

Appendix B Notice of Intent and Notice of Availability

APPENDIX B NOTICE OF INTENT

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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Ballistic Missile Defense Organization

Preparation Of The National Missile Defense Deployment
Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Ballistic Missile Defense Organization

ACTION: Notice of Intent

SUMMARY: This notifies the public that the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization (BMDO) intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a potential National Missile Defense (NMD) deployment, should the U.S. Government make such a decision. In 1996, at the direction of the Secretary of Defense, NMD was designated a Major Defense Acquisition Program. Concurrently, BMDO was tasked with developing an NMD system that could be deployed within three years. This three-year development period is to culminate in the year 2000. In the year 2000, a Department of Defense (DoD) Deployment Readiness Review will be held to review the technical readiness of NMD elements. Thereafter, the United States government will determine whether the threat, developed capability, and other pertinent factors justify deploying an operational NMD system by the year 2003. BMDO is preparing an EIS to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of deployment of an NMD system.

Because the three-year development period is combined with an additional three-year deployment option, the total effort is referred to as the NMD "3+3" program. Should the deployment option not be exercised in the year 2000, improvements in NMD system element technology would continue, while an ability to deploy a system within three years of a decision would be maintained.

The EIS is intended to support BMDO's planning for a potential deployment of an NMD system. The decision to be made is whether to deploy such a system. This decision will be based on an analysis of the potential limited strategic ballistic missile threat to the United States from a rogue nation, technical readiness of the NMD system for deployment, and other factors including potential environmental impacts. If the decision is to deploy, then sites would be selected from the range of locations studied in the EIS. The EIS will provide the U.S. Government with the information necessary to properly account for the environmental impacts of this decision.

The NMD system would be a fixed, land-based, non-nuclear, hit-to-kill missile defense system with land and space-based sensor support capable of responding to a limited strategic ballistic missile threat to the United States by a rogue nation. The NMD system would consist of five elements: Ground-based Interceptors (GBIs); Battle Management Command, Control, and Communications, which includes the Battle Management Command and Control (BMC2), communication lines, and the In-Flight Interceptor Communications System (IFICS) as subelements; X-Band Radar (XBR); Upgraded Early Warning Radar (UEWR); and Defense Support Program (DSP) satellites/Space-Based Infrared System (SBIRS) satellites. All elements of the NMD system would work together to protect the 50

United States against a limited strategic ballistic missile attack by a rogue nation.

PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES: The alternatives to be considered in this EIS are the No-Action Alternative and the Proposed Action. A No-Action Alternative would be a DoD recommendation not to deploy an NMD system but to continue NMD system development to improve NMD system capabilities. With the Proposed Action Alternative, NMD elements and element locations would be selected from the range of locations studied in the EIS. The potential NMD element deployment locations would make maximum use of existing DoD land. The following paragraphs detail potential regions and locations that the U.S. Government would consider as possible sites for each element.

Under the current Proposed Action an initial GBI missile field of 20 missiles could be located at one of the following locations: Clear Air Station (AS), Alaska; Eielson AFB, Alaska; Fort Greely, Alaska; Yukon Maneuver Area (Fort Wainwright), Alaska; Grand Forks Air Force Base (AFB), North Dakota; or Stanley R. Mickelsen Safeguard Complex (SRMSC) Missile Site Radar Site, North Dakota (the SRMSC is centered around the town of Langdon). Wherever the GBIs may be deployed, they would not be fired from their deployment site except in the Nation's defense.

A BMC2 site could be located at one of the following locations: Clear AS, Alaska; Eielson AFB, Alaska; Fort Greely, Alaska; Yukon Maneuver Area (Fort Wainwright), Alaska; Cavalier AS, North Dakota; Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota; or SRMSC Missile Site Radar Site, North Dakota. Also, additional BMC2 facilities would be retrofitted into the existing United States Space Command

communication and control facilities at Colorado Springs and other DoD command centers in the United States.

Approximately 14 IFICS could be located at geographically separated locations in the general vicinity of other NMD elements and in the New England states. Identification of potential locations for IFICS is still in progress and will be based on operational requirements. When possible, the IFICS would be located on or near existing DOD installations. Locations tentatively identified to date include: Clear AS, Alaska; Eareckson AS (Shemya Island), Alaska; Eielson AFB, Alaska; Fort Greely, Alaska; Yukon Maneuver Area (Fort Wainwright), Alaska; Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota; Minot AFB, North Dakota; Missile Alert Facility ECHO (near the town of Hampden), North Dakota; SRMSC Missile Site Radar Site, North Dakota; and the Western Aleutians. Studies for potential locations for IFICS sites are still in their early stages. As the studies progress the North Dakota and Alaska locations listed above may be refined and potential locations identified in the New England states. This updated information will be announced in the Federal Register and additional scoping will be conducted to obtain public input regarding the potential environmental effects of deploying an IFICS at those locations.

One XBR would be deployed and the following locations are under consideration: Eareckson AS (Shemya Island), Alaska; Cavalier AS, North Dakota; SRMSC Missile Site Radar Site, North Dakota; SRMSC Remote Sprint Launch Site 1, North Dakota; SRMSC Remote Sprint Launch Site 2, North Dakota; and SRMSC Remote Sprint Launch Site 4, North Dakota.

Any deployment may require elements of the system to utilize existing fiber-optic lines, power lines, and other utilities. Some existing lines used to support the deployed system may require modifications. Deployment of elements to some locations may require the acquisition of new rights-of-way and installation of new utility and fiber optic cable. Potential new fiber optic cable locations include North Dakota and Alaska and an oceanic fiber optic cable along the Aleutian Islands from Seward or Whittier, Alaska, to Eareckson AS (Shemya Island), Alaska.

SCOPING PROCESS: This EIS will assess environmental issues associated with deployment alternatives. Scoping will be conducted to identify environmental concerns and issues to be addressed in the EIS. Public scoping meetings will be held as part of the process. The schedule for the scoping meetings is as follows: (1)1 December from 5:00-8:00 pm at the Cavalier County Courthouse Meeting Room, 901 3rd Street, Langdon, North Dakota; (2) 2 December from 5:00-8:00 pm at the Grand Forks Civic Auditorium, 615 1st Avenue North, Grand Forks, North Dakota; (3) 7 December from 5:00-8:00 pm at the Carlson Community Activity Center, 2010 2nd Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska; (4) 8 December from 5:00-8:00 pm at Anderson School, Main Street, Anderson, Alaska; (5) 9 December from 5:00-8:00 pm at the Delta Junction Community Center, 2288 Deborah Street, Delta Junction, Alaska; (6) 10 December from 5:00-8:00 pm at Loussac Library, 3600 Denali Street, Anchorage, Alaska; and (7) 16 December from 3:00-8:00 pm at the Days Inn, 2000 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia.

Public input and comments are solicited concerning the deployment alternatives and environmental issues related to the proposed NMD deployment program. To ensure the program office will

have sufficient time to fully consider public input on issues, written comments should be mailed to ensure receipt no later than January 15, 1999.

Comments concerning the EIS should be addressed to: SMDC-EN-V (Julia Hudson), U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, 106 Wynn Drive, Huntsville, AL 35805, telephone (256) 955-4822.

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Department of Defense

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Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Availability of the National Missile Defense Deployment Draft Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Ballistic Missile Defense Organization.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The Ballistic Missile Defense Organization (BMDO) announces the availability of the National Missile Defense Deployment Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The DEIS assesses the potential impacts associated with the possible deployment of the NMD system. The NMD system would be a fixed, land-based, nonnuclear missile defense system with a land and space-based detection system capable of responding to limited strategic ballistic missile threats to the United States from a rogue nation. Potential deployment locations for the NMD elements include sites in Alaska and North Dakota. In addition, as the operational requirements are refined other regions may be identified.

PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES:

The alternatives considered in the EIS are the No-Action Alternative and the Proposed Action. A No-Action Alternative would be a DoD recommendation not to deploy an NMD system at the time a decision is made but to continue NMD system development to improve NMD system capabilities. With the Proposed Action Alternative, a decision would be made to deploy the NMD system and the NMD element locations would be selected from the range of locations studied in the EIS.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: Public hearing locations and dates are as follows: (1) October 26, 6–9 PM; Langdon Activity Center, 516 10th Avenue, Langdon, North Dakota; (2) October 27, 6–9 PM; Civic Auditorium, 615 1st Avenue North, Grand Forks, North Dakota; (3) November 1, 6–9 PM; Carlson Community Activity Center, 2010 2nd Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska; (4) November 2, 7–10 PM; Anderson School, 116 West 1st Street, Anderson, Alaska; (5) November 3, 6–9 PM; Delta High School, School Road, Delta Junction, Alaska; (6) November 4, 6–9

PM; WestCoast International Inn, 3333 W. International Airport Rd., Anchorage, Alaska; and (7) November 9, 6–9 PM; Days Inn, 2000 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia.

comments: Comments on the DEIS should be received by November 15, 1999. Written comments and inquiries of the DEIS should be directed to SMDC-EN-V (Ms. Julia Hudson), U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, PO Box 1500, Huntsville, AL 35807-3801, telephone (256) 955-4822. Public reading copies of the DEIS will be available for review at the public libraries within the communities where the public hearings will be held and at the BMDO internet site at www.acq.osd.mil/bmdo/bmdolink/html/nmd.html.

Dated: September 24, 1999.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense. [FR Doc. 99–25400 Filed 9–30–99; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 5001–10-M

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of Secretary

Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program, Scientific Advisory Board

ACTION: Notice of revised meeting times.

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), announcement is made of the following committee meeting:

Date of Meeting: October 19, 1999 from 0830 to 1710 and October 20, 1999 from 0800 to 1700.

Place: Holiday Inn Arlington at Ballston, 4610 North Fairfax Drive, VA 22203.

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Matters to be Considered: Research and Development proposals and continuing projects requesting Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program funds in excess of \$1M will be reviewed.

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Amy Kelly, SERDP Program Office, 901 North Stuart Street, Suite 303, Arlington, VA or by telephone at (703) 696–2124.

Dated: September 27, 1999.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, DoD.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Active Duty Service Determinations for Civilian or Contractual Groups

On August 27, 1999, the Secretary of the Air Force, acting as Executive Agent of the Secretary of Defense, determined that the service of the group known as "The Operational Analysis Group of the Office of Scientific Research and Development, Office of Emergency Management, which served overseas with the U.S. Army Air Corps from December 7, 1941 through August 15, 1945" shall be considered "active duty" under the provisions of Public Law 95–202 for the purposes of all laws administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

To be eligible for VA benefits, members of the group must establish each of the following:

- 1. He or she was employed as a civilian employee of the Office of Scientific Research and Development for a period of time during the period December 7, 1941 to August 15, 1945; and
- 2. He or she was assigned as a civilian operations analyst or scientific consultant to duty with an operations analysis section or operational research section at a headquarters of an Army Air Force field force or command outside the continental limits of the United States; and
- 3. He or she served for a period of time outside the continental limits of the United States as a civilian operations analyst or scientific consultant at that field force or command between December 7, 1941 and August 15, 1945; and
- 4. He or she completed honorably the period for which the applicant contracted with the Office of Scientific Research and Development and completed honorably his or her obligations to the Army Air Force unit to which he or she was assigned outside the continental limits of the United States.

Qualifying periods of time are computed from the date of departure from the continental United States to the date of return to the continental United States.

Application Procedures

Before an individual can receive any VA benefits, the person must first apply for an Armed Forces Discharge Certificate (Department of Defense Form 214) by filling out a Department of Defense (DD) Form 2168, Application for Discharge of Member or Survivor of

reinspection requests to be made regardless of when the panels were first received. The CME stated that this provision reflects a normal cash market practice "under PS2-92 for reinspection requests to be honored free of charge by the grading agency if they are made within 6 months of first receipt of the panels."

The proposed amendments were submitted pursuant to the Commission's Fast Track procedures for streamlining the review of futures contract rule amendments and new contract approvals (62 FR 10434). Under those procedures, the proposals, absent any contrary action by the Commission, may be deemed approved at the close of business on January 21, 2000, 45 days after receipt of the proposals. In view of the limited review period under the Fast Track procedures, the Commission has determined to publish for public comment notice of the availability of the terms and conditions for 15 days, rather than 30 days as provided for proposals submitted under the regular review procedures.

Copies of the proposed amendments will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. Copies of the proposed amendments can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address, by phone at (202) 418–5100.

Other materials submitted by the CME in support of the proposed amendments may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5, U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 CFR part 145 (1997)), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 CFR 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOL, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with 17 CFR 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments on the proposed amendments, or with respect to other materials submitted by the CME, should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 14, 1999.

John R. Mielke,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title, Form Number, and OMB Number: Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP) Application; DD Form 2749; OMB Number 0704—0392.

Type of Request: Extension. Number of Respondents: 265. Responses Per Respondent: 1. Annual Responses: 265.

Average Burden Per Response: 4 hours.

Annual Burden Hours: 1.060. Needs and Uses: The collection of information is necessary to identify products or services requested by community members of restoration advisory boards or technical review committees to aid in their participation in the Department of Defense's environmental restoration program, and to meet Congressional reporting requirements. Respondents are community members of restoration advisory boards or technical review committees requesting technical assistance to interpret scientific and engineering issues regarding the nature of environmental hazards at an installation. This assistance will aid communities in participating in the cleanup process. The information, directed by 10 U.S.C. 2705, will be used to determine the eligibility of the proposed project, begin the procurement process to obtain the requested products or services, and determine the satisfaction of community members of restoration advisory boards and technical review committees receiving the products and services.

Affected public: Not-for-profit Institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.
Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.
OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Edward C.
Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202–4302.

Dated: December 14, 1999.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense. [FR Doc. 99–32876 Filed 12–17–99; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 5001–10-M

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Notice Of Availability Of The National Missile Defense Deployment Draft Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Ballistic Missile Defense Organization.

ACTION: Notice of Availability; Extension of Comment Period.

SUMMARY: The Ballistic Missile Defense Organization (BMDO) announced the availability of the National Missile Defense Deployment Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on Friday, October 1, 1999 (64 FR 53364). This notice extends the public comment period. All other information remains unchanged.

COMMENTS: Written comments have been extended to [insert 30 days from date of publication]. Inquiries on the DEIS should be directed to: SMDC-N-V (Ms. Julia Hudson), U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, PO Box 1500, Huntsville, AL 35807-3801. Public reading copies of the DEIS will be available for review at the public libraries within the communities where the public hearings will be held and at the BMDO internet site at www.acq.osd.mil/bmdo/bmdolink/html/nmd.html.

Dated: December 13, 1999.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense. [FR Doc. 99–32878 Filed 12–17–99; 8:45 am] 11560

Federal agencies or employees; nonprofit institutions.

Annual Burden Hours: 5,547 Number of Respondents: 43,000. Responses per Respondent: 1. Average Burden per Response: 8 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Respondents are individuals or representatives of Federal and non-Federal government agencies community groups, non-profit organizations, and civic organizations requesting Armed Forces support for patriotic events conducted in the civilian domain. DD Forms 2535 and 2536 record the type of military support requested, event data, and sponsoring organization information. The completed forms provide the Armed Forces the minimum information necessary to determine whether an event is eligible for military participation and whether the desired support permissible and/or available. If the forms are not provided, the review process is greatly increased because the Armed Forces must take additional written and telephonic inquiries with the event sponsor. In addition, use of the forms reduces the event sponsor's preparation time because the forms provide a detailed outline of information required, eliminate the need for a detailed letter, and contain concise information necessary for determining appropriateness of military support. Use of forms is essential to reduce preparation and processing time, increase productivity, and maximize responsiveness to the public.

Dated: February 28, 2000.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense. [FR Doc. 00-5091 Filed 3-2-00; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 5001-10-M

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title, Form Number, and OMB Number: Contract ModificationsDefense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 243 and Associated Clauses at 252.243; OMB Number 0704-0397.

Type of Request: Extension. Number of Respondents: 440. Responses per Respondent: 1. Annual Responses: 440.

Average Burden Per Response: 4.8 hours

Annual Burden Hours: 2.120. Needs and Uses: The information collection required by the clause at DFARS 252.243-7002, Requests for Equitable Adjustment, implements 10 U.S.C. 2410(a). DoD contracting officers and auditors use this information to evaluate contractor requests for equitable adjustment to contract terms. The clause requires contractors to certify that requests for equitable adjustment that exceed the simplified acquisition threshold are made in good faith and that the supporting data are accurate and complete. The clause also requires contractors to fully disclose all facts relevant to the requests for adjustment.

Affected Public: Business or Other For-Profit, Not-For-Profit Institutions. Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to

Obtain or Retain Benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Peter N. Weiss. Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Weiss at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD

(Acquisition), Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202–4302.

Dated: February 28, 2000.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Preparation of a Supplement to the National Missile Defense Deployment **Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

AGENCY: Ballistic Missile Defense Organization.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Ballistic Missile Defense Organization (BMDO) announces the availability of a supplement to the National Missile Defense (NMD) Deployment Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This supplement addresses the potential environmental impacts of proposed replacement of interior electronic hardware and computer software at early warning radar (EWR) facilities at Clear Air Station (AS), Alaska, Beale Air Force Base (AFB), California, and Cape Cod AS, Massachusetts as part of the NMD system. The proposed NMD modifications would not result in any change to peak or average radiated power levels at these facilities, and power density levels would remain well-within current safety standards.

The supplement has been prepared to support a Department of Defense recommendation, currently scheduled for Summer 2000, on whether to deploy the NMD system. The U.S. Air Force, which operates and has real property accountability over the PAVE PAWS EWR facilities, recently announced that it will be conducting an EIS that addresses maintenance and sustainment of its current EWR operations at Clear AS, Beale AFB, and Cape Cod AS. For this reason, if the proposed action in this supplement is selected, its implementation is contingent upon the outcome of the Air Force EIS. The BMDO would reassess its proposed usage of the EWR facilities in light of the results of the Air Force EIS prior to installation of the NMD modifications.

COMMENTS: To obtain a copy of the supplement to the NMD Deployment Draft EIS, please write: U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, Attn: SMDC-EN-V, Post Office Box 1500, Huntsville, Alabama 35807. Individuals or organizations may provide comments on the supplement by sending written comments to: U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, Attn: SMDC-EN-V, Post Office Box 1500, Huntsville, Alabama 35807.

DATES: Public comments are invited and must be postmarked by April 17, 2000.

Dated: February 25, 2000.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Office, Department of Defense [FR Doc. 00-4970 Filed 3-2-00; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 5001-10-P

