

National Environmental Policy Act/EIS: Three Rivers Study Site/Southeast Arkansas: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Notice of Intent to Withdraw



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The Little Rock District of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (“Corps”) issued a May 27th Federal Register Notice that it is:

. . . withdrawing its Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Feasibility Study to Investigate Hydrologic and Hydraulic Problems Threatening Navigation, Aquatic Ecosystem Habitat, Recreation, Flood Damage Reduction and Existing Infrastructure at the Three Rivers Study site in Arkansas and Desha Counties in Southeast Arkansas.

See 82 Fed. Reg. 23206.

The Corps had previously published a NOI on September 14, 2015 to prepare a Draft EIS pursuant to NEPA for the Three Rivers Feasibility Study, Arkansas and Desha Counties, Arkansas.

The Corps states that an agency scoping meeting and Planning Charette were held on August 11th and September 9-11, 2015 to:

. . . gather input on the scope of the analysis, identify possible alternatives and significant issues to be evaluated in the Draft EIS, as well as, the identification of cooperating agencies.

The Corps states that “in the course of planning and preliminary impact analysis, it no longer appears that impacts associated with project implementation would rise to a level necessitating an EIS.” The Corps states that in compliance with NEPA the Little Rock District will be preparing an Environmental Assessment to address the impacts of the proposed action and alternatives. As a result, it states it is withdrawing the NOI to prepare a Draft EIS.

[A copy of the Federal Register Notice can be downloaded here.](#)