance of the SAIC facility (Passport, State ID or Federal ID). SAIC facility phone number: 1-310-416-8300.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
*Jaime.valdivia.ctr@losangeles.af.mil* 1-310-416-8375 or Captain Walter Miller *walter.miller@losangeles.af.mil* 1-310-653-3524

**Bao-Anh Trinh,**

*Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers**

**Notice of Information for Additional NEPA Public Scoping Meetings for the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study ("GLMRIS")**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In a November 16, 2010, Federal Register Notice (75 FR 69983), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Chicago District announced in a notice of intent that it will prepare a feasibility report and an environmental impact statement (EIS) for GLMRIS, and it will host a public scoping meeting in Chicago, Illinois, on December 15, 2010. In a December 8, 2010, Federal Register Notice (75 FR 76447), USACE announced the metropolitan locations where USACE would be hosting nine (9) additional public scoping meetings for GLMRIS but did not include specific meeting details. In a January 4, 2010, Federal Register Notice (76 FR 336), USACE announced the meeting details for the nine (9) additional public scoping meetings. The January 4, 2010 notice also announced USACE's intent to host two (2) additional public scoping meetings in Milwaukee, WI and New Orleans, LA, but it did not include meeting details. This notice announces the meeting details for these locations. This notice also announces the rescheduled meeting date and location for the Ann Arbor, MI public scoping meeting.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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- *NEPA Scoping Meeting:* USACE is hosting scoping meetings and asks those who want to make oral comments to register on the GLMRIS project Web site at <http://www.glmris.anl.gov>. Those registering to make oral comments through the project website may be given a preference over those that register to make oral comments at the meeting. The on-line registration for each individual meeting will close one (1) day prior to that meeting date. Each individual wishing to make oral comments shall be given three (3) minutes, and a stenographer will document oral comments;
- *Mail:* Mail written comments to GLMRIS Scoping, 111 N. Canal, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60606. Comments must be postmarked by March 31, 2011; and
- *Hand Delivery:* Comments may be hand delivered to the Chicago District, USACE office located at 111 N. Canal St., Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60606 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Comments must be received by March 31, 2011.

At the scoping meetings, USACE will provide informational materials about the study's authorities and USACE study process. The meetings will begin with a presentation regarding the study followed by an oral comment period. During each meeting, USACE will also collect written comments on comment cards and computer terminals.

Due to weather conditions, USACE rescheduled the February 3, 2011 public scoping meeting in Ann Arbor, MI. The purpose of this notice is to announce the meeting information for (i) the rescheduled public scoping meeting in

Ann Arbor, MI and (ii) the public scoping meetings scheduled in Milwaukee, WI and New Orleans, LA. USACE will host NEPA public scoping meetings from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the following locations:

1. *Tuesday, February 15, 2011:* The Miller Room of the O'Donnell Park Complex, 910 E. Michigan St., Milwaukee, WI.

2. *Thursday, February 17, 2011:* Port of New Orleans Administration Building, Auditorium, 1350 Port of New Orleans Place, New Orleans, LA.

3. *Tuesday, March 8, 2011:* Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest 1275 S. Huron St., Ypsilanti, MI.

Please see the GLMRIS project Web site at <http://www.glmris.anl.gov> if you wish to register to make an oral comment at one of these meetings, and for more information regarding the meeting including a meeting agenda.

Comments received during the scoping period will be posted on the GLMRIS project website and will become a part of the EIS. You may indicate that you do not wish to have your name or other personal information made available on the website. However, USACE cannot guarantee that information withheld from the website will be maintained as confidential. Requests for disclosure of collected information will be handled through the Freedom of Information Act. Comments and information, including the identity of the submitter, may be disclosed, reproduced, and distributed. Submissions should not include any information that the submitter seeks to preserve as confidential.

If you require assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact Ms. Lynne Whelan via e-mail at [lynne.e.whelan@usace.army.mil](mailto:lynne.e.whelan@usace.army.mil) or phone at (312) 846-5330 at least seven (7) working days prior to the meeting to request arrangements.

3. *Significant Issues.* Issues associated with the proposed study are likely to include, but will not be limited to: Significant natural resources such as ecosystems and threatened and endangered species, commercial and recreational fisheries; current recreational uses of the lakes and waterways; ANS effects on water users; effects of potential ANS controls on current waterway uses such as flood risk management, commercial and recreational navigation, recreation, water supply, hydropower and conveyance of effluent from wastewater treatment plants and other industries; and statutory and legal responsibilities relative to the lakes and waterways.

4. *Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.* The date that the draft EIS will be made available is contingent upon sufficient allocation of funding for the study. Draft EIS availability will be announced to the public in the **Federal Register** in compliance with 40 CFR 1506.9 and 1506.10.

5. *Authority.* This action is being undertaken pursuant to the Water Resources and Development Act of 2007, Section 3061, Pub. L. 110-114, 121 STAT. 1121, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*, as amended.

Dated: February 4, 2011.

Susanne J. Davis,  
Chief Planning Branch Chicago District, Corps  
of Engineers.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.  
**ACTION:** Comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Education (the Department), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the reporting burden on the public and helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 15, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or mailed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that Federal agencies provide interested parties an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: February 8, 2011.

Darrin A. King,  
Director, Information Collection Clearance  
Division, Regulatory Information  
Management Services, Office of Management.

### Federal Student Aid

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title of Collection:* Federal Family Education Loan Program and William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program Unpaid Refund Loan Discharge Application.

*OMB Control Number:* 1845-0058.

*Agency Form Number(s):* N/A.

*Frequency of Responses:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 400.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 200.

*Abstract:* This form serves as the means by which eligible borrowers in the Federal Family Education Loan Program and William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program apply for discharge of the portion of a loan that a school failed to return to the loan holder in accordance with federal regulations.

Copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 4517. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue,

SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection and OMB Control Number when making your request.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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commercial quantities in a timely manner in the territory of any Party. The CAFTA-DR Agreement provides that this list may be modified pursuant to Article 3.25(4)-(5), when the President of the United States determines that a fabric, yarn, or fiber is not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the territory of any Party. See Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA-DR Agreement; see also section 203(o)(4)(C) of the CAFTA-DR Implementation Act.

The CAFTA-DR Implementation Act requires the President to establish procedures governing the submission of a request and providing opportunity for interested entities to submit comments and supporting evidence before a commercial availability determination is made. In Presidential Proclamations 7987 and 7996, the President delegated to CITA the authority under section 203(o)(4) of CAFTA-DR Implementation Act for modifying the Annex 3.25 list. Pursuant to this authority, on September 15, 2008, CITA published modified procedures it would follow in considering requests to modify the Annex 3.25 list of products determined to be not commercially available in the territory of any Party to CAFTA-DR (*Modifications to Procedures for Considering Requests Under the Commercial Availability Provision of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement*, 73 FR 53200) ("CITA's procedures").

On November 10, 2011, the Chairman of CITA received a request for a Commercial Availability determination ("Request") from Sorini Samet & Associates on behalf of Hansoll Textile Ltd. for certain cotton/nylon/spandex raschel knit, open work crepe, printed fabric, as specified below. On November 15, 2011, in accordance with CITA's procedures, CITA notified interested parties of the Request, which was posted on the dedicated Web site for CAFTA-DR Commercial Availability proceedings. In its notification, CITA advised that any Response with an Offer to Supply ("Response") must be submitted by November 28, 2011, and any Rebuttal Comments to a Response ("Rebuttal") must be submitted by December 2, 2011, in accordance with sections 6 and 7 of CITA's procedures. No interested entity submitted a Response to the Request advising CITA of its objection to the Request and its ability to supply the subject product.

In accordance with section 203(o)(4)(C) of the CAFTA-DR Implementation Act, and section 8(c)(2) of CITA's procedures, as no interested entity submitted a Response objecting to the Request and demonstrating its

ability to supply the subject product, CITA has determined to add the specified fabric to the list in Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA-DR Agreement.

The subject product has been added to the list in Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA-DR Agreement in unrestricted quantities. A revised list has been posted on the dedicated Web site for CAFTA-DR Commercial Availability proceedings.

**SPECIFICATIONS:** Certain Cotton/Nylon/Spandex Raschel Knit Open Work Crepe Printed Fabric  
HTS: 6005.24.00.

Fabric Type: Raschel knit, open work crepe fabric, with a blistered surface with interstices covering 15% of the surface area, printed.

Fiber content: Cotton 61-65%; Nylon 32-34%; Spandex 3-5%.

Yarn size:

**Cotton:**

Metric: 28/2 to 32/2.

English: 16.5/2 to 19/2.

**Nylon:**

Metric: 150-160 denier/10 filament.

English: 56-60 denier/10 filament.

**Nylon (wrapping yarn for spandex core):**

Metric: 113-150 denier/36 filament.

English: 60-80 denier/36 filament.

**Spandex (wrapped in nylon):**

Metric: 40-45 denier.

English: 200-225 denier.

**Weight:**

Metric: 160-180 grams per sq. meter.

English: 4.7-5.3 ounces per sq. yard.

**Width:**

Metric: 137.2-147.4 centimeters,

cuttable.

English: 54-58 inches, cuttable.

Machine gauge: 18.

Bar: 18.

Coloration: Pigment print.

**Performance criteria:**

1. Dimensional stability: -7%/+2%,

AATCC 135/150.

2. Fabric skewing: 4%, AATCC 179.

3. Fabric weight: -8%/+8%.

**Kim Glas,**

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile and Apparel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Corps of Engineers

#### Notice for the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS)

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

#### **ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Chicago District has posted on <http://glmr.is.anl.gov> the "Inventory of Available Controls for Aquatic Nuisance Species of Concern—Chicago Area Waterway System" (ANS Control Paper). An Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Control is an option or technology that may be applied to prevent ANS transfer via aquatic pathways. The ANS Control Paper identifies the range of options or technologies available to target the ANS of Concern in the Chicago Area Waterway System (CAWS). These ANS of Concern—CAWS were previously identified as non-native species that are the initial focus of GLMRIS.

In a December 8, 2010 notice of intent, **Federal Register** Notice (75 FR 76447), USACE announced it will prepare a feasibility report and an environmental impact statement (EIS) for GLMRIS. GLMRIS is a feasibility study of the range of options and technologies that could be applied to prevent ANS transfer between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins through aquatic pathways. USACE is conducting GLMRIS in consultation with other federal agencies, Native American tribes, state agencies, local governments and non-governmental organizations. The ANS Control Paper is an interim product of GLMRIS. For additional information regarding GLMRIS, please refer to the project Web site <http://glmr.is.anl.gov>.

This notice announces a comment period during which USACE is asking the public to submit (i) information on ANS Controls that may be effective at preventing the transfer of ANS of Concern—CAWS but that are not included in the paper, or (ii) comments regarding ANS Controls identified in the paper. This notice also announces the dates and times of conference calls hosted by USACE for the purpose of providing the public an opportunity to ask questions regarding the ANS Control Paper.

**DATES:** USACE announces an ANS Control Comment Period from Wednesday, December 21, 2011, through Friday, February 17, 2012. Please refer to the "ANS Control Comment Period" section below for details on the information USACE is seeking during this comment period and instructions on comment submittal.

USACE will be hosting two (2) conference calls regarding the paper. These calls are open to the public. The first call is scheduled on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. (CST). The second call is scheduled on

Wednesday, February 8, 2012 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. (CST).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information and/or questions about GLMRIS, please contact USACE, Chicago District, Project Manager, Mr. David Wethington, *by mail:* USACE, Chicago District, 111 N. Canal, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60606, or *by email:* [david.m.wethington@usace.army.mil](mailto:david.m.wethington@usace.army.mil).

For media inquiries, please contact USACE, Chicago District, Public Affairs Officer, Ms. Lynne Whelan, *by mail:* USACE, Chicago District, 111 N. Canal, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60606, *by phone:* (312) 846-5330 or *by email:* [lynne.e.whelan@usace.army.mil](mailto:lynne.e.whelan@usace.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

1. *Background.* USACE is conducting GLMRIS in consultation with other federal agencies, Native American tribes, state agencies, local governments and non-governmental organizations. For GLMRIS, USACE will explore ANS Controls that could be applied to prevent ANS transfer between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins through aquatic pathways. Potential ANS Controls may include, but are not limited to, hydrologic separation of the basins, modification of water quality or flow within a waterway, chemical application to ANS, collection and removal of ANS from a waterway, as well as other types of controls currently in research and development.

USACE will develop screening criteria consistent with study objectives and refine the list of ANS Controls to determine which warrant further consideration. USACE will formulate plans comprised of one or more of the screened ANS Controls in consideration of four criteria: Completeness, effectiveness, efficiency, and acceptability. USACE will then evaluate and compare the effects of the alternative plans.

USACE is conducting GLMRIS in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and with the *Economic and Environmental Principles and Guidelines for Water and Related Land Resource Implementation Studies*, Water Resources Council, March 10, 1983.

2. *ANS Control Paper.* The ANS Control Paper is an interim product of GLMRIS and is found at <http://glmr.is.anl.gov/documents/interim/anscontrol/index.cfm>. Through literature search and consultation with experts in the field of ANS and ANS Controls, USACE identified the ANS Controls found in the paper. These ANS Controls are those that may be effective at preventing the transfer of ANS of Concern—CAWS via aquatic pathways.

ANS of Concern—CAWS are the non-native species that are the initial focus of GLMRIS.

3. *ANS Control Comment Period.* USACE is currently soliciting information from the public on ANS Controls that may be effective on ANS of Concern—CAWS but that may be missing from the list developed for the ANS Control Paper; USACE is also seeking comments on the included ANS Controls. The comment period runs from December 21, 2011 through February 17, 2012. Comments may be submitted in the following ways:

- *GLMRIS project Web site:* Use the web form found at [www.glmris.anl.gov](http://www.glmris.anl.gov) through February 17, 2012;
- *Mail:* Mail written information to GLMRIS ANS Control Comments, 111 N. Canal, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60606. Comments must be postmarked by February 17, 2012; and
- *Hand Delivery:* Comments may be hand delivered to the USACE, Chicago District office located at 111 N. Canal St., Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60606 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Comments must be received by Friday, February 17, 2012.

USACE will consider all comments received during this comment period. If necessary, USACE will update the ANS Control Paper and in spring 2012, will post an updated ANS Control Paper to the GLMRIS Web site.

4. *Public Conference Calls.* USACE will host conference calls on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 from 2 p.m.–4 p.m. (CST) and Wednesday, February 8, 2012 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. (CST). The conference calls are intended to provide the public with an opportunity to ask questions regarding the ANS Control Paper. Call-in information for both calls is:

*USA Toll-Free:* (877) 336-1839.  
*Access Code:* 8506361.

5. *Authority.* This action is being undertaken pursuant to the Water Resources and Development Act of 2007, Section 3061, Pub. L. 110-114, 121 STAT. 1121, and NEPA of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321, et seq., as amended.

Dated: December 14, 2011.

**Susanne J. Davis,**  
*Chief, Planning Branch, Chicago District,*  
*Corps of Engineers.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**U.S. Department of Energy Audit Guidance: For-Profit Recipients**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Request for information.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) seeks information and comments related to the requirements and guidance for independent audit organizations in conducting program compliance audits of for-profit recipients of federal financial assistance from DOE under its financial assistance regulations.

**DATES:** Written comments and information are requested on or before January 20, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are encouraged to submit comments using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Alternatively, interested persons may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Email to:* [FederalRegisterAuditComments@hq.doe.gov](mailto:FederalRegisterAuditComments@hq.doe.gov). Hand Delivery/ Courier: Ms. Kimberly Krizanovic, U.S. Department of Energy, 4th Floor (Suite 4A-236), 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585. Phone: (202) 586-5304. Please submit one signed paper original.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Kimberly Krizanovic, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, 4th Floor (Suite 4A-236), 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585. Phone: (202) 586-5304. Email: [kimberly.krizanovic@hq.doe.gov](mailto:kimberly.krizanovic@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** U.S. Department of Energy Audit Guidance: For-Profit Recipients provides requirements and guidance for independent audit organizations in conducting program compliance audits of for-profit recipients of federal financial assistance from the Department of Energy (DOE) under Regulation 10 CFR 600.316. The requirements for financial statement audits of for-profit recipients are not provided for under Regulation 10 CFR 600.316, which applies only to program compliance audits. As such, this Audit Program and all compliance supplements (Parts II and III of this guidance) do not apply to financial statement audits. Audits of financial statements are allowable as indirect costs if the recipient normally has financial statement audits. However, DOE is not requiring an audit of financial statements solely to address Regulation 10 CFR 600.316, nor are financial statement audits allowable as direct costs to satisfy the requirements of Regulation 10 CFR 600.316.

Compliance audits as required under Regulation 10 CFR 600.316 and this



**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

**STORAGE:**

Records are maintained on electronic storage media.

**RETRIEVABILITY:**

Records are retrieved using individual's name, passport numbers, and dates of travel.

**SAFEGUARDS:**

Records are maintained in a controlled facility. Physical entry is restricted by the use of locks, guards, and is accessible by authorized personnel. Access to records is limited to person(s) responsible for servicing the record in the performance of their official duties and who are properly screened and cleared for need-to-know. System software uses Primary Key Infrastructure (PKI)/Common Access Card (CAC) authentication to lock out unauthorized access. System software contains authorization/permission partitioning to limit access to appropriate organization level.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

Aircraft diplomatic clearance and personnel travel records are permanent. Personally Identifiable Information is deleted from the record one year after mission/travel is completed. Records are only electronic.

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Chief, DoD Foreign Clearance Program, Strategic Plans and Policy Division, Headquarters, United States Air Force, 1480 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1480.

**Notification procedures:**

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system of records should address written inquiries to HQ USAF/A5XP, 1480 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1480.

For verification purposes, individual should provide their full name, passport number, any details which may assist in locating records, and their signature.

In addition, the requester must provide a notarized statement or an unsworn declaration made in accordance with 28 U.S.C. 1746, in the following format:

If executed outside the United States: 'I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on (date). (Signature)'.

If executed within the United States, its territories, possessions, or

commonwealths: 'I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on (date). (Signature)'.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

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**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

The Air Force rules for accessing records, and for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are published in Air Force Instruction 37-132; 32 CFR part 806b; or may be obtained from the system manager.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Information will be obtained from the individual.

**EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:**

None.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers**

**Revision to the Notice for the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS) Regarding Public Conference Calls Scheduled for January 10 and February 8, 2012**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD (USACE).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In a December 21, 2011 notice, Federal Register Notice (76 FR 79167), USACE announced the release

of the "Inventory of Available Controls for Aquatic Nuisance Species of Concern—Chicago Area Waterway System" (ANS Control Paper), a public comment period and two (2) public conference calls. USACE is hosting the calls to provide the public with an opportunity to ask questions regarding the ANS Control Paper. The December 21, 2011 notice did not include a security code for these conference calls. This notice includes the phone number, and access and security codes. Please refer to December 21, 2011 notice for information regarding the public comment period.

**DATES:** On Tuesday, January 10, 2012 from 2 p.m.–4 p.m. (CST) and Wednesday, February 8, 2012 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. (CST). USACE will host two (2) public conference calls. Please refer to the "Public Conference Calls—ANS Control Paper" section below for call information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information and/or questions about GLMRIS, please contact USACE, Chicago District, Project Manager, Mr. David Wethington, by mail: USACE, Chicago District, 111 N. Canal, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60606, or by email: david.m.wethington@usace.army.mil.

For media inquiries, please contact USACE, Chicago District, Public Affairs Officer, Ms. Lynne Whelan, by mail: USACE, Chicago District, 111 N. Canal, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60606, by phone: (312) 846-5330 or by email: lynne.e.whelan@usace.army.mil.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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and acceptability. USACE will then evaluate and compare the effects of the alternative plans.

USACE is conducting GLMRIS in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and with the *Economic and Environmental Principles and Guidelines for Water and Related Land Resource Implementation Studies*, Water Resources Council, March 10, 1983.

2. *Public Conference Calls—ANS Control Paper*. USACE will host a conference call on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 from 2 p.m.–4 p.m. (CST) and Wednesday, February 8, 2012 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. (CST). The conference calls are intended to provide the public with an opportunity to ask questions regarding the ANS Control Paper. Call-in information for both calls is: USA Toll-Free: (877) 336-1839, Access Code: 8506361, Security Code: 0000.

3. *Authority*. This action is being undertaken pursuant to the Water Resources and Development Act of 2007, Section 3061, Public Law 110-114, 121 STAT. 1121, and NEPA of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*, as amended.

Dated: December 27, 2011.

David F. Bucaro,  
Analysis Section, USACE, Chicago District.  
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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC12-3-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities, Proposed Collection (FERC-598); Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

**DATES:** Comments in consideration of the collection of information are due March 5, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be filed either electronically (eFiled) or in paper format, and should refer to Docket No. IC12-3-000. Documents must be prepared in an acceptable filing format

and in compliance with Commission submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>. eFiling instructions are available at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. First time users must follow eRegister instructions at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/eregistration.asp>, to establish a user name and password before eFiling. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgement to the sender's email address upon receipt of eFiled comments. Commenters making an eFiling should not make a paper filing. Commenters that are not able to file electronically must send an original of their comments to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket may do so through eSubscription at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp>. All comments and FERC issuances may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely through FERC's eLibrary at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>, by searching on Docket No. IC12-3-000. For user assistance, contact FERC Online Support by email at [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov), or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), telephone at (202) 502-8663, or by fax at (202) 273-0873.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commission uses the information collected under the requirements of FERC-598, "Self Certification for Entities Seeking Exempt Wholesale Generator or Foreign Utility Company Status" (OMB Control No. 1902-0166), to implement the statutory provisions of Title XII, subchapter F of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005).<sup>1</sup>

EPAct 2005 repealed the Public Utility Holding Company Act (PUHCA) of 1935 in its entirety, including section 32. This repeal enabled the Commission to exempt wholesale generators from PUHCA 1935 on a case-by-case basis. The Commission amended its regulations (in Order No. 667<sup>2</sup>) to add procedures for self-certification by

entities seeking exempt wholesale generator (EWG) and foreign utility company (FUCO) status. Moreover, Order No. 667 implemented the repeal of PUHCA 1935 and the supplementary enactment of PUHCA 2005. This self-certification is similar to the process available to entities that seek qualifying facility status.

An EWG is a "person engaged directly, or indirectly through one or more affiliates \* \* \*, and exclusively in the business of owning or operating, or both owning and operating, all or part of one or more eligible facilities and selling electric energy at wholesale."<sup>3</sup> A FUCO is a company that "owns or operates facilities that are not located in any state and that are used for the generation, transmission, or distribution of electric energy for sale or the distribution at retail of natural or manufactured gas for heat, light, or power, if such company: (1) Derives no part of its income, directly or indirectly, from the generation, transmission, or distribution of electric energy for sale or the distribution at retail of natural or manufactured gas for heat, light, or power, within the United States; and (2) neither the company nor any of its subsidiary companies is a public-utility company operating in the United States."<sup>4</sup>

An exempt EWG or FUCO or its representative may file with the Commission a notice of self certification demonstrating that it satisfies the definition of exempt wholesale generator or foreign utility company. In the case of EWGs, the person filing a notice of self certification must also file a copy of the notice of self certification with the state regulatory authority of the state in which the facility is located and that person must also represent to the Commission in its submission that it has filed a copy of the notice with the appropriate state regulatory authority.<sup>5</sup>

A submission of the information is necessary for the Commission to carry out its responsibilities under EPAct 2005.<sup>6</sup> The Commission implements its responsibilities through the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 18 Part 366. These filing requirements are mandatory.

**Action:** The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date with no changes to the existing collection. The information filed with the Commission is mandatory.

<sup>1</sup> Energy Policy Act of 2005, Public Law 109-58, 119 Stat. 594 (2005) (codified at 42 U.S.C. 16451, *et seq.*)

<sup>2</sup> Repeal of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 and Enactment of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005, 70 FR 75,592 (2005), FERC Statutes and Regulations ¶ 31.197 (2005) *Order on reh'g*, 71 FR 28,446 (2006), FERC Statutes and Regulations ¶ 31.213 (2006), *order on reh'g*, 71 FR 42,750 (2006), FERC Statutes and Regulations ¶ 31,224 (2006), *order on reh'g*, FERC ¶ 61.133 (2007).

<sup>3</sup> 18 CFR 366.1.

<sup>4</sup> 18 CFR 366.1.

<sup>5</sup> 18 CFR 366.7.

<sup>6</sup> 42 U.S.C. 16451 *et seq.*



The Missouri River Recovery Management Plan with integrated EIS will be narrower than the scope and purpose of the study from section 5018(a) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (Missouri River Ecosystem Restoration Plan). That study included the additional purpose of ecosystem restoration and was inclusive of the entire Missouri River watershed, including tributaries, while this plan and EIS will focus exclusively on the purposes of recovery and mitigation and be limited primarily to the areas and objectives prescribed in the authorities listed above.

**Scoping.** Multiple phases of public, agency and Tribal government scoping meetings will be conducted throughout the Missouri River basin. Additional scoping phases are planned in order to address a preliminary range of alternatives and eventually to publish and solicit input on a draft EIS. Dates for these scoping phases have not yet been determined. General concerns, issues and needs related to the plan will be obtained throughout all scoping phases. Further information regarding when and where scoping meetings will be held as well as how written comments and suggestions concerning the EIS may be submitted will be found online at <http://www.moriverrecovery.org> when that information is available.

Dated: January 10, 2013.

**Randy Sellers,**

*Project Manager.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

##### Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

##### Notice for the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Chicago District has posted on <http://glmr.is.anl.gov/documents/interim/anscontrol/screening/index.cfm> aquatic nuisance species (ANS) Controls that can be used to prevent the transfer of algae, crustaceans, fish and plants via aquatic pathways. USACE is announcing a comment period to allow for the submission of information on available ANS Controls for these organism types.

In a December 8, 2010 notice of intent, **Federal Register** Notice (75 FR 76447), USACE announced it will prepare a feasibility report and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for GLMRIS. GLMRIS is a feasibility study of the range of options and technologies that could be applied to prevent ANS transfer between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins through aquatic pathways. USACE is conducting GLMRIS in consultation with other federal agencies, Native American tribes, state agencies, local governments and non-governmental organizations. For additional information regarding GLMRIS, please refer to the project Web site <http://glmr.is.anl.gov>.

This notice announces a comment period during which USACE is asking the public to submit (i) information on ANS Controls that may be effective at preventing the transfer of fish, algae, crustaceans and plants in the CAWS but are missing from the USACE's lists of ANS Controls, or (ii) comments regarding the identified ANS Controls. **DATES:** USACE will be accepting public comments through February 21, 2013. Please refer to the "ANS Control Screening Comment Period" section below for details on the information USACE is seeking during this comment period and instructions on comment submittal.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information and/or questions about GLMRIS, please contact USACE, Chicago District, Project Manager, Ms. Nicole Roach, by mail: USACE, Chicago District, 111 N. Canal, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60606, or by email: [nicole.l.roach@usace.army.mil](mailto:nicole.l.roach@usace.army.mil).

For media inquiries, please contact USACE, Chicago District, Public Affairs Officer, Ms. Lynne Whelan, by mail: USACE, Chicago District, 111 N. Canal, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60606, by phone: 312-846-5330 or by email: [lynne.e.whelan@usace.army.mil](mailto:lynne.e.whelan@usace.army.mil).

##### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. **Background.** USACE is conducting GLMRIS in consultation with other federal agencies, Native American tribes, state agencies, local governments and non-governmental organizations. For GLMRIS, USACE will explore ANS Controls that could be applied to prevent ANS transfer between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins through aquatic pathways. In the *Aquatic Nuisance Species of Concern White Paper* <http://glmr.is.anl.gov/documents/ans/index.cfm>, USACE, in collaboration with our stakeholders, identified ANS of Concern and their corresponding organism types. These

ANS of Concern and organism types were the initial focus of GLMRIS for the Chicago Area Waterway (CAWS). USACE identified over 90 options and technologies to prevent the transfer of the ANS of Concern via aquatic pathways <http://glmr.is.anl.gov/documents/interim/anscontrol/index.cfm>. The ANS Controls include, but are not limited to, hydrologic separation of the basins, modification of water quality or flow within a waterway, chemical application to ANS, collection and removal of ANS from a waterway, as well as other types of controls currently in research and development.

As part of the ongoing analysis and in collaboration with state and federal agencies, USACE refined the organism types warranting further consideration to the following: algae, crustaceans, fish and plants. Additionally, USACE in collaboration with governmental agencies and organizations screened the list of ANS Controls per organism type and has posted them for public review at <http://glmr.is.anl.gov/documents/interim/anscontrol/screening/index.cfm>.

USACE will formulate plans using of one or more of the screened ANS Controls in consideration of four criteria: completeness, effectiveness, efficiency, and acceptability. USACE will evaluate the effects of the alternative plans.

USACE is conducting GLMRIS in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and with the *Economic and Environmental Principles and Guidelines for Water and Related Land Resource Implementation Studies*, Water Resources Council, March 10, 1983.

2. **ANS Control Screening Comment Period.** The screened ANS Controls are found at <http://glmr.is.anl.gov/documents/interim/anscontrol/screening/index.cfm>. This notice announces a comment period during which USACE is asking the public to submit (i) information on ANS Controls that may be effective at preventing the transfer of fish, algae, crustaceans and plants in the CAWS but are missing from these lists, or (ii) comments regarding the identified ANS Controls.

The comment period runs through February 21, 2013, and comments may be submitted in the following ways:

- **GLMRIS project Web site:** Use the web form found at [www.glmr.is.anl.gov](http://www.glmr.is.anl.gov) through February 21, 2013;
- **Mail:** Mail written information to GLMRIS ANS Control Screening, 111 N. Canal, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60606. Comments must be postmarked by February 21, 2013; and

• **Hand Delivery:** Comments may be hand delivered to the USACE, Chicago District office located at 111 N. Canal St., Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60606 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Comments must be received by February 21, 2013.

**Authority:** This action is being undertaken pursuant to the Water Resources and Development Act of 2007, Section 3061, Pub. L. 110-114, 121 STAT. 1121, and NEPA of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*, as amended.

Dated: January 10, 2013.

**Roy J. Deda,**

*Deputy for Project Management, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Chief of Engineers Environmental Advisory Board; Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the forthcoming meeting.

**Name of Committee:** Chief of Engineers Environmental Advisory Board (EAB).

**Date:** February 15, 2013.

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. through 12:30 p.m.

**Location:** The "Café Conference Room" on the second floor of the Sandra Day O'Connor United States Courthouse (SDOCH), 401 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85003-21178.

**Agenda:** The Board will advise the Chief of Engineers on environmental policy, identification and resolution of environmental issues and missions, and addressing challenges, problems and opportunities in an environmentally sustainable manner. Discussions and presentations during this meeting will focus on energy and water security and sustainability, and flow management for sustainable river ecosystems. Following the discussions and presentations there will be a public comment period.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John C. Furry, Designated Federal Officer, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 441 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20314-1000; [john.c.furry@usace.army.mil](mailto:john.c.furry@usace.army.mil); Ph: (202) 761-5875.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting will be open to the public. Any

interested person may attend. However, all attendees will enter and exit SDOCH through the appropriate visitors security point(s). Attendees need to arrive in time to complete the security screening and arrive at the meeting room before 9:00 a.m.. Attendees should be prepared to present two forms of valid photo identification, one of which must be government issued identification, and to pass through a scanning unit. The primary purpose of this meeting is for the Chief of Engineers to receive the views of his EAB; however, up to thirty minutes will be set aside for public comment. Anyone who wishes to speak must register prior to the start of the meeting. Written comments may also be submitted during registration.

Registration will be from 8:30 until 8:55 a.m. Please note that the Board operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, so all submitted comments and public presentations may be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection, including, but not limited to, being posted on the Board's Web site.

**Brenda S. Bowen,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Notice of Intent To Grant Co-Exclusive Licenses

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is issued in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(e) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i). The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to Cobalt Technologies, Inc., Mountain View, CA and to Green Biologics, Inc., Ashland, VA, revocable, nonassignable, co-exclusive licenses to practice worldwide, the Government-owned inventions described and claimed in U.S. Patent No. 8,350,107; issued on January 8, 2013: Selective isomerization and oligomerization of olefin feedstocks for the production of turbine and diesel fuels.//U. S. Patent No. 8,344,196; issued on January 1, 2013: Selective isomerization and oligomerization of olefin feedstocks for the production of turbine and diesel fuel.//U.S. Patent No. 8,242,319: Selective isomerization and oligomerization of olefin feedstocks for the production of turbine and diesel fuels.//Patent Application Serial No. 13/

433737: Water and contaminants removal from butanol fermentation solutions and/or broths using a brine solution.//Patent Application Serial No. 13/426294: Process and apparatus for the selective dimerization of terpenes and alpha-olefin oligomers with a single-stage reactor and a single-stage fractionation system.//Patent Application Serial No. 13/426347: Process and apparatus for the selective dimerization of terpenes and alpha-olefin oligomers with a single-stage reactor and a single-stage fractionation system.//Patent Application Serial No. 13/426393: Process and apparatus for the selective dimerization of terpenes and alpha-olefin oligomers with a single-stage reactor and a single-stage fractionation system.//Patent Application Serial No. 13/426118: New homogeneous metallocene Ziegler-Natta catalysts for the oligomerization of olefins in aliphatic-hydrocarbon solvents.//Patent Application Serial No. 13/426192: New homogeneous metallocene Ziegler-Natta catalysts for the oligomerization of olefins in aliphatic-hydrocarbon solvents.//Patent Application Serial No. 12/511796: Diesel and jet fuels based on the oligomerization of 1-butene.//Patent Application Serial No. 12/769757: Turbine and diesel fuels and methods of making the same.//Patent Application Serial No. 13/434474: A Process for the dehydration of aqueous bio-derived terminal alcohols to terminal alkenes.//Patent Application Serial No. 13/434668: A Process for the dehydration of aqueous bio-derived terminal alcohols to terminal alkenes. The Navy intends to grant no more than two co-exclusive licenses to the above inventions. The prospective co-exclusive licenses will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

**DATES:** Anyone wishing to object to the grant of these co-exclusive licenses must file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any, not later than February 4, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Written objections are to be filed with the Office of Research and Technology Applications, Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division, Code 4L4000D, 1900 N. Knox Road, Stop 6312, China Lake, CA 93555-6106.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael D. Seltzer, Ph.D., Office of Research and Technology Applications, Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division, Code 4L4000D, 1900 N. Knox Road, Stop 6312, China Lake, CA 93555-6106, telephone 760-939-1074, email: [michael.seltzer@navy.mil](mailto:michael.seltzer@navy.mil).

**Authority:** 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR part 404.