

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense (DoD) is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Reserve Forces Policy Board will take place.

DATES: Open to the public Wednesday, September 13, 2017 from 9:25 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The address for the Open Session of the meeting is the Army Navy Country Club, 1700 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alexander Sabol, (703) 681-0577 (Voice), 703-681-0002 (Facsimile), *Alexander.J.Sabol.Civ@Mail.Mil* (Email). Mailing address is Reserve Forces Policy Board, 5113 Leesburg Pike, Suite 601, Falls Church, VA 22041. Web site: <http://rfpb.defense.gov/>. The most up-to-date changes to the meeting agenda can be found on the Web site.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.140 and 102-3.150.

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of the meeting is to obtain, review and evaluate information related to strategies, policies, and practices designed to improve and enhance the capabilities, efficiency, and effectiveness of the Reserve Components. The Department of Defense (DoD) is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Reserve Forces Policy Board will take place.

Agenda: The RFPB will hold an open meeting to the public Wednesday, September 13, 2017 from 9:25 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. The meeting will focus on discussions with the Editor at US Army War College Quarterly who will discuss an Army War College integrated research project entitled "Great Power War" that addressed the issue of full mobilization for the Army; the Director of Training, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff in the Army G-3/5/7 who will discuss the Army Sustainable Readiness Model as it pertains to the Army's process for training, mobilizing, and deploying its Reserve Component units as an element of an operational Reserve Force; the National Chair, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) who will discuss the ESGR's mission of facilitating and promoting a cooperative culture of employer support for National Guard and Reserve services; the Director of Manpower Legislation

and Systems, DASD Military Personnel Policy, who will provide the progress on the Department of Defense's Duty Status Reform efforts; the Director of Military Compensation Policy, DASD Military Personnel Policy, who will discuss the General and Flag Officer Requirements Working Group, the Report to Congress on the feasibility and advisability of converting Military Technician positions, and other critical Reserve Component related provisions of the 2017 National Defense Authorization Act; and a Reserve Component Senior Enlisted Advisor Panel that will discuss their priorities and views regarding the readiness of their respective component's challenges for the "Operational Reserve" as part of the Total Force.

Meeting Accessibility: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, and subject to the availability of space, the meeting is open to the public from 9:25 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Seating is based on a first-come, first-served basis. All members of the public who wish to attend the public meeting must contact Mr. Alex Sabol, the Designated Federal Officer, not later than 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, as listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Written Statements: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the FACA, interested persons may submit written statements to the RFPB at any time about its approved agenda or at any time on the Board's mission. Written statements should be submitted to the RFPB's Designated Federal Officer at the address or facsimile number listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. If statements pertain to a specific topic being discussed at the planned meeting, then these statements must be submitted no later than five (5) business days prior to the meeting in question. Written statements received after this date may not be provided to or considered by the RFPB until its next meeting. The Designated Federal Officer will review all timely submitted written statements and provide copies to all the committee members before the meeting that is the subject of this notice. Please note that since the RFPB operates under the provisions of the FACA, all submitted comments and public presentations will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection, including, but not limited to, being posted on the RFPB's Web site.

Dated: August 16, 2017.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DOD-2017-OS-0040]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Defense Security Service, DoD.

ACTION: 60-day information collection notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Defense Security Service announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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 October 23, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Department of Defense, Office of the Deputy Chief Management Officer, Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, Regulatory and Advisory Committee Division, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24, Suite 08D09B, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

Any associated form(s) for this collection may be located within this same electronic docket and downloaded for review/testing. Follow the instructions at <http://www.regulations.gov> for submitting comments. Please submit comments on any given form identified by docket number, form number, and title.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the DSS Office of Information Management, Russell Knox Building, 27130 Telegraph Rd., Quantico, VA 22134 or email dss.niss@mail.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: National Industrial Security System (NISS); OMB Control Number 0704-XXXX.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary for DSS to oversee the National Industrial Security Program (NISP) pursuant to Executive Order 12829. The National Industrial Security System (NISS) will become the repository of records related to the maintenance of information pertaining to contractor facility security clearances (FCL) and contractor capabilities to protect classified information in its possession.

Affected Public: Cleared contractor companies participating in the NISP.

Annual Burden Hours: 11,671.

Number of Respondents: 11,671.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 11,671.

Average Burden per Response: 60 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondents are security professionals who provide information to DSS in order to process facility security clearances (FCL), report changes of the facility that may affect the FCL, and managing incident response. In addition to this standard processing, NISS will enable security staff to communicate with their DSS representative pursuant to requirement DoD 5220.22-M, National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual. The NISS will be an integrated automated solution that will facilitate efficient execution of the Agency's core mission. NISS will allow users to manage large amounts of information through increased automated workflows to ensure accuracy, create linkages in data, and close the gap of missing data elements.

Dated: August 16, 2017.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement for Northwest Training and Testing

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and regulations implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality, the Department of the Navy (DoN) announces its intent to prepare a supplement to the 2015 Final Northwest Training and Testing (NWT) Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS).

DATES: Public comments will be accepted during the 30-day scoping period from August 22, 2017 to September 21, 2017. Public scoping meetings will not be held. However, public meetings are planned to occur following the release of the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS in early 2019.

ADDRESSES: The DoN invites scoping comments on the NWT Supplemental EIS/OEIS from all interested parties. Substantive comments may be provided by mail to the address below and through the project Web site at <http://nwtteis.com/>. Comments must be postmarked or received online by September 21, 2017 for consideration during the development of the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Mosher, (360) 257-3234, john.g.mosher@navy.mil. Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest, Attention: NWT Supplemental EIS/OEIS Project Manager, 3730 North Charles Porter Avenue, Building 385, Oak Harbor, Washington 98278-3500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DoN will assess the potential environmental effects associated with ongoing and future at-sea military readiness activities conducted within the NWT EIS/OEIS Study Area (hereafter known as the "Study Area") beyond 2020. Military readiness activities include training and research, development, testing, and

evaluation (hereafter known as "testing"). The Supplemental EIS/OEIS will include an analysis of training and testing activities using new information available after the release of the 2015 Final EIS/OEIS. New information includes an updated acoustic effects model, updated marine mammal density data, and evolving and emergent best available science. Proposed activities are generally consistent with those analyzed in the 2015 Final EIS/OEIS and are representative of training and testing activities the DoN has been conducting in the Study Area for decades.

The Study Area remains unchanged since the 2015 Final EIS/OEIS. The Study Area is comprised of established maritime operating areas and warning areas in the northeastern Pacific Ocean, including areas within the Strait of Juan de Fuca, Puget Sound, and the Western Behm Canal in southeastern Alaska. The Study Area includes air and water space within and outside Washington state waters, air and water space outside state waters of Oregon and Northern California, and DoN pierside locations where sound navigation and ranging (sonar) maintenance and testing occur. In the supplement to the 2015 Final EIS/OEIS, the DoN will only analyze those training and testing activities conducted at sea within the Study Area.

As part of this process, the DoN will seek the issuance of federal regulatory permits and authorizations under the Marine Mammal Protection Act and Endangered Species Act to support ongoing and future at-sea military readiness activities within the Study Area beyond 2020.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1501.6, the DoN will invite the National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Coast Guard to be cooperating agencies in preparation of the Supplemental EIS/OEIS.

The DoN's lead action proponent is Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Additional action proponents include Naval Sea Systems Command and Naval Air Systems Command.

The DoN's Proposed Action is to conduct at-sea training and testing activities within the Study Area. Activities include the use of active sonar and explosives while employing marine species protective mitigation measures. The Proposed Action does not alter the DoN's original purpose and need as discussed in the 2015 Final EIS/OEIS.

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to maintain a ready force, which is needed to ensure the DoN can accomplish its mission to maintain, train, and equip combat-ready naval