II. Environmental Compliance

Prior to approving an activity for funding in FPL Category 1, the Council must comply with NEPA and other Federal environmental laws. At the time of approval of the FPL, the Council had not complied with NEPA and other applicable laws with respect to implementation of the Project. The Council did, however, recognize the potential ecological value of the Project, based on review conducted as part of the FPL process. For this reason, the Council approved $702,000 in planning funds for this Project, a portion of which would be used to complete any needed environmental compliance activities. As noted above, the Council placed the implementation portion of this Project into FPL Category 2, pending the outcome of this environmental compliance work and further Council review. The estimated cost of the Project’s implementation component was listed at $3,978,000, which would fund the restoration of approximately 219 acres of oyster beds in Apalachicola Bay. Inclusion of the Project’s implementation activities into Category 2 did not in any way commit the Council to subsequently approve those implementation activities for funding.

Since approval of the FPL, Florida has collaborated with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and identified an existing EA that could be used to support Council approval of implementation funding for this Project. This EA was prepared by the USACE in association with a Clean Water Act Section 404 and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act programmatic general permit (PGP). This PGP authorizes the Florida Department of Agricultural and Consumer Services to conduct aquaculture of live rock and marine bivalves in navigable waters of the U.S. within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, provided that such activities comply with the terms and conditions of the PGP.

The Council has reviewed this EA and associated documents, including an August 13, 2015, letter from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration regarding compliance with the Endangered Species Act (ESA). In addition to ESA, the EA and associated PGP address compliance with other Federal environmental laws, including the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the National Historic Preservation Act and more.

On June 7, 2016, the Council issued a Federal Register notice announcing its proposal to amend the FPL, adopt the aforementioned EA, and approve implementation funding for this Project. The Council received no public comments on this proposal.

Based on this review, the Council adopted this EA to support the approval of implementation funds for the Project, based on the condition that the Project must be implemented in accordance with the terms and conditions of the PGP and the design criteria set forth in the associated ESA programmatic consultation. Strict adherence with the terms and conditions of the PGP is necessary to ensure compliance with ESA and other applicable laws. On August 24, 2016, the Council issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for this action, concurrent with its approval of the FPL amendment. This EA, FONSI, and the associated ESA documentation can be found here: https://www.restorethegulf.gov/funded-priorities-list. (See Apalachicola Bay Oyster Restoration Project—Implementation.)

Additional information on the Project is available in an activity-specific appendix to the FPL, which can be found here: https://www.restorethegulf.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Advisory Committee to the Director (ACD), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting of the aforementioned committee:

Time and Date: 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m., EDT, October 20, 2016.
Place: CDC, Building 21, Executive Board Room (12105) and Room 12302, 1600 Clifton Road NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30329.
Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space and phone lines available. The meeting rooms accommodate approximately 65 people. Advance registration for in-person participation is required by October 6, 2016. The public is welcome to participate during the public comment period, which is tentatively scheduled from 2:40 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. This meeting will also be available by teleconference. Please dial (888) 324–9970 and enter code 32077657.
Purpose: The Advisory Committee to the Director, CDC, shall advise the Secretary, HHS, and the Director, CDC, on policy and broad strategies that will enable CDC to fulfill its mission of protecting health through health promotion, prevention, and preparedness. The committee recommends ways to prioritize CDC’s activities, improve results, and address health disparities. It also provides guidance to help CDC work more effectively with its various private and public sector constituents to make health protection a practical reality.

Matters for Discussion: The Advisory Committee to the Director will receive updates from the State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Subcommittee; the Health Disparities Subcommittee, the Global Workgroup, and the Public Health—Health Care Collaboration Workgroup, as well as an update from the CDC Director.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Contact Person for More Information: Carmen Villar, MSW, Designated Federal Officer, ACD, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road NE., M/S D–14, Atlanta, Georgia 30329. Telephone (404) 498–6482, Email: ACDirector@cdc.gov. The deadline to register for in-person attendance at this meeting is October 6, 2016. To register, please send an email to ACDirector@cdc.gov.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign Federal Register notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Elaine L. Baker, Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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