

to discuss critical scientific information needs related to long term conservation and management of the NWHI. Over 100 research scientists and resource managers attended the workshop representing agencies, universities, and organizations nationwide. The workshop resulted in the identification of five priority research areas to support management in the NWHI. These are described in detail in a document called the final Information Needs for Conservation and Management of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Report, which is available at [http://hawaiireef.noaa.gov/research/2002Workshop/NWHI\\_Summary.pdf](http://hawaiireef.noaa.gov/research/2002Workshop/NWHI_Summary.pdf).

On June 15, 2006, President Bush signed Presidential Proclamation 8031 (Proclamation) establishing the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument, subsequently renamed the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. The Monument is administered by the U.S. Department of Commerce through NOAA, U.S. Department of the Interior through the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and the State of Hawaii through the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) (collectively, the Co-Trustees). The Proclamation provides the authority for the Co-Trustees to issue research permits for activities designed to further understanding of Monument resources and qualities, and to assist in conservation and management of the Monument.

The Science Plan will be used to guide these research activities. It will be based on the results from the information needs workshop, a multi-agency archipelagic research plan (under development), agency expertise and identified management needs, and public input. It will contain five themes relevant to natural resources research: (1) Ecological Processes and Connectivity, (2) Biodiversity and Habitats, (3) Human Impacts, (4) Indicators and Monitoring of Ecosystem Change, and (5) Modeling and Forecasting Ecosystem Change.

The Co-Trustees are seeking public input on the development of the draft Science Plan. Input is requested on the themes proposed in the draft plan, as well as the type of research to be conducted under each theme.

A public scoping meeting will be held in Honolulu to solicit comments. A presentation will highlight the Science Plan development process, including sources of information utilized to date. Following the presentation, the public will be invited to provide written or oral comment on the five thematic research areas and projects that should be conducted under each thematic area.

Written comments will also be accepted at the dates and locations specified in the **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** sections above.

Dated: October 24, 2007.

**Daniel J. Basta,**

*Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Performance Review Board Membership

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

**ACTION:** Notice; correction.

**SUMMARY:** The notice of the names of members of a Performance Review Board for the Department of the Army published in the **Federal Register** on October 25, 2007 (72 FR 60662) has added two additional members.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* September 30, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lucrencia Murdock, Civilian Senior Leader Management Office, 140 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310-0140.

**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 boards shall review and evaluate the initial appraisal of senior executives' performance by supervisors and make recommendations to the appointing authority or rating official relative to the performance of these executives.

The members of the Department of the Army Performance Review Boards are:

1. Dr. Grace M. Bochenek, Director, U.S. Army Tank automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center, U.S. Army Material Command.

2. Mr. George S. Dunlop, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)/Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Legislation).

**Brenda S. Bowen,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Notice of Availability of a Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the Proposed Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan Phosphate Mine Continuation Near Aurora, in Beaufort County, NC

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), Wilmington District, Regulatory Division has been reviewing the request for Department of the Army authorization, pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, from Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan Phosphate Division (PCS) for the continuation of its phosphate mining operation near Aurora, Beaufort County, NC. PCS proposes to expand its existing open pit phosphate mining operation into a 3,412 acre tract immediately adjacent to the current mine. This expansion would impact 2,408 acres of waters of the U.S. including wetlands adjacent to the Pamlico River and South Creek. The Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for this action was published in the **Federal Register** on Friday, October 20, 2006 (71 FR 61962).

**DATES:** Written comments on this SDEIS will be received until December 21, 3007.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and questions regarding the SDEIS may be addressed to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District, Regulatory Division, ATTN: File Number 2001-10096, Post Office Box 1890, Wilmington, NC 28402-1890. Copies of the Draft EIS can be reviewed on the Wilmington District Regulatory homepage at, <http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/wetlands/regtour.htm>, or contact Ms. Alex Rhodes at (910) 251-4633, to receive written or CD copies of the SDEIS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions about the proposed action and SDEIS can be directed to Mr. Tom Walker, Project Manager, Regulatory Division, telephone: (828) 271-7980 extension 222.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Corps, on October 20, 2006, released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) evaluating the proposed project and alternatives to the proposed project. Simultaneously, the Corps released a

public notice requesting comment on the DEIS and the applicant's proposed action. Due to the complexity of this project, the comment period was originally set at three months and subsequently extended an additional 2 weeks. A public hearing was held on December 14, 2006. The DEIS contained no designation of an agency preferred alternative.

Since release of the DEIS, the Corps has reviewed comments and further discussed economic practicability with the applicant. As a result of this evaluation the Corps finds it necessary to evaluate an additional alternative, Alternative "L." PCS, on its own initiative, has developed a second additional alternative, Alternative "M," and has requested it be evaluated as well. Both these alternatives are contained within the project area established in the DEIS.

In order to provide the information necessary to objectively evaluate both alternatives "L" and "M" and to compare these alternatives to the alternatives introduced in the DEIS the Corps is releasing this Supplement to the DEIS (SDEIS). The decision whether to issue a Department of the Army Clean Water Act Section 404 permit will be made after completing the required 404(b)(1) analysis and public interest review including full consideration of all comments.

Dated: October 30, 2007.

**John E. Pulliam, Jr.,**

*Colonel, U.S. Army, District Commander.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### The Historically Black Colleges and Universities Capital Financing Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of an open meeting.

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

**DATES:** Friday, November 30, 2007.

*Time:* 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Clark Atlanta University, Board Room, Thomas W. Cole Science

Research Center, 223 J.P. Brawley Drive, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30314.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Don E. Watson, Executive Director, Historically Black College and University Capital Financing Program, 1990 K Street, NW., Room 6130, Washington, DC 20006; telephone: (202) 219-7037; fax: (202) 502-7852; e-mail: [donald.watson@ed.gov](mailto:donald.watson@ed.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Historically Black College and University Capital Financing Advisory Board (Board) is authorized by Title III, Part D, section 347 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended in 1998 (20 U.S.C. 1066f). The Board is established within the Department of Education to provide advice and counsel to the Secretary and the designated bonding authority as to the most effective and efficient means of implementing construction financing on historically black college and university campuses and to advise Congress regarding the progress made in implementing the program. Specifically, the Board will provide advice as to the capital needs of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, how those needs can be met through the program, and what additional steps might be taken to improve the operation and implementation of the construction financing program.

The purpose of this meeting is to review current program activities, provide guidance for 2008 activities, to make recommendations to the Secretary on the current capital needs of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and to share additional steps in which the HBCU Capital Financing Program might improve its operation.

Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (e.g., interpreting services, assistance listening devices, or materials in alternative format) should notify Don Watson at 202 219-7037, no later than November 15, 2007. We will attempt to meet requests for accommodations after this date but cannot guarantee their availability. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

An opportunity for public comment is available on Friday, November 30, 2007 between 12:15 p.m.–12:45 p.m. Those members of the public interested in

submitting written comments may do so by submitting them to the attention of Don E. Watson, 1990 K Street, NW., Washington DC, by Friday, November 23, 2007.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the Office of The Historically Black College and University Capital Financing Advisory Board (Board), 1990 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006, from the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Standard Time Monday through Friday (EST).

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**Thomas C. Dawson III,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Higher Education Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Federal Family Education Loan Program

**AGENCY:** Federal Student Aid, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of interest rates for the Federal Family Education Loan Program for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Chief Operating Officer for Federal Student Aid announces the interest rates for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 for loans made under the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Don Watson, U.S. Department of Education, Room 114I2, UCP, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202-5400. Telephone: (202) 219-7037.

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