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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Timothy Stryker, NOAA/NESDIS International and Interagency Affairs, 1335 East West Highway, Room 7311, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; telephone (301) 713-2024 x205, fax (301) 713-2032, e-mail *Timothy.Stryker@noaa.gov*, or Douglas Brauer at telephone (301) 713-2024 x213, e-mail *Douglas.Brauer@noaa.gov*.

Gregory W. Withee,

Assistant Administrator for Satellite and Information Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Crab Rationalization Community Protection Committee will meet in Anchorage, AK.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 8-9, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Anchorage Hotel, 500 W 3rd Avenue, Fireweed Room, Anchorage, AK 99501.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Fina, NPFMC, 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, January 8, continue through Thursday, January 9.

The purpose of this meeting will be to review and discuss options to ensure protection of coastal community interests within the recently approved Bering Sea Aleutian Island crab rationalization program.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen, 907-271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: December 20, 2002.

John H. Dunnigan,

Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs)/TRICARE Management Activity, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of new survey project.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested parties of a Military Health System (MHS) new survey project entitled, TRICARE Employee Survey. In accordance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs announces a proposed new public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed new collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of

the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by February 25, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the information collection should be sent to LTC (P) Merrily McGowan, Ph.D., M.S., U.S.A.; TRICARE Management Activity; HPA&E; 5111 Leesburg Pike, Suite 810 Falls Church, VA 22041.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection, please write to the above address.

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: TRICARE Employee Survey (TRES)

Needs and Uses: the objective of this work is to provide the Department of Defense leadership with feedback from civilian and Military Healthcare System employees who work at Military Treatment Facilities (MTF) CONUS-wide. A supportive internal environment enhances employee performance, motivation, and commitment, which in turn enhance the quality of delivered healthcare. Understanding the level of employee commitment and employees' attitudes toward the things that drive that commitment will help identify organizational factors needing improvement. The goal of this work is to gain insight from MHS employees working within the direct care system about their attitudes, experiences and opinions of workplace structures and procedures. All employees of CONUS MTFs will be eligible to participate. By reporting on their experience with, and perceptions of, their organization and immediate work environment, they can identify factors that enable or hinder them from providing high quality care. The TRES intended to provide DoD with data that contributes to the delivery of high quality healthcare. The perspective of employees has not been collected systematically despite their important role in delivering care within the constraints of limited resources and complicated guidelines. The first goal of this work is to gain insight of employees regarding the challenges associated with treating patients under TRICARE. A

survey instrument is needed that will capture information regarding employee opinions of how well TRICARE supports them to provide patients with needed care. It will identify how administrative policies and practices of TRICARE health plans effect healthcare delivery. A second goal of this work is to collect information that indicates how the attitudes and opinions of employees differ by specialty, region, and degree of participation with TRICARE. The survey data shall provide information needed to better plan, deliver, and evaluate health care services provided in the military health system (MHS).

Affected Public: Individual households (TRICARE Employees CONUS-wide).

Annual Burden Hours: 333 hours.

Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Response Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: .333 hrs.

Frequency: Once.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This request encompasses all activities required to conduct and develop a report of findings of a confidential survey of TRICARE employees CONUS-wide to assess their attitudes and opinions regarding their ability to provide high quality care.

Dated: November 16, 2002.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the Defense Department Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS)

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10(a), Public Law 92-463, as amended, notice is hereby given of a forthcoming of the Defense Department Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS). The purpose of the Committee meeting is to provide further training to the incoming FY 2003 Committee members on issues they will review this year. The meeting is open to the public, subject to the availability of space.

DATES: January 16 & 17, 2003, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Courtyard Marriott, 2899 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lieutenant Commander Shannon Thaeler, USN, DACOWITS, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Room 3D769, Washington, DC 20301-4000. Telephone (703) 697-2122.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the Committee and make an oral presentation of such. Persons desiring to make an oral presentation or submit a written statement to the Committee must notify the point of contact listed below no later than noon, January 10, 2003. Oral presentations by members of the public will be permitted only on Friday, January 17, 2003, from 5:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. before the full Committee. Presentations will be limited to two minutes. Number of oral presentations to be made will depend on the number of requests received from members of the public. Each person desiring to make an oral presentation must provide the point of contact listed below with one (1) copy of the presentation by noon, January 10, 2003 and bring 50 copies of any material that is intended for distribution at the meeting. Persons submitting a written statement only must submit one (1) copy of the statement to the DACOWITS staff by the close of the meeting on January 17, 2003.

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, January 16, 2003

Welcome, Administrative Remarks
Panel: National Guard Bureau, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard
Q & A Session
Army Transformation Briefing
Navy Transformation Briefing
Lunch (Invited Guests Only)
Air Force Transformation Briefing
Army Well-Being Briefing
Navy Family Summit Briefing
Coast Guard Temporary Separation Program
Committee time

Friday, January 17, 2003

Readiness Panel (Participants TBD)
Defense Manpower Data Center Briefing
Health Care Briefing
Lunch (Invited Guests Only)
RAND Briefing
Navy Personnel Research, Study and Technologies
Army Research Institute Briefing
Committee time
Public forum (5:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m.)

Dated: December 19, 2002.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Destruction of Chemical Agents and Munitions at Blue Grass Army Depot, KY

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This announces the availability of the FEIS that assesses the potential environmental impacts of the design, construction, operation and closure of a facility to destroy the chemical agents and munitions currently stored at the Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD). The FEIS examines the potential environmental impacts of the following destruction facility alternatives: (1) Baseline incineration facility; (2) neutralization followed by supercritical water oxidation; (3) neutralization followed by supercritical water oxidation and gas phase chemical reduction; (4) electrochemical oxidation; and (5) no action (i.e., continued storage of chemical munitions at BGAD). Although the no action alternative is not viable under Pub. L. 990145 (DoD Authorization Act of 1986), it was analyzed to provide a comparison with the proposed action. The FEIS identifies pilot testing of neutralization followed by supercritical water oxidation as the agency's preferred alternative for destruction of chemical munitions at BGAD.

DATES: The waiting period for the FEIS will end 30 days after publication of the NOA in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

ADDRESSES: To obtain copies of the FEIS, contact the Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization, Public Outreach and Information Office (ATTN: Mr. Gregory Mahall), Building E-4585, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland 21010-4005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Gregory Mahall at 410-436-1093, by fax at 410-436-5122, by mail at the above listed address or by electronic mail at gregory.mahall@pmcd.apgea.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In its Record of Decision (ROD) on February 26, 1988 (53 FR 5816, February 26, 1988) for the Final Programmatic