

The proposed action would subject the WINSTON CHURCHILL to no more than four explosive charges, 10,000 pounds each, while monitoring the effects on the ship. The EIS will thoroughly address reasonable alternatives to the proposed action, the existing environments of the proposed test areas, and the impact to the environment at those areas. Mayport, Florida, Pascagoula, Mississippi, and Norfolk, Virginia were chosen initially for evaluation because they effectively meet the operational criteria necessary to conduct a shock trial on a surface combatant. These criteria include: Water depth of at least 600 feet; geographic location; proximity to a Naval Station, Ship Repair Facility, Military Airbase, Ordnance Loading Station, naval ships and aircraft; sea traffic; weather and sea state; and personnel tempo requirements. The proposed shock trial is scheduled to occur over a consecutive period of four weeks between May 1, and September 1, 2001.

The EIS will analyze impacts of the proposed action on air and water quality, marine life (including marine mammals and endangered and threatened species), commercial fishing and shipping, recreation, and economic and commercial resources.

DATES: The Navy will hold the following three public meetings in January 1999:

1. January 19, 1999, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.;
2. January 20, 1999, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.; and
3. January 21, 1999, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meetings will be held at a location near each of the proposed test areas:

1. January 19, 1999, at Granby High School, 7101 Granby Road, Norfolk, Virginia.
2. January 20, 1999, at Fair Hall at Jackson County Fairgrounds, Corner of Shortcut and Hospital Road, Pascagoula, Mississippi.
3. January 21, 1999, at Mayport Middle School, 2600 Mayport Road, Atlantic Beach, Florida.

The meetings will be announced in local newspapers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Agencies and the public are also invited and encouraged to provide written comments in addition to, or in lieu of, oral comments at the public meeting. To be most helpful, comments should clearly describe specific issues or topics which the commenter believes the EIS should address. Written statements and/or questions regarding the scoping process should be mailed no later than

February 1, 1999 to: Commanding Officer, Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (Attn: Mr. Will Sloger, Code 064WS), 2155 Eagle Drive, N. Charleston, South Carolina, telephone 843-802-5797, FAX 843-802-7472.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A brief presentation will precede the request for public comment. Navy representatives will be available at this meeting to receive comments from the public regarding issues of concern. It is important that federal, state, and local agencies, and interested individuals take this opportunity to identify environmental concerns that should be addressed during the preparation of the EIS. In the interest of available time, each speaker will be asked to limit oral comments to five minutes.

Dated: December 14, 1998.

Ralph W. Corey,

Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Meeting

AGENCY: National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities 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 the meeting.

DATES: January 14 and 15, 1999.

TIME: January 14, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; January 15, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Room 100, 80 F St., NW, Washington, DC 20208-7564.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thelma Leenhouts, Designated Federal Official, National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, Washington, DC 20208-7564. Tel.: (202) 219-2065; fax: (202) 219-1528; e-mail: Thelma__Leenhouts@ed.gov, or nerppb@ed.gov. The main telephone number for the Board is (202) 208-0692.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board is authorized by Section 921 of the Educational Research, Development, Dissemination,

and Improvement Act of 1994. The Board works collaboratively with the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI) to forge a national consensus with respect to a long-term agenda for educational research, development, and dissemination, and to provide advice and assistance to the Assistant Secretary in administering the duties of the Office.

The meeting is open to the public. On January 14, the Board will discuss issues relating to the OERI reauthorization and Joint Research Initiative and will hear a report on the third-year evaluation of the Regional Education Laboratories. On January 15 the Board will hear committee and officers' reports and a presentation on expectations for education policy in the 106th Congress. A final agenda will be available from the Board office on January 7, 1999.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the office of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, Suite 100, 80 F St., NW, Washington, DC 20208-7564.

Dated: December 14, 1998.

Eve M. Bither,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Technology Center; Notice of Intent to issue a Solicitation for Cooperative Agreement Proposal (SCAP)

AGENCY: Federal Energy Technology Center (FETC), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the intent to issue a SCAP No. DE-SC26-99FT40528 entitled "Energy Efficient Building Equipment and Envelope Technologies." The SCAP will solicit the submission of innovative technologies that have the potential for significant energy savings in residential and commercial buildings. Through this solicitation the Department of Energy is seeking to support projects that are advancing energy efficient building equipment and envelope technologies. Specifically, the objective of the procurement is to accelerate technologies that, because of their risk, are unlikely to be developed in time commensurate with their potential payoff to the nation without a partnership between industry and the Federal government.