Method for Controlling Parachute Opening” issued September 2, 2008. This patent has been assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Army.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Disposal and Reuse of Fort Monroe, VA, Resulting From the 2005 Base Closure and Realignment Commission’s Recommendations

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army intends to prepare an EIS for the disposal and reuse of Fort Monroe, Hampton, Virginia. Pursuant to the BRAC law, Fort Monroe is to close by September 14, 2011. Other actions included in the closing of Fort Monroe are relocating the Headquarters, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC); the Installation Management Command (IMCOM) Northeast Region; the U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command (NETCOM) Northeast Region; and the Army Contracting Agency Northeast Region Office to Fort Knox, Kentucky. These relocations have been or will be addressed in separate National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents for those locations.

DATES: The scoping meeting for the EIS will be held on October 28, 2008, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Northampton Community Center, 1435 Todds Lane, Hampton, VA 23666.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jennifer Guerrero; phone: (757) 788–5363; e-mail: jennifer.lee.guerrero@us.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Fort Monroe is a 570-acre U.S. Army Garrison located at the southeastern tip of the Virginia Lower Peninsula between Hampton Roads and the Lower Chesapeake Bay. The hallmark of Fort Monroe is its stone fortress and moat.

The proposed action (Army primary action) is to dispose of the surplus property generated by the BRAC-mandated closure of Fort Monroe. Reuse of Fort Monroe by others is a secondary action resulting from disposal. The Army has identified two disposal alternatives (early transfer and traditional disposal), a caretaker status alternative, and the no action alternative (as required by NEPA). The EIS will analyze the impact of each reuse alternative upon a wide range of environmental resource areas including, but not limited to, air quality, traffic, noise, biological resources, water resources, geology and soils, cultural resources, socioeconomic, utilities, land use, aesthetics and visual resources, hazardous and toxic substances, and cumulative environmental effects.

The Army will conduct an environmental impact analysis that will focus on the effects of closure and reuse. One preliminary finding is that transportation impacts will have the most significant effect, with or without a major tourism component in the reuse plan. Also, at this early stage, impacts to air quality, infrastructure, and land use are not considered significant. With respect to cultural resources, significant adverse impacts are possible, but these can be mitigated by provisions contained in the Programmatic Agreement between the Army and the Virginia Department of Historic Resources.

Additional resources and conditions may be identified as a result of the scoping process initiated by this NOI. Other opportunities for public participation will be announced in the respective local news media. The public will be invited to participate in scoping activities for the EIS and comments from the public will be considered before any action is taken to implement the disposal and reuse of Fort Monroe.

Dated: September 12, 2008.

Addison D. Davis, IV, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health).

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Public Scoping Meetings for Update of the Water Control Manual for the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin in Georgia, Florida, and Alabama

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

ACTION: Supplement to Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Mobile District, issued a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register (73 FR 9780) published on February 22, 2008, describing the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to address the proposed update of the Water Control Manual (WCM) for the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) River Basin located in Georgia, Florida, and Alabama. The Corps will hold five public scoping meetings during the month of October as part of its review and update of the WCM for the ACF River Basin. The public is invited to attend the scoping meetings which will provide information on the WCM update process and afford the opportunity to receive input from the public about their issues and concerns regarding that process. All five public meetings will be held using an open house format, allowing time for participants to review specific information and to provide comments to the resource staff attending the meeting.

DATES: See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for meeting dates.

ADDRESSES: See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for meeting addresses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the manual update or NEPA process can be answered by: Mr. Brian Zettle, Biologist, Environment and Resources Branch, Planning and Environmental Division, U.S. Army Engineer District-Mobile, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, AL 36628–0001; Telephone (251) 690–2115; or delivered by electronic facsimile at (251) 694–3815; or e-mail: brian.a.zettle@usace.army.mil. You may also request to be included on the mailing list for public distribution of notices, meeting announcements and documents.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting dates are:

1. October 20, 2008, 5 p.m.–8 p.m. (EDT), Apalachicola, FL.
All information should be addressed to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Michael Miller, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those persons filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filings, such comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Executive Director, ED–34, Attention: Michael Miller, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those persons filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filings, such comments should also be sent to the Secretary of the Commission, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 and should refer to Docket No. IC08–520–001.001. Documents filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in an acceptable filing format and in compliance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission submission guidelines. Complete filing instructions and acceptable filing formats are available at [http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide/electronic-media.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide/electronic-media.asp). To file the document electronically, access the Commission’s Web site and click on Documents & Filing, E-Filing ([http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp)), and then follow the instructions for each screen. First time users will have to establish a user name and password. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgement to the sender’s e-mail address upon receipt of comments.

All comments may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely via the Internet through FERC’s homepage using the “eLibrary” link. For user assistance, contact [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208–3676 or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**
The information collected under the requirements of FERC–520 “Application for Authority to Hold Interlocking Directorate Positions” (OMB No. 1902–0083) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of section 305 of the Federal Power Act (FPA) as amended by Title II, section 211 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) (16 U.S.C. 825d). Section 305(b) makes the holding of certain defined interlocking corporate positions unlawful unless the Commission has authorized the interlocks to be held and, requires the applicant to show in a form and manner as prescribed by the Commission, that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by the holding of the position. The Commission implements these provisions through its filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 18 CFR part 45. The information required under Part 45 generally identifies the applicant, describes the various interlocking positions the applicant seeks authorization to hold, provides information on the applicant’s financial interests, other officers and directors of the firms involved, and the nature of the business relationships among the firms. Two types of FERC–520 applications are provided for, that which is described in 18 CFR 45.8 as a “full” application and that which is described in 18 CFR 45.9 as an “informal” application for automatic authorization. Section 45.8 “full” applications are made by (1) an officer or director of more than one public utility; (2) an officer or director of a public utility and of a public utility securities underwriter; or (3) an officer or director of a public utility and of an electrical equipment supplier to that utility. Section 45.9 “informational applications” are made by (1) an officer or director of two or more public utilities where the same holding company owns, directly or indirectly, wholly or in part, the other public utility; (2) an officer or director of two public utilities, if one utility is owned, wholly or in part, by the other; or (3) an officer or director of more than one public utility, if such person is already authorized under Part 45 to hold different positions where the interlock involves affiliated public utilities.

Without this information collection, the Commission and the public would not be able to inquire into and determine whether public or private interests will be adversely affected by the holding of such positions.