

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Army****Army Science Board; Notice of Open Meeting**

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following Committee Meeting:

*Name of Committee:* Army Science Board (ASB).

*Date of Meeting:* February 15 and 16, 1995.

*Time of Meeting:* 1300-1600 February 15, 1995; 0900-1600, February 16, 1995.

*Place:* Bethesda, MD.

*Agenda:* The Army Science Board (ASB) Analysis, Test and Evaluation Issue Group will conduct an assessment of the "Army Analytical Agencies' Capability for Mission Accomplishment". This meeting will be open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the committee at the time and in the manner permitted by the committee. The ASB Administrative Officer, Sally Warner, may be contacted for further information at (703) 695-0781.

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*Administrative Officer, Army Science Board.*

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**Department of the Navy****Record of Decision for Realignment of Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division, Patuxent River, MD**

Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing NEPA procedures (40 CFR 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy announces its decision to implement realignment of Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD), Patuxent River, Maryland.

In accordance with legislative requirements of the Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-510), as implemented by the 1993 Base Closure and Realignment process (BRAC-93), the Navy was directed to realign operations and personnel from the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) in Arlington, Virginia and NAWCAD in Trenton, New Jersey to NAWCAD Patuxent River, Maryland. The realignment involves relocating approximately 2,670 administrative personnel from leased space in Arlington and 116 research personnel from the existing NAWCAD Trenton facility to NAWCAD Patuxent River. To meet the facility and operational requirements of the realignment, Navy will construct administrative,

laboratory, and engine testing facilities at NAWCAD Patuxent River. The realignment will also require minor modifications to the existing child care facility, utilities improvements, and improvements to Buse Road at the site of the administrative facility.

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was prepared for the action and distributed to Federal, State, and local agencies and to interested individuals and groups. The DEIS was made available to the public on 25 August 1994 and evaluated alternative sites and environmental impacts of the construction and operation of new facilities. A Final EIS (FEIS), which was made available to the public on 9 December 1994, primarily addressed public and agency comments to the DEIS and provided further clarification of anticipated environmental impacts. The EIS process evaluated the foreseeable physical, biological, and socioeconomic impacts from facility construction and operation on-base and to the Tri-County area from the additional personnel associated with the realignment. The comment period for the FEIS expired 9 January 1995 and only one agency response has been received; and it was supportive in nature.

The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act waived certain aspects of NEPA such that the environmental analysis need not consider the no-action alternative (no realignment), nor other realignment locations. However, alternative means of accommodating the mandated BRAC-93 realignment at NAWCAD Patuxent River were considered. Existing facilities were evaluated, but were determined not suitable for the NAVAIR and NAWCAD Trenton activities. An initial site selection study was performed to identify potential alternative sites for the construction of new facilities at NAWCAD Patuxent River. These potential alternative sites were then evaluated against refined evaluation criteria that addressed the site's suitability. The refined evaluation criteria included land use issues, environmental issues, operational requirements, and development costs. The alternatives evaluation process resulted in the following projects to accommodate the realignment.

The NAVAIR headquarters facility includes a five-story, 462,500 square feet (SF) administrative building, three-story parking garage, and surface parking. Construction of the facilities will require demolition of existing structures, removal of 16 acres of trees, and construction and relocation of utilities infrastructure, including an

electrical substation adjacent to the existing utilities right-of-way. A stormwater detention basin will be constructed to retain runoff from impervious surfaces. Buse Road will be widened from Cuddihy Road to south of the NAVAIR facility. The existing two-lane road will be widened to four lanes plus a median.

Realignment of NAWCAD Trenton will require the construction of engine testing facilities (cells) and related laboratories. The Propulsion System Evaluation Facility (PSEF), which will be located north of Building 106, offers access to the airfield, access to a fuel supply, close proximity to supporting facilities, land use compatibility and minimal environmental impacts. The test cells will be composed of nine specific units designed to test engines, turbines, alternative fuels, and engine starters. The PSEF includes a 100,000 SF one-story building to accommodate the nine test cells and associated laboratories and offices, a cooling tower, several small equipment storage buildings, and a parking lot. Operation of the specialized cells will require utility hook-ups and an underground fuel supply pipeline system. A detention basin will control stormwater runoff from the PSEF.

The on-base child-care facility (Building 2030) will be expanded by adding 3,560 SF to accommodate dependents of military personnel.

All practicable means to avoid or minimize environmental impacts at NAWCAD Patuxent River will be adopted during the construction and operation of the facilities. Navy will obtain all appropriate construction and operation permits and approvals from jurisdictional agencies prior to implementation. Construction of the facilities will result in the loss of approximately 16 acres of woodlands. This represents less than one percent of the woodlands on-base and no reforestation measures are proposed. No jurisdictional wetlands, or threatened or endangered species will be affected by the realignment action. Regional air quality is not expected to be degraded as a result of the proposed action. Although NAWCAD Patuxent River is located in an attainment area and the 1993 Clean Air Act General Conformity Rule does not apply, the EIS evaluated potential air quality impacts in neighboring Calvert and Charles Counties (designated as non-attainment for ozone). That analysis concluded that realignment-related commuter traffic will result in *de minimis* air emissions, and therefore will conform to the State Implementation Plan for air quality.

The EIS evaluated potential impacts to Maryland Coastal Resources and concluded that the realignment of NAWCAD Patuxent River will be consistent with Maryland Coastal Zone policies to the maximum extent practicable.

Construction of a portion of the parking lot for the NAVAIR Headquarters facility will adversely affect a known archeological site. Pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act, a Memorandum of Agreement with the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) will coordinate further treatment of the site through a Phase III data recovery survey prior to allowing construction of that portion of the parking lot to ensure that adverse effects will be mitigated to the greatest extent possible. Building 408, a World War II-era temporary structure, will be demolished to accommodate the NAVAIR facility. Demolition of Building 408 will be conducted in accordance with the 1985 Programmatic Agreement covering such structures.

Regional impacts associated with the relocation of approximately 2,800 personnel and their families were addressed in the EIS. Extensive coordination with state and local agencies, economic development groups, school boards, and community officials were conducted to assess the potential economic and community impacts associated with the realignment. Because some personnel may stay at their current residences, it is conservatively estimated that 2,185 new households could relocate to the Tri-County region of southern Maryland. Direct and indirect employment income generated from the realignment is expected to reach \$300 million annually. Between 1,280 and 2,185 school age children could accompany relocating personnel, most of whom are expected to attend schools in St. Mary's County. The three school boards of the Tri-County area have stated their willingness to accept increases in student enrollment and have integrated the increase into their schools' planning. In accordance with E.O. 12898 (Environmental Justice), Navy considered potential impacts to minority and low-income persons and concluded that no disproportionate adverse impacts are to be expected.

There are adequate utilities in the region to support the realignment. The realignment is expected to generate a regional increase in groundwater withdrawal of approximately 2.5 percent over current use, which is well within the capacity of the aquifer. Additional wastewater inflows to area treatment facilities are not expected to

approach allocated capacities. Regional population growth has been and continues to be expected by community and regional planning organizations. The potential increase in population is within the growth projected for southern Maryland. Some community services such as police and fire protection may need to be expanded to accommodate increases in community populations, however, the realignment is not anticipated to result in a significant burden on these communities.

Questions regarding the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements prepared for this action may be directed to: Commanding Officer, Engineering Field Activity Chesapeake, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Washington Navy Yard, Building 212, 901 M Street SE, Washington DC 20374-2121 (Attn: Mr. Mike Bryan, Code 20N), telephone (202) 685-3061, fax (202) 685-3061.

Dated: January 23, 1995.

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(Environment and Safety).*

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#### **CNO Executive Panel; Closed Meeting**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), notice is hereby given that the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Executive Panel will meet February 16-17, 1995, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., on each day at 4401 Ford Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia. These sessions will be closed to the public.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss naval warfare innovations in the areas of tactical innovation, defense application of industrial innovation, and naval support of the land battle. These matters constitute classified information that is specifically authorized by Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense and are, in fact, properly classified pursuant to such Executive order. Accordingly, the Secretary of the Navy has determined in writing that the public interest requires that all sessions of the meeting be closed to the public because they will be concerned with matters listed in section 552b(c)(1) of title 5, United States Code.

For further information concerning this meeting, contact: Timothy J. Galpin, Assistant for CNO Executive Panel Management, 4401 Ford Avenue, Suite 601, Alexandria, VA 22302-0268, Phone: (703) 756-1205.

Dated: January 23, 1995.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

[CFDA No. 252]

#### **Notice Inviting Applications for Designation as an Urban Grant Institution Under the Urban Community Service Program**

*Purpose:* The Urban Community Service Program provides grants to institutions of higher education (IHEs) which have been designated urban grant institutions to devise and implement solutions to pressing and severe urban problems. The purpose of this notice is to invite requests for designation as an urban grant institution. Only IHEs with standing as urban grant institutions are eligible to apply for a grant under the Urban Community Service Program. Institutions seeking designation must submit an application to the Department by the deadline date set forth in this notice. All institutions determined to be eligible in 1992, 1993 or 1994 which intend to apply for a grant must first be re-designated. Once an IHE has been found eligible through this revised designation process, it need not apply for designation again. IHEs with ongoing UCS grants will retain their eligibility until their grants expire and should not apply for re-designation until that time. Requests for designation will be accepted each year. Institutions which for any reason are not named urban grant institutions this year may submit applications for designation in future years. A list of urban grant institutions will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Congress appropriated \$13 million for grants in Fiscal Year 1995. The Department will hold a competition for new awards later in the fiscal year. A separate notice inviting applications for grants from designated urban grant institutions will be published shortly which will announce the closing date and other important information concerning grant applications.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* March 1, 1995.

*Applications Available:* January 31, 1995.

*Eligibility Information:* To qualify as an urban grant institution, an IHE must demonstrate that it meets statutory requirements specified in Title XI, Part A, of the Higher Education Act of 1965,