

Traffic Management Regulation (PPTMR). A notice regarding the change to this part of the Defense Transportation Regulation was published in the **Federal Register**, April 11, 2002 (67 FR 17679). The carrier associations and individual carriers and agents responded to the **Federal Register** notice with approximately 200 individual comments. Those comments were carefully reviewed and considered prior to finalizing the publication. The disposition of those comments has been coordinated through the Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC), the military Services, and the United States Transportation Command. A document explaining the disposition of those comments will be available for review via the Internet on the MTMC's Home page at <http://www.mtmc.army.mil>.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 6, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This publication applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Military Departments, Chairman and Joint Chiefs of Staff, Unified Commands, and the Defense Agencies. The public may obtain copies of the new DTR Part IV for a fee from the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Technical Information Services, 5285 Port Royal, Springfield, VA 22161.

Regulatory Flexibility Act: This action is not considered rule-making within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601-612.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Pike County, KY (Levisa Fork Basin), Section 202 Project

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD, Huntington District will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS will evaluate potential impacts to the natural, physical, and human environment as a result of the proposed flood damage reduction measure for the Levisa Fork and Russell Fork basins in Pike County, Kentucky.

The Corps of Engineers will conduct a public scoping meeting to gain input from interested agencies, organizations, and the general public concerning the content of the EIS, issues and impacts to be addressed in the EIS, and alternatives that should be analyzed. The meeting is scheduled for:

Date: Sept. 25, 2003.

Time: 7:00-10:00 PM.

Place: Pikeville High School, 120 Championship Drive, Pikeville, KY 41501.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments and suggestions concerning this proposed project to S. Michael Worley PM-PD, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, 502 Eighth Street, Huntington, WV 25701-2070. Telephone: (304) 529-5712. Electronic mail: Stephen.M.Worley@Lrh01.usace.army.mil. requests to be placed on the mailing list should also be sent to this address.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 1.

Authority: The proposed project is authorized under section 202 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1996, which provides the Corps authority to “* * * design and construct flood control measures relating to the Levisa and Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River and Cumberland River, West Virginia, Kentucky and Virginia.”

2. *Background:* Since the earliest Levisa Fork Basin settlements, the residents faced the problem of frequent and severe flooding. Many Pike County communities within the floodplain of the Levisa and Russell Fork and tributaries were devastated by the April 1977 flood, which was the flood of record for much of the region. A significant flood again inundated the Levisa Fork communities in May of 1984. Congressional reaction to these flood events resulted in the inclusion of funds and language in various legislative directives that mandated expeditious implementation of flood damage reduction measures within the study area covered by the Huntington District's section 202 General Plan.

The study area, primarily residential in nature, includes the incorporated areas of Pikeville, Coal Run, Elkhorn City, and unincorporated areas in the county subject to flood damage from the potential of a reoccurrence of the April 1977 flood. The project requires providing flood protection measures to approximately 2,000 structures, 75 percent of which are residential.

Alternatives being initially considered include floodwall/levee systems protecting Pikeville and Coal Run, non-structural flood-proofing and several ring walls protecting individual structures. Alternatives to be evaluated in detail in the Draft EIS will be selected from those described above.

3. *Public Participation:* The Corps invites full public participation to promote open communication and better decision-making. All persons and organizations that have an interest in the Levisa Fork Basin flooding problems as they affect Pike County and the environment are urged to participate in this NEPA environmental analysis process. Assistance will be provided upon request to anyone having difficulty with learning how to participate.

Public comments are welcomed anytime throughout the NEPA process. Formal opportunities for public participation include: (1) A public meeting will be held in the community of Pikeville, KY; (2) anytime during the NEPA process via mail, telephone or e-mail; (3) during Review and Comment on the Draft EIS—approximately January of 2004; and, (4) review of the Final EIS—Spring 2004. Schedules and locations will be announced in local news media. Interested parties should submit contact information to be included on the mailing list of public