

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee Meetings.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Directed Energy will meet in closed session on November 2 and 3, 2006. The location is to be determined. The task force will review directed energy weapon systems and technology application.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings, the Defense Science Board Task Force will: Review all surface, sub-surface, air and space DE programs in the Department and other organizations; examine recent supporting technology advancements and their applications with respect to supporting military DE weapon system developments; as well as make recommendations on potential strategic advantage DE weapons can provide with regards to the delivery of precision effects, decreased collateral damage, limiting unintended effects, and decreasing post combat reconstitution costs and efforts.

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), it has been determined that these Defense Science Board Task Force meetings concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, the meetings will be closed to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Major Chad Lominac, USAF, Defense

Science Board, 3140 Defense Pentagon, Room 3C553, Washington, DC 20301-3140, via e-mail at charles.lominac@osd.mil, or via phone at (703) 571-0081.

Dated: September 25, 2006.

C.R. Choate,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program, Scientific Advisory Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice is published in accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463). The topic of the meeting on October 17-19, 2006 are to review new start and continuing research and development projects requesting Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program funds in excess of \$1M. This meeting is open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the Scientific Advisory Board at the time and in the manner permitted by the Board.

DATES: October 17, 2006 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., October 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and October 19, 2006 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: SERDP Program Office Conference Center, 901 North Stuart Street, Suite 804, Arlington, VA 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Melissa Jensen, SERDP Program Office, 901 North Stuart Street, Suite 303,

Arlington, VA or by telephone at (703) 696-2126.

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C.R. Choate,

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense Office of Inspector General.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the appointment of the members of the Senior Executive Services (SES) Performance Review Board (PRB) for the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General (DoD OIG), as required by 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4). The PRB provides fair and impartial review of SES performance appraisals and makes recommendations regarding performance ratings and performance awards to the Inspector General.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 30, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael Peterson, Director, Human Capital Advisory Services, Administration and Management, DoD OIG, 400 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202, (703) 602-4516.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), the following executives are appointed to the DoD OIG, PRB:

Dated: September 25, 2006.

C.R. Choate,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

- Patricia A. Branin Assistant Inspector General for Audit Policy and Oversight, ODIG-P&O.
John R. Crane Assistant Inspector General for Communications and Congressional Liaison.
Uldric L. Fiore General Counsel, Assistant Inspector General for Office of Legal Counsel.
Thomas F. Gimble Acting Inspector General.
Paul J. Granetto Assistant Inspector General for Defense Financial Auditing Service, ODIG-AUD.
L. Jerry Hansen Deputy Inspector General for Policy and Oversight.
Melissa Heist Assistant Inspector General for Audit, Environmental Protection Agency.
Donald M. Horstman Director of Investigations of Senior Officials, ODIG-INV.
Richard B. Joliffe Assistant Inspector General for Acquisition and Contract Management, ODIG-AUD.
Helen Lew Assistant Inspector General for Audit Services, Department of Education.
Patricia A. Marsh Deputy Director, Defense Financial Auditing Service, ODIG-AUD.
William B. Morrison Assistant Inspector General for Inspections and Evaluations, ODIG-P&O.
James L. Pavlik Assistant Inspector General for Investigation Policy and Oversight, ODIG-P&O.
Richard T. Race Acting Principal Deputy Inspector General.
Wanda A. Scott Assistant Inspector General for Readiness and Operations Support, ODIG-AUD.
Linda Snider Assistant Inspector General, Audit Planning and Administration, Department of Energy.
Mary L. Ugone Deputy Inspector General for Auditing.
Eugene S. Waszily Deputy Inspector General, General Services Administration.
R. Keith West Principal Assistant Inspector General for Auditing, ODIG-AUD.

Daniel F. Willkens Acting Director, Defense Criminal Investigative Service, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, ODIG-INV.
 Stephen D. Wilson Assistant Inspector General for Administration and Management.
 Shelton R. Young Deputy Inspector General for Intelligence.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability of Non-Exclusive, Exclusive License or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Concerning Conductive (Electrical, Ionic, and Photoelectric) Polymer Membrane Articles, and Method for Producing Same

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR Part 404.6, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of U.S. Patent No. US 7,109,136 B2 entitled "Conductive (Electrical, Ionic, and Photoelectric) Polymer Membrane Articles, and Method for Producing Same" Issued September 19, 2006. This patent has been assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Army.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Arnold Boucher at U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center, Kansas Street, Natick, MA 01760, Phone; (508) 233-5431 or E-mail: Arnold.Boucher@natick.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any licenses granted shall comply with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR Part 404.

Brenda S. Bowen,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Upper Ohio Navigation Study, PA, in Allegheny and Beaver Counties

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Pittsburgh District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is seeking public comment on the environmental scope of an upcoming study, named the

"Upper Ohio Navigation Study, Pennsylvania." This study will consider and evaluate the feasibility of alternatives for maintaining commercial navigation on the Pennsylvania portion of the Ohio River, and also consider and evaluate the feasibility of ecosystem restoration opportunities.

The focus of the upper Ohio River navigation feasibility study is to develop the best plan for maintaining safe, environmentally sustainable, and reliable navigation on the upper 40 miles of the Ohio River in Pennsylvania. Navigation is currently provided through three old lock and dam facilities—Emsworth, Dashields and Montgomery locks and dams—dating from the 1920s. The study will consider a 60-year period from 2010 to 2070. Navigation alternatives will consider facility operation and maintenance, rehabilitation, and new construction needs and opportunities.

In order to facilitate early public involvement in the planning process, the Corps will be conducting two environmental scoping meetings open to the public in the study area. The public is invited to attend these meetings to hear an overview of the study, and assist in the identification of significant issues to be considered during the study process. (See **DATES**).

DATES: Public scoping meetings will be held on:

1. October 24, 2006, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Monaca, PA.

2. October 25, 2006, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Coraopolis, PA.

ADDRESSES: The meeting locations are:

1. Monaca, PA—Community College of Beaver County, Library Resource Center, Conference Room 103, One Campus Drive, Monaca, PA 15061.

2. Coraopolis, PA—Holiday Inn, 8256 University Boulevard, Coraopolis, PA 15108.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Corps' point-of-contact for questions or comments on the study and the environmental impact statement is Mr. Conrad Weiser, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District, 2200 William S. Moorhead Federal Building, 1000 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA, 15222-4186. Telephone: (412) 395-7220. E-mail:

Conrad.E.Weiser@usace.army.mil.

Requests to be placed on the study mailing list should also be sent to this address. General information on the study is also posted on the Corps'

internet site: http://www.Lrp.usace.army.mil/pm/upper_ohio.htm.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. **Authority:** The proposed action is being conducted under the authority of United States Senate, Committee on Public Works resolution dated May 16, 1955; and United States House of Representatives, Committee on Public Works and Transportation resolution dated March 11, 1982.

2. **Background:** a. The Corps is initiating a study to identify and evaluate feasible alternatives to maintain environmentally sustainable commercial river navigation on the upper 40 miles of the Ohio River in Pennsylvania. Existing locks and dams to be considered in this study are the Emsworth, Dashields, and Montgomery (EDM) locks and dams. The EDM facilities are the uppermost three of the 19 facilities forming the Ohio River Navigation System. This system provides navigable depths the full 981-mile length of the river between its origin at the "Point" in Pittsburgh, PA, to its mouth at Cairo, IL.

b. Emsworth is the oldest operating facility of the Ohio River system. Its locks date from 1921, while its original fixed crest dams were replaced in 1938 with higher gated structures. Dashields and Montgomery locks and dams were placed into operation in 1929 and 1936, respectively. Locks and Dams 52 and 53 near the river's mouth are the only other pre-World War II facilities on the Ohio River system, and these are in the process of being replaced by a single facility, Olmsted Locks and Dam.

c. Emsworth, Dashields, and Montgomery each have two lock chambers, a main chamber measuring 110' x 600'± and an auxiliary chamber measuring 56' x 360'. Compared to the 110' x 1,200' main lock chambers at the modern Ohio River facilities, they are the lowest capacity locks on the river. They form a bottleneck between the modern downstream Ohio River navigation structures and the tributary Monongahela River locks with their 720-foot chambers. The disparity in capacity is magnified during main chamber closures when all traffic must use the small 56' x 360' chambers. These small chambers can only process one barge at a time, necessitating multiple lockages for typical tows of as many as 15 barges, more or less. This study will