

The Secretary of the Navy Advisory Panel shall be composed of not more than 15 members, who are eminent authorities in the fields of national security policy, intelligence, science, engineering, or business and industry. The Secretary of the Navy Panel, in keeping with the DoD policy to make every effort to achieve a balanced membership, shall include a cross section of experts that are directly affected, interested and qualified to advise on U.S. defense and naval issues.

Panel and subcommittee members appointed by the Secretary of Defense, who are not full-time Federal officers or employees, shall serve as Special Government Employees under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 3109. Panel and subcommittee members shall be appointed on an annual basis by the Secretary of Defense, and with the exception of travel and per diem for official travel, they shall serve without compensation. The Secretary of the Navy shall select the Panel's chairperson from the total Panel membership.

The Secretary of the Navy Advisory Panel shall meet at the call of the Panel's Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the chairperson. The Designated Federal Officer, pursuant to DoD policy, shall be a full-time or permanent part-time DoD employee, and shall be appointed in accordance with established DoD policies and procedures. The Designated Federal Officer or duly appointed Alternate Designated Federal Officer shall attend all committee and subcommittee meetings.

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the Secretary of the Navy Advisory Panel membership about the Panel's mission and functions. Written statements may be submitted at any time or in response to the stated agenda of planned meeting of the Secretary of the Navy Advisory Panel.

All written statements shall be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer for the Secretary of the Navy Advisory Panel, and this individual will ensure that the written statements are provided to the membership for their consideration. Contact information for the Secretary of the Navy Advisory Panel's Designated Federal Officer can be obtained from the GSA's FACA Database—<https://www.fido.gov/facadatabase/public.asp>.

The Designated Federal Officer, pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150, will announce planned meetings of the Secretary of the Navy Advisory Panel. The Designated Federal Officer, at that

time, may provide additional guidance on the submission of written statements that are in response to the stated agenda for the planned meeting in question.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Jim Freeman, DoD Committee Management Office, 703-601-2554, extension 128.

Dated: October 17, 2007.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Notification of an "Open Meeting" of the National Defense University Visitors (BOV)

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense; National Defense University.

**ACTION:** Notice of "Open Meeting."

**SUMMARY:** The National Defense University (NDU), Designated Federal Officer, has scheduled a meeting of the Board of Visitors. Request subject notice be published in the **Federal Register**. The National Defense University Board of Visitors is a Federal Advisory Board. The Board meets twice a year in proceedings that are open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on November 19-20, 2007 from 11:00 to 17:00 on the 19th and continuing on the 20th from 8:30 to 13:30.

*Location:* The Board of Visitors meeting will be held at Building 62, Marshall Hall, Room 155, National Defense University, 300 5th Avenue, Fort McNair, Washington, DC 20319-5066.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The point of contact for this notice of an "Open Meeting" is Jeanette Tolbert at (202) 685-3955, Fax (202) 685-3328 or [Tolbertj@ndu.edu](mailto:Tolbertj@ndu.edu).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** State of the University, National Security Professional Development, Accreditation, and Federal Policy. The meeting is open to the public; limited space is made available for observers and will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Southern Beltway Transportation Project From I-79 to the Mon/Fayette Expressway, Washington County, PA

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for proposed transportation improvements between Interstate 79 (I-79) and the Mon/Fayette Expressway (Turnpike 43), known locally as a Southern Beltway Transportation Project, in Washington County, Pennsylvania.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott Hans, Acting Chief, Regulatory Branch, Department of the Army, Pittsburgh District Corps of Engineers, William S. Moorhead Federal Building, 1000 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-4186, Telephone: (412) 395-7154; or David P. Willis, Environmental Manager, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, P.O. Box 67676, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17106-7676, Telephone: (717) 939-9551.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Corps, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, will now prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal for a limited access toll highway in Washington County, south of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The proposed highway would extend from Interstate 79 south of the Allegheny County and Washington County line, easterly to the Mon/Fayette Expressway (Turnpike 43), near Finleyville, Washington County. The study corridor is approximately 19 kilometers (12 miles) long and 2.5 kilometers (1.5 miles) wide. Previously, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) served as the lead federal agency, with the Corps as a cooperating agency. The Financial Plan most recently submitted by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC), the local Metropolitan Planning Organization, was not considered reasonable by SPC. As a result, the I-79 to Mon/Fayette Expressway Project was not included on SPC's Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) when it was updated and adopted in July 2007. Subsequently, the FHWA