



**US Army Corps  
Of Engineers**  
Wilmington District

# PUBLIC NOTICE

**Issue Date:** November 6, 2007  
**Comment Deadline:** December 21, 2007  
**Corps Action ID #:** 200110096

The Wilmington District, Corps of Engineers (Corps) circulated a public notice on October 20, 2006, announcing the availability of a draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS) on the Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan, Phosphate Inc., Aurora facility (PCS), request for Department of the Army authorization to impact 2,408 acres of waters of the United States associated with a mine continuation near Aurora, North Carolina and seeking comments on both the DEIS and the applicant's proposal. A public hearing on the action was held on December 14, 2006.

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 Supplement I 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.

With this Public Notice, the Corps is soliciting comments on the applicant's proposed project and the completeness of the DEIS as supplemented by the SDEIS. A more detailed description of the proposed action, alternatives and proposed compensatory mitigation are provided in the DEIS and SDEIS. The full text of the October 20, 2006 notice and DEIS, a transcript of the December 14, 2006 public hearing and the full text of the SDEIS announced here are available for review on the Wilmington District Regulatory homepage at, "[www.saw.usace.army.mil/wetlands](http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/wetlands)" under the "Major Projects and Policies" heading. Written or CD copies of these documents may be obtained by contacting Ms. Alex Rhodes at (910) 251-4633.

Written copies are available for viewing at the following library locations:

Hazel Guilford Memorial Library  
524 Main Street  
Aurora, NC

BHM Regional Library  
158 N. Market Street  
Washington, NC

Pamlico County Library  
603 Main Street  
Bayboro, NC

New Bern – Craven County Library  
400 Johnson Street  
New Bern, NC

Written comments pertinent to the proposed work, as outlined above, and the SDEIS will be received by the Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District, until 5pm, December 21, 2007. Comments should be submitted to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District, Regulatory Division. ATTN: File Number 2001-10096, Post Office Box 1890, Wilmington, NC 28402-1890. Questions about the proposed action and DEIS can be directed to Mr. Tom Walker, Project Manager, Regulatory Division, telephone: (828) 271-7980 extension 222.