

Department of Defense. At this meeting the Task Force will address the threat to U.S. interests posed by the growth of underground facilities in unfriendly nations. The Task Force should investigate technologies and techniques to meet the international security and military strategy challenges posed by these facilities.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. No. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II, (1994)), it has been determined that this DSB Task Force meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c)(1) (1994), and that accordingly this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: April 21, 1997.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board Task Force on Submarine of the Future

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee Meetings.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Submarine of the Future will meet in closed session on May 19-20, 1997 at Science Applications International Corporation, 4001 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting the Task Force will assess the nation's need for attack submarines in the 21st century.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of no Significant Impact (FNSI) for the Disposal and Reuse of Fort Holabird Defense Investigative Service and Cummins Apartments Parcels, Baltimore, Maryland

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Public Law 101-510, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission recommended the closure of Fort Holabird upon relocation of its remaining tenant, the Defense Investigative Service (DIS). The law further directs that the organization be relocated to a new facility at Fort Meade, Maryland. In addition, Public Law 104-106 allows for the conveyance of the 6.6 acres under and around Cummins Apartments, housing located on a parcel of Fort Holabird, to the current owner of the apartment building(s).

The EA analyzes the environmental and socioeconomic effects of the closure of Fort Holabird, and the sale of land associated with Cummins Apartments. The relocation of the organization to Fort Meade and the planned construction of a new facility is covered in a separate EA. The Fort Holabird disposal EA also evaluates potential reuse of the property.

The EA evaluated three disposal alternatives: encumbered disposal, unencumbered disposal, and the no-action alternative. The preferred alternative is encumbered disposal. This involves transfer of the property with conditions, imposed by the Army and incorporated into transfer documents, on future reuse. Currently, there are no encumbrances associated with the parcels. There are, however, several potentially contaminated areas in the vicinity of the DIS parcel. These areas require further environmental evaluation. If the ongoing investigation reveals contamination that needs to be remediated, it may be necessary to dispose of the property with encumbrances to protect and allow continued access to affected area.

In addition to the proposed Army disposal actions, the EA also evaluates three potential reuse scenarios for the DIS parcel (high-intensity, medium-intensity, and low-intensity reuse scenarios). These scenarios were developed by the Army in cooperation with the City of Baltimore to evaluate a range of reasonably foreseeable impacts

from reuse by other parties, as an indirect action resulting from the disposal. A local community reuse plan is being prepared.

The Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Military District of Washington, has concluded the proposed disposal and reuse of the DIS and Cummins Apartments parcels do not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the environment. Because no significant adverse effects are expected as a result of the disposal and reuse of the parcels, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required, and will not be prepared.

DATES: Public comments must be submitted on or before May 27, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the EA and FNSI may be obtained by writing to, and any inquiries should be addressed to, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: Ms. Maria de la Torre (CENAB-PL-EM), P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1715, or by telefax at (410) 962-4698, within 30 days of the publication of this notice. Individuals wishing to review the EA may also examine a copy at the Enoch Pratt Library, 400 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Charlotte Rodriguez at (202) 685-3255.

Dated: April 18, 1997.

Raymond J. Fatz,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health) OASA (I, L&E).

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for Hamilton Army Airfield, California, Disposal and Reuse Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the President's Council on Environmental Quality, the Army has prepared an FEIS for the disposal of lands at Hamilton Army Airfield (HAAF), California. The FEIS also describes the potential impacts of a range of potential reuse alternatives. The ROD, based on the FEIS, finds no significant impacts are associated with disposal of HAAF. Any impacts or mitigation associated with reuse depending on intensity and scenario chosen will be the responsibility of non-

Army entities for implementation in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

AVAILABILITY OF REVIEW COPIES: Copies of the ROD can be reviewed at the Novato Department of Community Development, 901 Sherman Avenue, Novato, California; the Marin County Free Library, 3501 Civic Center Drive, San Rafael, California; and the Novato Branch of the Marin County Free Library, 1720 Novato Boulevard, Novato, California.

Dated: April 18, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

ARMS Initiative Implementation

AGENCY: Armament Retooling and Manufacturing Support (ARMS) Public/Private Task Force (PPTF).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given of the next meeting of the Armament Retooling and Manufacturing Support (ARMS) Public/Private Task Force (PPTF). The PPTF is chartered to develop new and innovative methods to maintain the government-owned, contractor-operated ammunition industrial base and retain critical skills for a national emergency. This meeting will update attendees on the status of ongoing actions with decisions being made to close out or continue these actions. Topics for this meeting include program status, Government Property issues, ARMS Loan Program, national marketing, and individual plant status presentations by facility use contractors. Goals will be set for the future of the PPTF. This meeting is open to the public.

DATE OF MEETING: May 22, 1997.

PLACE OF MEETING: Double Tree Hotel, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

TIME OF MEETING: 8:00 am-5:00 pm, May 22, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Elwood H. Weber, ARMS Task Force, HQ Army Material Command, 5001 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22333; Phone (703) 617-9788.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Reservations must be made directly with the Double Tree Hotel, telephone

703-416-4100 no later than 8 May 1997 in order to assure a room at the rate of \$112.98. Please be sure to mention that you will be attending the ARMS PPTF meeting to assure occupancy in the block of rooms set aside for this meeting. Shuttle bus service is available from the National Airport to the Double Tree Hotel. Request you contact Donna Ponce on the ARMS Team, telephone (309) 782-4535, if you will be attending the meeting, so that our roster of attendees is accurate. This number may also be used if other assistance regarding the ARMS meeting is required.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Scoping Meetings for Environmental Impact Statement for the Implementation of a Comprehensive Land Use Management Plan at the Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake, CA

SUMMARY: On April 1, 1997, the Department of the Navy announced its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental effects of implementing a comprehensive Land Use Management Plan for the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division (NAWCWD), located at the Naval Air Weapons Station (NAWS), China Lake, California. The Navy's proposed action is the implementation of a comprehensive Land Use Management Plan (LUMP) at NAWS China Lake for managing existing and proposed land uses authorized under the California Desert Protection Act. Proposed land uses include, but are not limited to, ongoing and future military operations, public health and safety practices, and ongoing and future environmental resources management and conservation at NAWS China Lake. The LUMP will be developed in conformance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act.

The EIS will also evaluate a range of land use management practices, including the no action alternative. Alternative land use management practices could include a range of activities of greater or lesser intensity of land use type or tempo. The no action alternative would implement a Land Use Management Plan that would not change the ongoing type or tempo of

land uses and environmental resources management direction or emphasis.

Six scoping meetings will be held to solicit public input and identify issues that need discussion in the EIS. The meetings will be held at the following times and locations: (1) the fairgrounds in Ridgecrest, CA on May 20, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.; (2) The Rand Community Building in Johannesburg, CA on May 21, 1997 at 7:30 p.m.; (3) The Learning Center in Independence, CA on May 22, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.; (4) Trona High School in Trona, CA on June 3, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.; (5) Barstow Community College in Barstow, CA on June 4, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.; and (6) Inyokern Elementary School in Inyokern, CA on June 5, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. A one-hour poster session will precede each meeting, so the public can familiarize itself with NAWS China Lake and the proposed action.

ADDRESSES: Agencies and the public are invited and encouraged to provide written comments in addition to, or in lieu of oral comments at the public scoping meetings. To be most helpful, scoping comments should clearly describe specific issues or topic which the EIS should address. Written comments must be postmarked by June 30, 1997 and should be mailed to Commander, Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, Attn: Ms. Robin Hoffman, Land Use Planning Office, China Lake, CA 93555, telephone (619) 939-0935, fax (619) 939-2541.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Additional information concerning this notice may be obtained by contacting Ms. Robin Hoffman at (619) 939-0935.

Dated: April 21, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting

AGENCY: National Assessment Governing Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Assessment Governing Board. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the