

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Naval Health Research Center,
Emerging Illness Division, PO Box
85122, San Diego, CA 92186-5122.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

DoD beneficiary infants born in both military and civilian medical facilities beginning January 1, 1999, and their parents.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Demographic data and health data related to the birth defect.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

10 U.S.C. 131, Office of the Secretary of Defense; 10 U.S.C. 136, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; 10 U.S.C. 2358, Research and Development Projects; E.O. 9397 (SSN); and OASD/HA Policy for National Surveillance for Birth Defects Among Department of Defense (DoD) Health care Beneficiaries Clinical Policy 99-006 dated November 17, 1998.

PURPOSE(S):

To determine those birth defects that are most common within this population; to provide information regarding increases, if any, in the incidence of specific malformations; to compare rates stratified by beneficiary status (military or dependent) and among active-duty personnel, by occupation; to identify geographical or military service-related areas of reproductive concern for cluster analysis; to identify any correlation of rates of defects with changing trends in cultural, social, and environmental factors; and to provide a data repository that future investigators and policy makers might use to study militarily important birth defects hypotheses.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 522a(b)(3) as follows:

To the Social Security Administration (SSA) for considering individual claims for benefits for which SSA is responsible.

To the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) for considering individual claims for benefits for which the DVA is responsible, and for use in scientific, medical and other analysis regarding reproductive outcomes research associated with military service.

To the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention and state birth defect registries for use in scientific, medical and other analysis regarding reproductive outcomes research associated with military service.

The "Blanket Routine Uses" that appear at the beginning of the Navy's compilation of systems of records notices apply to this system.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**STORAGE:**

Automated databases; electronic records are stored on magnetic media.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records are retrieved by military sponsor's name and Social Security Number.

SAFEGUARDS:

Access to areas where records are maintained is limited to authorized personnel. Areas are protected by access control devices during working hours and intrusion alarm devices during non-duty hours. Access to data is provided on need-to-know basis only. Access to data is controlled by password or other user code.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Disposition pending (until NARA disposition is approved, treat as permanent). The files will be maintained at the Naval Health Research Center, Emerging Illness Division, PO Box 85122, San Diego CA 92186-5122. Any paper copies which are generated are shredded following data entry/analysis; electronic copies will be maintained permanently.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Policy Official: Commanding Officer, Naval Health Research Center, Box 85122, San Diego, CA 92186-5122.

Record Holder: Senior Investigator, DoD Birth Defects Registry, Naval Health Research Center, Emerging Illness Division, PO Box 85122, San Diego, CA 92186-5122.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system should address written inquiries to the Senior Investigator, DoD Birth Defects Registry, Naval Health Research Center, Emerging Illness Division, PO Box 85122, San Diego, CA 92186-5122.

The request should contain name and Social Security Number of military sponsor to effect a search and must be signed by the individual requesting the information.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking access to information about themselves contained in this system should address written inquiries to the Senior Investigator, DoD Birth Defects Registry, Naval Health Research Center, Emerging Illness Division, PO Box 85122, San Diego, CA 92186-5122.

The request contain name and Social Security Number of military sponsor to effect a search and must be signed by the individual requesting the information.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The Navy's rules for accessing records, and for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are published in secretary of the Navy Instruction 5211.5; 32 CFR part 701; or may be obtained from the system manager.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Composite Health Care System (CHCS); Corporate Executive Information Systems (CEIS); Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC); Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS); Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); and medical records at Naval Medical Center, San Diego.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting**

AGENCY: National Assessment Governing Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meetings.

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: November 18-20, 1999.

TIME: November 18—Subject Area Committee #1, 3:30-5:30 p.m., (open); Design and Methodology Committee, 3:30-5:30 p.m., (open); and Executive Committee, 5:30-6:15 p.m., (open);

6:15–7:00 p.m. (closed). November 19—Full Board, 8:30–10:00 a.m., (open); Joint Meeting of Achievement Levels and Reporting and Dissemination Committees, 10:00–10:30 a.m., (open); Joint Meeting Achievement Levels Committee and Subject Area Committees 1 and 2, 11:00–11:30 a.m.; Subject Area Committees #2, 11:00–11:30 a.m., (open); 11:30 a.m.–12 noon, (closed); Achievement Levels Committee, 11:30 a.m.–12:00 noon, (open); Reporting and Dissemination Committee, 10:30 a.m.–12:00 noon, (open); Full Board, 12:00 noon–4:30 p.m., (open). November 20—Full Board, 8:30 a.m. until adjournment, approximately 11:30 a.m., (open).

LOCATION: Madison Hotel, 15th and M Streets, NW, Washington, DC.

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) (P.L. 103–382).

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Education Progress, (NAEP). 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. Under P.L. 105–78, the National Assessment Governing Board is also granted exclusive authority over developing the Voluntary National Tests, (VNT) pursuant to contact number RJ9753001.

On Thursday, November 18, there will be meetings of three committees of the Governing Board. Subject Area Committees #1 will meet from 3:30–5:30 p.m. to discuss the NAEP Foreign Language framework development project; the NAEP writing online study; and the National Academy Year 2 Evaluation of the Voluntary National test in reading.

The Design and Methodology Committee will meet from 3:30–5:30 p.m. to review the technical issues and the inclusion and accommodations chapters of the NRC Report: Evaluation of the VNT, Year 2. The Committee will hear the proposed field test design for the VNT and take action on the proposed plans for VNT in FY 2000. For

the National Assessment of Educational Project, the Committee will take action on two draft policies: NAEP short-form, and NAEP testing window. Also, the Committee will hear a progress report on the NAS evaluation of NAEP.

The Executive Committee will meet from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. in open session. In the open session the Executive Committee will review the final appropriations bill; consider plans for the Voluntary National Tests; develop new initiatives for NAGB; hear an update on NAGB redesign issues. Then the Executive Committee will meet in closed session from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m. The Committee will discuss the development of cost estimates for NAEP and future contract initiatives. This portion of the meeting must be conducted in closed session because 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.

On November 19, the full Board will convene in open session beginning at 8:30 a.m. The agenda for this session of the full Board meeting includes approval of the agenda. Also, the morning agenda will include a report from the Executive Director, and an update of the NAEP project. This session will conclude with the administration of the oath of office to new members and remarks by the Secretary of Education.

Subject Area Committee #2 will meet in open session from 10:00–11:00 a.m. to discuss the National Academy Year 2 Evaluation of the Voluntary National Test in Mathematics.

From 11:00–11:30 a.m., Subject Area Committees 1 and 2, and the Achievement Levels Committee will meet in joint session to hear a presentation on the use of technology in the development, delivery, and analysis of NAEP assessments of the future.

Subject Area Committee #2 will meet in closed session from 11:30 a.m.–12:00 noon to review a draft RFP for the NAEP math online study. This meeting must be conducted in closed session because 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 an open session. Such matters are protected by

exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title of 5 U.S.C.

There will be open meetings of the Achievement Levels and Reporting and Dissemination Committees. From 10:00–10:30 a.m., the Achievement Levels and the Reporting and Dissemination Committees will meet in joint to receive a briefing on a report to Congress concerning the public perception of achievement levels.

From 11:00 a.m.–12:00 noon, the Achievement Levels Committee will review the preliminary findings from the VNT Achievement Levels study. The Reporting and Dissemination Committee will hear an update on “market-basket” reporting of NAEP results; review categories of race/ethnicity reporting; review the work plan on score reporting for proposed VNT; and will hear an update on district-level reporting.

The full Board will reconvene 12:00 noon to 4:30 p.m. The agenda includes a briefing on the NAEP 1998 Civics Report Card; an update and discussion on NAEP, NAGB, and VNT legislation; an update on a report to Congress on Achievement Levels, and a report on ALLSTATES 2000. The Board recess is scheduled for 4:30 p.m.

On Saturday, November 20 the full Board will meet in open session from 8:30 a.m. until adjournment, approximately 11:30 a.m. The agenda for this session is an update on the NAEP Foreign Language Framework and the presentation of reports from the various Board committee meetings.

A summary of activities of the closed and partially close sessions and other related matters which are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of the section 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), 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, D.C. from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dated: November 1, 1999.

Roy Truby,

Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Web-Based Education Commission; Meeting

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Education.