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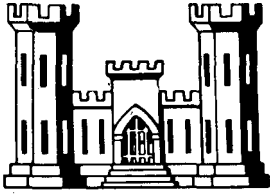
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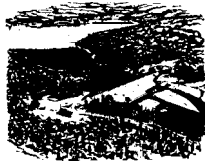
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## REVISED DRAFT IMPACT STATEMENT ISSUED FOR DICKEY-LINCOLN

FOR NOON RELEASE MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1978

WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS -- A REVISED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) WAS CIRCULATED TODAY BY THE U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR THE DICKEY-LINCOLN SCHOOL LAKES HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT IN NORTHERN MAINE.

THE REVISED DRAFT COMBINES DATA PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED IN TWO SEPARATE IMPACT STATEMENTS PREPARED BY THE CORPS RELATING TO THE DAMS, RESERVOIRS AND POWER PLANTS, AND BY THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FOR TRANSMISSION FACILITIES TO LINK THE ST. JOHN RIVER DEVELOPMENT TO THE NEW ENGLAND POWER GRID. THE LATTER AGENCY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION OF POWER GENERATED AT FEDERALLY-FINANCED INSTALLATIONS.

A 45-DAY PERIOD HAS BEEN ALOTTED FOR FORMAL PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT.

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PUBLICATION OF THE STATEMENT IN THE FORM OF A REVISED DRAFT REFLECTS A RECENT DECISION TO POSTPONE SUBMISSION OF A FINAL EIS PENDING COMPLETION OF A RECOMMENDATION FOR MITIGATING THE LOSS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT SHOULD THE PROJECT BE CONSTRUCTED.

THE CORPS INTENDED TO SUBMIT A FINAL EIS EARLIER THIS YEAR. HOWEVER, NEW NATIONAL POLICY CONTAINED IN PRESIDENT CARTER'S JUNE MESSAGE ON WATER RESOURCES WILL REQUIRE COMPLETION OF SPECIAL MITIGATION STUDIES AND FURTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS.

FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITS APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS BY CONGRESS FOR CONSTRUCTION PURPOSES PRIOR TO THE FILING OF A COMPLETE EIS.

ANY FORTHCOMING PROPOSAL RECOMMENDING THE ACQUISITION OF LANDS FOR MITIGATING FISH AND WILDLIFE LOSSES WOULD ALSO REQUIRE SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION AND FUNDING BY CONGRESS.

COLONEL JOHN P. CHANDLER, THE CORPS' DIVISION ENGINEER FOR NEW ENGLAND, NOTED THAT FUNDS FOR MITIGATION PLANNING DURING THE 1979 FISCAL YEAR (BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1978) WERE REQUESTED BY THE ADMINISTRATION AND APPROPRIATED BY CONGRESS. HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT MEASURES CAN BE DESIGNED TO OFFSET MUCH OF THE FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT LOSSES THAT WOULD RESULT FROM CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE 830-MEGAWATT HYDRO FACILITY.

THE CORPS AS YET HAS NOT FINALIZED THE DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF A FINAL EIS AND MITIGATION PLAN RECOMMENDATION FOR CONGRESSIONAL ACTION. COLONEL CHANDLER WILL BE CONTACTING INTERESTED ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS INVITING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE MITIGATION PLANNING PROCESS.

THE REVISED DRAFT EIS RELEASED TODAY INCLUDES NEW INFORMATION ACQUIRED FROM UPDATED STUDIES AND FROM NEW INVESTIGATIONS RESPONDING TO CONCERNS RAISED AT WORKSHOPS AND PUBLIC MEETINGS. DETAILED RESPONSES TO MORE THAN NINE HUNDRED COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE EXTENDED PUBLIC REVIEW OF THE EARLIER DRAFTS ARE ALSO BEING RELEASED.

COPIES OF THE REVISED DRAFT EIS AND TECHNICAL SUPPLEMENTS HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED TO ALL ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY COMMENTED. DOCUMENTS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT A NUMBER OF LIBRARIES AND DEPOSITORIES THROUGHOUT THE REGION.

WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THE REVISED DRAFT SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO COLONEL CHANDLER, NEW ENGLAND DIVISION ENGINEER, CORPS OF ENGINEERS, 424 TRAPELO ROAD, WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02154.

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