

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Marine Mammals**

AGENCY: Advanced Research Projects Agency, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing on draft environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA) in cooperation with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will hold a public hearing on a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Kauai Acoustic Thermometry of Ocean Climate (ATOC) Project and its associated Marine Mammal Research Program (MMRP).

DATES: The public hearing will take place on February 10, 1995, at 6:00 PM, at the Mabel Smyth Building, 510 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, Hawaii.

ADDRESSES: For a copy of the Draft EIS, contact Marilyn E. Cox, Campus Planning Office, 0006, 9500 Gilman Drive, University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA 92093. Telephone (619) 534-3860.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: All non-government organizations and scientists who wish to present prepared testimony should contact Mr. Eugene Nitta, Protected Species Program Coordinator, Pacific Ocean Area-NMFS at (808) 973-2937 at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing so that a general agenda can be prepared. A written copy of each testimony to be presented is requested on the day of the hearing. It is advised to use slides or overheads only if absolutely necessary during presentations, and copies of any slides or overheads are requested to be made available to Mr. Nitta on the day of the hearing.

Other people who are interested in making a statement at this hearing should bring a written copy of the statement to the hearing, and will be given an opportunity to make such statements following the prepared testimonies. Anyone who needs additional information or requires special accommodations to attend the public hearing should contact the person named above at least seven (7) days in advance of the hearing. Comments on the Draft EIS will be accepted until February 20, 1995.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 15, 1994, notice was published in the **Federal Register** that the ARPA, in cooperation with the NMFS, intended to prepare an EIS, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), on an application for a scientific research

permit to allow harassment of marine mammals and sea turtles by a low frequency sound source associated with the ATOC program in waters off Kauai, Hawaii, and to monitor the effects thereof. The ATOC project is a basin scale research effort to determine long-term ocean climate changes by using acoustic sound paths in the sea's deep "sound channel" to precisely measure average ocean temperatures. A two-year research program is proposed to be carried out to study any potential effects of the ATOC sound transmissions on marine mammals and sea turtles. Two sound sources are currently proposed; one off the north shore of Kauai, Hawaii (which is the subject of this Draft EIS) and the other offshore California near Point Sur (the subject of a separate draft EIS).

Dated: January 6, 1995.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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Defense Policy Board Advisory Committee; Meeting

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Defense Policy Board Advisory Committee meeting scheduled 5 and 6 January 1995 as announced in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, December 14, 1994, 59 FR 64395 was cancelled.

Dated: January 5, 1995.

Patricia L. Toppings,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Determination to Establish the Advisory Committee on External Regulation of Department of Energy Nuclear Safety**

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), and Title 41, Code of Federal Regulations, Subpart 101-6, Final Rule on Federal Advisory Committee Management, I hereby certify the Advisory Committee on External Regulation of DOE Nuclear Safety is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of Energy by law. This determination follows consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat

of the General Services Administration, pursuant to 41 CFR subpart 101-6.10.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide the Secretary of Energy, the White House Office of Environmental Policy and the Office of Management and Budget with advice, information, and recommendations on whether and how new and existing Department of Energy facilities and operations, except those operations covered under Executive Order 12344, might be externally regulated to improve nuclear safety. The Committee will provide an organized forum for a diverse set of affected Federal agency representatives and non-Federal experts and stakeholders to conduct an in-depth assessment of the technical, regulatory, institutional, and resource issues.

Committee members will be chosen to ensure an appropriately balanced membership to bring into account a diversity of viewpoints, including representatives from States and tribal governments, national and local environment, safety, and health organizations, labor unions, Department of Energy operating contractors, affected Federal agencies, and others who may significantly contribute to the deliberations of the committee. All meetings of this Committee will be noticed ahead of time in the **Federal Register**.

Further information regarding this Advisory Committee may be obtained from Tom Isaacs, Executive Director, Advisory Committee on External Regulation of Department of Energy Nuclear Safety, 1726 M Street NW., Washington, DC 20006 (telephone: 202-254-3826).

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JoAnne Whitman,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board, Pantex Plant

AGENCY: Department of Energy.
ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Pantex Plant.

DATES: Tuesday, January 24, 1995 1:30 pm-6:30 pm.

ADDRESSES: West Texas A&M University, Canyon, Texas.