

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Design, Construction, and Operation of One or More Pilot Test Facilities for Assembled Chemical Weapon Destruction Technologies at One or More Sites

AGENCY: Program Manager (PM), Assembled Chemical Weapons Assessment (ACWA), DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Availability (NOA).

SUMMARY: This announces the availability of the PM ACWA DEIS which assesses the potential impacts of the design, construction, operation, and closure of one or more pilot-scale test facilities for an assembled chemical weapon destruction system at one or more chemical weapons stockpile sites. The DEIS examines the potential environmental impacts of the following alternatives, to include technologies that could be incorporated into a pilot-scale facility: (a) No action (continued storage until destruction of the stockpile); (b) chemical neutralization followed by biological treatment (c) chemical neutralization followed by supercritical water oxidation; (d) chemical neutralization followed by transpiring wall supercritical water oxidation and gas phase chemical reduction; and (e) electrochemical oxidation.

The chemical stockpile sites are Anniston Army Depot, Alabama; Pine Bluff Arsenal, Arkansas; Pueblo Chemical Depot, Colorado (neutralization followed by transpiring wall supercritical water oxidation, and electrochemical oxidation are not alternatives at Pueblo); and Blue Grass Army Depot, Kentucky. The PM ACWA pilot tests will not halt or delay the operation or construction of any baseline incineration facility currently in progress.

DATES: The public comment period for the DEIS will end 45 days after publication of the NOA in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be forwarded to Mr. Jon Ware, Assembled Chemical Weapons Assessment EIS, 9700 S. Cass Ave./Post Office Box 8369, Argonne, Illinois 60439-4871, through the ACWA website at <http://www.pmacwa.org>, by email to acwacomment@anl.gov or by fax to 630-252-4611.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kimberly Collins at 888-482-4312 or via email at kimberly.collins@horne.com, or via mail

at Horne Engineering, 2014 Tollgate Road, Suite 208, Bel Air, Maryland 21015.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This proposed action continues the process that began when Congress established the Assembled Chemical Weapons Assessment Program through passage of Public Law 104-208. With the National Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1999, Congress directed the PM ACWA to plan for the pilot-scale testing of alternatives to baseline incineration for the destruction of assembled chemical weapons. The Department of Army published a Notice of Intent in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 20139-20140, April 14, 2000) which provides notice (pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and implementing regulations) it was preparing a DEIS for follow-on tests including design, construction and operation of one or more pilot test facilities for assembled chemical destruction technologies at one or more sites.

Assembled chemical weapons (munitions containing both chemical agents and explosives) are stored in the United States unitary chemical weapons stockpile. These weapons include cartridges, land mines, mortar rounds, projectiles, and rockets. Unitary agents include chemical blister agents (e.g., the mustard agents H, HD, and HT) and nerve agents (e.g., G (Sarin) and VX).

The PM ACWA demonstrated the technologies considered to be viable. However, Public Law 106-398 limited the technologies to be considered at Pueblo Chemical Depot to those demonstrated prior to May 1, 2000, by the PM ACWA. The sites considered were selected based on the availability of assembled chemical weapons at the time actual testing would begin.

Public meetings will be held in Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, and Kentucky. The dates, times, and locations of these meetings will be provided at least 15 days in advance by public notices in the news media serving the regions where the meeting will be located. All public comments received will be considered and addressed in the final EIS.

Dated: May 4, 2001.

Raymond J. Fatz,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Environment, Safety, and Occupational Health) OASA (I&E).

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Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Disposal of chemical Munitions at the Pueblo Chemical Depot, Colorado

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Availability (NOA).

SUMMARY: This announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) which assesses the potential environmental impacts of the design, construction, operation and closure of a facility to destroy the mustard chemical agent and munitions stored at the Pueblo Chemical Depot. The proposed facility will be used to demilitarize the chemical agent and munitions currently stored at the Depot. The DEIS examines the potential environmental impacts of the following destruction facility alternatives: (a) A baseline incineration facility; (b) a modified baseline incineration facility; (c) neutralization followed by supercritical water oxidation; (d) neutralization followed by biodegradation; and (e) no action (i.e., continued storage of chemical munitions at Pueblo Chemical Depot). Although the no action alternative is not viable under Public Law 99-145 (Department of Defense Authorization Act of 1986), it was analyzed to provide comparison with the proposed action. **DATES:** The public comment period for the DEIS will end 45 days after publication of the NOA in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be forwarded to the Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization, Public Outreach and Information Office (ATTN: Mr. Gregory Mahall), Building E-4585, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, 21010-4005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Gregory Mahall at (410) 436-1093, by fax at (410) 436-5122 or by email at gregory.mahall@pmcd.apgea.army.mil or by mail at the above listed address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In its Record of Decision on February 26, 1988 (53 FR 5816, February 26, 1988) for the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement on the Chemical Stockpile Disposal Program (CSDP), the Department of the Army selected on-site disposal by incineration at all eight chemical munition storage sites within the continental United States as the method by which it will destroy its lethal chemical stockpile. The Department of the Army published a

Notice of Intent in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 20140–20141, April 14, 2000) which provides notice that, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and implementing regulations, it was preparing a draft site-specific EIS for the Pueblo Chemical Agent Disposal Facility. The Department of the Army prepared a DEIS to assess the site-specific health and environmental impacts of on-site disposal of the chemical agents and munitions stored at the Pueblo Chemical Depot.

A public meeting will be held in the vicinity of the Pueblo Chemical Depot with the announcement of the date, time and location appearing in the local news media at least 15 days prior to the selected date. Public comments received on the DEIS will be considered and addressed in the Final EIS and considered by the Army in its Record of Decision.

Dated: May 4, 2001.

Raymond J. Fatz,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health), OASA (I&E).

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Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice to Amend a System of Records.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army is amending a system of records notice in its existing inventory of records systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, and deleting one system of records.

DATES: This proposed action will be effective without further notice on June 8, 2001, unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Records Management Division, U.S. Army Records Management and Declassification Agency, ATTN: TAPC–PDD–RP, Stop 5603, 6000 6th Street, Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060–5603.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Janice Thornton at (703) 806–4390 or DSN 656–4390 or Ms. Christie King at (703) 806–3711 or DSN 656–3711.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of the Army 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 address above.

The specific changes to the records system being amended are set forth below followed by the notice, as amended, published in its entirety. The proposed amendments are 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: May 3, 2001.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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SYSTEM NAME:

Litigation Initiated by AAFES (August 9, 1996, 61 FR 41581).

CHANGES:

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SYSTEM NAME:

Delete entry and replace with ‘Legal Office Management System’.

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AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

Delete entry and replace with ‘10 U.S.C. 3013, Secretary of the Army; 10 U.S.C. 8013, Secretary of the Air Force; Army Regulation 215–1, The Administration of Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Activities and Non-appropriate Fund Instrumentalities; Army Regulation 60–21, Personnel Policies; and E.O. 9397 (SSN).’

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SYSTEM NAME:

Legal Office Management System.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Office of the General Counsel at Headquarters, Army and Air Force Exchange Service, 3911 S. Walton Walker Boulevard, Dallas, TX 75236–1598; and

Headquarters Army and Air Force Exchange Service–Europe, In der Witz 14–18, 55252 Mainz-Kastel, APO AP 96378–5163.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Individuals against whom Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) has filed a complaint or similar pleading in a court or administrative body.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Pleadings and documents filed by parties to the action and documentation, correspondence, and memoranda pertaining thereto.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

10 U.S.C. 3013, Secretary of the Army; 10 U.S.C. 8013, Secretary of the Air Force; Army Regulation 215–1, The Administration of Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Activities and Non-appropriate Fund Instrumentalities; Army Regulation 60–21, Personnel Policies; and E.O. 9397 (SSN).

PURPOSE(S):

To process complaints against individuals; to initiate litigation as necessary.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

The DoD ‘Blanke Routine Uses’ set forth at the beginning of the Army’s compilation of systems of records notices apply to this system.

DISCLOSURE TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES:

Disclosures pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(12) may be made from this system to ‘consumer reporting agencies’ as defined in the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681a(f)) or the Federal Claims Collection Act of 1966 (31 U.S.C. 3701(A)(3)). The purpose of this disclosure is to aid in the collection of outstanding debts owed to the Federal government; typically to provide an incentive for debtors to repay delinquent Federal government debts by making these debts part of their credit records.

Disclosure of records is limited to the individual’s name, address, Social Security Number, and other information necessary to establish the individual’s identity; the amount, status, and history of the claim; and the agency program under which the claim arose. This disclosure will be made only after the procedural requirement of 31 U.S.C. 3711(f) has been followed.