

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended) and the Sunshine in the Government Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended) the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announce the following advisory board meeting of the Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction (VBDR).

**DATES:** Wednesday, September 10, 2008, from 8:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. and 1:30–5 p.m. with a public comment session from 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.; and Thursday, September 11, 2008, from 8:30 a.m.–9:05 and 10:05 a.m.–12:15 p.m., with a public comment session from 9:05 a.m.–10:05 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Westin Baltimore Washington Airport, Crossland BallRoom, 1110 Old Elkridge Landing Road, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction toll free at 1-866-657-VBDR (8237). Additional information may be found at <http://vbdr.org>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of Meeting:* To obtain, review and evaluate information related to the Board mission to provide guidance and oversight of the dose reconstruction and claims compensation programs for veterans of U.S.-sponsored atmospheric nuclear weapons tests from 1945–1962; veterans of the 1945–1946 occupation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan; and veterans who were prisoners of war in those regions at the conclusion of World War II. In addition, the advisory board will assist the VA and DTRA in communicating with the veterans.

*Meeting Agenda:* On Wednesday, the meeting will open with an introduction of the Board. The following briefings will be presented: "Update on Nuclear Test Personnel Review (NTPR) Dose Reconstruction Program" by Dr. Paul Blake; and "VA Radiation Claims Compensation Program for Veterans" by Mr. Thomas Pamperin. In addition, the four subcommittees established during the inaugural VBDR session will report on their activities since April 2008. The subcommittees are the "Subcommittee on DTRA Dose Reconstruction Procedures", the "Subcommittee on VA Claims Adjudication Procedures", the "Subcommittee on Quality Management and VA Process Integration with DTRA Nuclear Test Personnel Review Program", and the "Subcommittee on Communication and Outreach."

On Thursday, the Board will discuss future business and meeting dates.

*Meeting Accessibility:* Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR

102–3.140 through 102–3.165, and the availability of space this meeting is open to the public. Seating is limited by the size of the meeting Room. All persons must sign in legibly at the registration desk.

*Written Statements:* Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140(c), interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction. Written statements should be no longer than two type-written pages and must address: The issue, discussion, and recommended course of action. Supporting documentation may also be included as needed to establish the appropriate historical context and to provide any necessary background information.

Individuals submitting a written statement must submit their statement to the Board at 7910 Woodmont Ave., Suite 400, Bethesda, MD 20814–3095, at any point; however, if a written statement is not received at least 10 calendar days prior to the meeting, which is the subject of this notice, then it may not be provided to or considered by the Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction until its next open meeting.

The Chairperson will review all timely submissions with the Designated Federal Officer, and ensure they are provided to members of the Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction members before the meeting that is the subject of this notice. After reviewing the written comments, the Chairperson and the Designated Federal Officer may choose to invite the submitter of the comments to orally present their issue during an open portion of this meeting or at a future meeting.

The Chairperson, in consulting with the Designated Federal Officer, may, if desired, allot a specific amount of time for members of the public to present their issues for review and discussion by the Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction.

*Public Comments:* The September 10–11, 2008 meeting is open to the public, approximately one hour each day will be reserved for public comments on issues related to the task of the Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction, and speaking time will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received, but is nominally five minutes each. All persons who wish to speak at the meeting must sign in legibly at the registration desk. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Speakers who wish to expand on their oral statements are

invited to submit a written statement to the Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction at 7910 Woodmont Ave., Suite 400, Bethesda, MD 20814–3095.

Dated: August 1, 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### **Notice of Public Hearing for the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Developing Homeport Facilities for Three Nimitz-Class Aircraft Carriers in Support of the U.S. Pacific Fleet**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 1500–1508 the U.S. Department of the Navy (Navy) has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for Developing Homeport Facilities for Three Nimitz-Class (CVN) Aircraft Carriers in Support of the U.S. Pacific Fleet on August 8, 2008. The Draft SEIS has been prepared to update the analyses contained in the 1999 Final Environmental Impact Statement (the 1999 FEIS) for Developing Homeport Facilities for Three Nimitz-Class Aircraft Carriers in Support of the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

The SEIS analyzes information that was not available at the time the 1999 FEIS was completed, and focuses on potentially significant new circumstances or information relevant to environmental conditions that have emerged since the 2000 Record of Decision (2000 ROD) for the 1999 FEIS. Information or circumstances that have not changed significantly since the 2000 ROD are not re-examined in the SEIS.

A public hearing will be held to provide information and receive oral and written comments on the Draft SEIS. Federal, state, and local agencies and interested individuals are invited to be present or represented at the hearing.

**DATES AND ADDRESSES:** The public hearing will be held on September 3, 2008. The hearing will consist of an open house information session from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and a formal public

hearing from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Navy representatives will be available at the open house information session to answer questions about the proposal and the Draft SEIS analyses. The open house and public hearing will be held at: Coronado Community Center, Nautilus Room, 1845 Strand Way, Coronado, CA 92118.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** SEIS Project Manager, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest, 2730 McKean Street, Building 291, San Diego, CA 92136, telephone: 619-556-8509.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Navy has filed the Draft SEIS for Developing Homeport Facilities for Three Nimitz-Class Aircraft Carriers in Support of the U.S. Pacific Fleet with the EPA in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S.C. Sections 4321-4345) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508). The Navy is the lead agency for the Proposed Action.

A Notice of Intent for the SEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on October 18, 2007 (Volume 72, Number 201, Pages 59084-59085), which specified that scoping comments must be submitted on or before November 19, 2007. In response to local wildfires in the San Diego area, the Navy extended the normal 30-day scoping period. A second notice was published in the **Federal Register** Volume 72, 6 Number 218, Page 63891 on November 13, 2007, indicating that the public comment period had been extended through December 3, 2007 for a total of 47 days.

The Proposed Action from the 1999 FEIS has been implemented except for some minor infrastructure upgrades, some of which were not required at the time of the FEIS. Therefore, the Navy proposes to implement those minor infrastructure upgrades in order to meet current Navy requirements.

The Navy's analysis of the existing CVN homeport facilities and infrastructure at Naval Air Station North Island (NASNI) in Coronado, California, included a summary of specific construction projects needed to satisfy the requirements set out in the Naval Sea Systems Command and Naval Facilities Engineering Command guidance documents and Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection (AT/FP) guidance documents. These proposed minor infrastructure upgrades to Berth LIMA are analyzed in the SEIS and include: A fendering system, mooring bollards, a CVN security building and AT/FP improvements, as well as the installation of information systems, electrical and mechanical utility

upgrades, paving, drainage, and site improvements.

There are no practical alternatives to these requirements, as current guidelines require these features for a homeport berth. Consequently, no alternatives to the minor infrastructure upgrades are discussed.

The primary focus of the SEIS is vehicular traffic and traffic-related issues in the vicinity of NASNI including evaluating the effectiveness of traffic mitigation measures implemented pursuant to the 2000 ROD. The SEIS also addresses potential environmental impacts to air quality, noise levels, biological resources, and marine water resources associated with the minor CVN berth infrastructure improvements at NASNI, and public scoping comments related to shoreline erosion along First Street in the City of Coronado.

The Draft SEIS has been distributed to various Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as other interested individuals and organizations. In addition, copies of the Draft SEIS have been made available for public review at the following repositories:

1. Chula Vista Library, Civic Center Branch, 365 F Street, Chula Vista CA 91910;
2. Coronado Public Library, 640 Orange Avenue, Coronado, CA 92118;
3. National City Public Library, 1401 National City Blvd., National City, CA 91950;
4. San Diego County Library, Imperial Beach Branch, 810 Imperial Beach Blvd., Imperial Beach, CA 91932;
5. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street, San Diego, CA 92101;
6. San Diego Public Library, Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St., San Diego, CA 92107-1606.

The Draft SEIS is also available electronically on the project Web site <http://www.nimitzcarriersseis.com>. Copies of the Draft SEIS or Executive Summary may be requested, and comments on the Draft SEIS may be submitted, via the Web site. Federal state, and local agencies, and other interested parties, are invited and encouraged to be present or represented at the public hearing. To ensure the accuracy of the record, all statements presented orally at the public hearing should be submitted in writing. All comments will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be responded to in the Final SEIS.

Equal weight will be given to oral and written statements. Persons wishing to speak will be required to sign in. In the interest of available time, and to ensure all who wish to give an oral statement at the public hearings have the

opportunity to do so, each speaker's comments will be limited to three minutes. If a longer statement is to be presented, it should be summarized at the public hearing and the full text submitted in writing either at the hearing or mailed to: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest, Attn: SEIS Project Manager Code: ROPME.RM, 2730 McKean Street, Building 291, San Diego, CA 92136.

Comments can be made in the following ways: (1) Oral statements/written comments at the public hearing; (2) written comments mailed to Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest, Attn: SEIS Project Manager Code: ROPME.RM, 2730 McKean Street, Building 291, San Diego, CA 92136; (3) written comment by e-mail to [robert.montana@navy.mil](mailto:robert.montana@navy.mil); or (4) comments submitted via the project Web site at <http://www.nimitzcarriersseis.com>. Written comments postmarked by September 22, 2008 will become part of the official public record.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 7, 2008.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information