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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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LCDR, JAGC, USN, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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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

general public of their opportunity to attend.

Dates: May 8–10, 1997.

Times: May 8—Subject Area Committee #2, 3:30–5:00 P.M. (closed), 3:00–3:30 P.M., (open); Achievement Levels Committee, 3:00–5:00 P.M., (open); Executive Committee, 5:00–6:30 P.M. (open), 6:30–7:00 P.M. (closed). May 9—Full Board, 8:00 A.M.—10:00 A.M. (open); Subject Area Committees #1 and #2 in joint session, 10:00 A.M.—12:00 Noon, (open); Design and Methodology Committee, 10:00 A.M.—12:00 Noon, (open); Reporting and Dissemination Committee, 10:00 A.M.—12:00 Noon, (open); Full Board 12:00 Noon—4:00 P.M., (open). May 10—Full Board, 9:00 A.M. until adjournment, approximately 12:00 Noon (open).

Location: The Madison Hotel, 15th and M Streets, NW, Washington, D.C.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Ann Wilmer, Operations Officer, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, D.C., 20002–4233, Telephone: (202) 357–6938.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Assessment Governing Board is established under section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994 (Title IV of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994) (Pub. L. 103–382).

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Educational Progress. The Board is responsible for selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment objectives, identifying appropriate achievement goals for each grade and subject tested, and establishing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons.

On May 8, Subject Area Committee #2 and the Executive Committee will meet in partially closed session. Subject Area Committee #2 will meet in closed session from 3:30–5:00 P.M. to review items, scoring criteria, and sample responses from the 1997 NAEP writing field test. This portion of the meeting must be closed because references will be made to specific items from the assessment and premature disclosure of the information presented for review would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. Such matters are protected by exemption (9)(B) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C. In open session, 3:00–3:30 P.M., the Committee will review plans for upcoming assessments and item review sessions in preparation for the 1998 NAEP cycle.

the Executive Committee will meet in closed session from 6:30–7:00 P.M. to

discuss the development of cost estimates for NAEP and future contract initiatives. Public disclosure of this information would likely have an adverse financial effect on the NAEP program. The discussion of this information would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C. In the open session from 5:00–6:30 P.M., the Executive Committee will hear the results of a customer survey of NAEP users; discuss the status of NAGB committee redesign assignments; and hear a report on NAEP secondary analysis.

Also, on May 8, from 3 to 5 p.m., there will be an open meeting of the Achievement Levels Committee. The Committee will hear a briefing on the evaluation being conducted by the National Academy of Sciences, and preview the work for the setting of achievement levels for civics and writing.

On May 9, the full Board will convene in open session at 8 a.m. The agenda for this session of the full Board meeting includes approval of the agenda, the Executive Director's Report, a presentation on President Clinton's Initiative on Voluntary Tests, and an update on the NAEP project. Between 10 a.m. and 12 noon, there will be open meetings of the following subcommittees: Design and Methodology, Reporting and Dissemination, and a joint meeting of Subject Area Committees #1 and #2. The Design and Methodology Committee will review and discuss the draft policy prepared for a short-form NAEP, and hear a briefing on plans for a NAEP Validity Studies Panel. Agenda items for the Reporting and Dissemination Committee include consideration of definitions of NAEP Reports: Comprehensive, Standard, Focused, and Market-Basket; review and discuss plans for NAEP Week; and hear presentations on various report release plans. The Joint Subject Area Committees #1 and #2 will discuss progress on their NAEP redesign topics. These topics include the draft framework policy, state options for NAEP, and results of the NCES/NAEP Constituent Survey.

The full Board will reconvene in open session at 12 p.m. to hear a briefing on the 1996 NAEP Science Report, have a presentation on and discussion of the reading and math initiatives, and to continue discussion on NAEP Redesign.

On May 10, the full Board will meet in open session from 9 a.m. until adjournment at approximately 12 noon.

The Board will hear a presentation on the National Academy of Education's Report, *Assessment in Transition: Monitoring the Nation's Educational Progress*. The Board will then hear reports from its various committees.

A summary of the activities of the closed and partially closed sessions and other related matters, which are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of section 5 U.S.C. 552b, will be available to the public within 14 days after the meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Roy Truby,

Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

State Energy Program Special Projects Financial Assistance

AGENCY: The Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice for 1997 State Energy Program Special Projects.

SUMMARY: As options offered under the State Energy Program (SEP) for fiscal year 1997, the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy is announcing the availability of financial assistance to States for a group of special project activities. Funding is being provided by a number of end-use sector programs in the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. States may apply to undertake any of the projects being offered by these programs. States that are awarded funding for special projects will carry out their projects in conjunction with their efforts under SEP, with the special projects funding and activities tracked separately so that the end-use sector programs may follow the progress of their projects.

The projects must meet the relevant requirements of the programs providing the funding, as well as of SEP, as specified in the program guidance/solicitation. Among the goals of the special projects activities are to assist States to: accelerate deployment of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies; facilitate the acceptance of emerging and underutilized energy