

Department of the Air Force**Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Airborne Laser Demonstration Phase**

AGENCIES: Department of Defense, United States Air Force, Air Force Materiel Command, Space and Missile Systems Center, Phillips Laboratory, DOD.

SUMMARY: The United States Air Force (USAF) will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential impacts of the Demonstrator Phase of the Airborne Laser (ABL) Program. This program is an Air Force Advanced Technology Demonstration program to develop and then demonstrate the necessary technologies required to acquire, track, and then destroy theater ballistic missiles during boost phase. The ABL Demonstrator Phase includes the design, development, integration, and testing of a weapons-class Chemical Oxygen Iodine Laser (COIL) on the aircraft. The ABL Demonstrator Phase is scheduled to begin in January 1997 and be completed by the end of 2001. The decision to be made by the Air Force, is to determine where the ABL Demonstrator Phase test activities will occur.

The ABL Program will require a Home Base, a Diagnostic Test Range and an Expanded-Area Test Range. The Home Base will be the location for the ABL Demonstrator Aircraft, its flightline maintenance, ground test facilities, fuel storage and transfer, laser pressure recovery systems, and technical and support personnel. The Diagnostic Test Range is the location for aircraft worthiness and flight certification testing, air refueling, modification testing, communication and navigation system testing, integrated weapon system checkouts without laser operations, short range integrated aircraft and weapons system checkouts and engagements with low- and high-power laser operations, short range launch and recovery operations, and target and debris recovery. The Expanded-Area Test Range is the location for long-range integrated aircraft and weapon system checkouts and low- and high-power laser operations, and target and debris recovery.

Alternative sites for the Home Base include Phillips Laboratory at Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, NM, and Edwards AFB near Lancaster, CA. Potential Test Ranges include: the Western Test Range adjacent to Vandenberg AFB near

Lompoc, CA; White Sands Missile Range near Las Cruces, NM; and Edwards AFB near Lancaster, CA.

The Air Force is planning to conduct a series of scoping meetings to assist in determining the issues to be analyzed in depth in the EIS, and to involve the public to help the USAF identify those areas of concern. Comments received as a result of the scoping process will be used to assist in identifying potential impacts to the quality of the human environment. To provide a forum for the community to make oral comments, scoping meetings are scheduled for:

April 4, 1995, 7 p.m. at the Ramada Classic Hotel, Albuquerque, NM.

April 18, 1995, 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Las Cruces, NM.

May 3, 1995, 7 p.m. at the Desert Inn, Lancaster, CA.

May 10, 1995, 7 p.m. at the Best Western Porto Finale, Lompoc, CA.

The purpose of these meetings is to identify the environmental issues and concerns that should be analyzed to (1) support the ABL, (2) solicit comments on the proposed action and (3) solicit potential alternatives for consideration in developing the ABL EIS. Public hearings are proposed to be conducted in 1996 for the purpose of obtaining comments on the Draft EIS. Dates, times, and places will be determined and public notification will be made.

To ensure the USAF will have sufficient time to consider public scoping comments on environmental issues to be included in the Draft EIS, and alternatives to be included in the final plan, comments and proposals should be forwarded to the address below by May 26, 1995. However, comments will be accepted and considered through the process.

Please direct comments or requests for further information concerning the ABL EIS to: Michelle Hedrick, Phillips Laboratory/S,E, 3550 Aberdeen Ave. S.E., Bldg. 434, Albuquerque, NM 87117-5776, Toll free number: 1-800-343-1282.

List of Subjects

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Department of the Navy**Government Owned Inventions; Availability for Licensing**

AGENCY: Department of the Navy.

ACTION: Notice of availability of inventions for licensing.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and are available for licensing by the Department of the Navy.

Request for copies of the patent applications cited should be directed to the Office of Naval Research, ONR 00CC, Ballston Tower One, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia 22217-5660 and must include the application serial number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. R.J. Erickson, Staff Patent Attorney, Office of Naval Research, ONR 00CC, Ballston Tower One, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia 22217-5660, telephone (703) 696-4001.

Patent Application Serial No. 08/287,027: Fiber-Optic Rotary Joint with Bundle Collimator Assemblies; filed August 8, 1994;

Patent Application Serial No. 08/287,029: A Fiber-Optic Bundle and Collimator Assembly; filed August 8, 1994; and

Patent Application Serial No. 08/287,028: Method For Making Fiber-Optic Bundle Collimator Assembly; filed August 8, 1994.

Dated: March 14, 1995.

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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 Task Force on Naval Surface Warship Design will meet April 10-11, 1995, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., each day at 4401 Ford Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia. These sessions will be closed to the public.

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct discussions about Future Surface Warships Designs. Matters to be examined 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: March 14, 1995.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection requests.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Resources Group, invites comments on proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980.

DATES: An expedited review has been requested in accordance with the Act, since allowing for the normal review period would adversely affect the public interest. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by March 31, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Dan Chenok, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Room 3208, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill, (202) 708-9915. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3517 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of

1980 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3517) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and persons 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 Director, Information Resources Group, publishes this notice with the attached proposed information collection request prior to submission of this request to OMB. This notice contains the following information: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., expedited; (2) Title; (3) Abstract; (4) Additional Information; (5) Frequency of collection; (6) Affected public; and (7) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. Because an expedited review is requested, a description of the information to be collected is also included as an attachment to this notice.

Dated: March 14, 1995.

Gloria Parker,

Director, Information Resources Group.

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Type of Review: Expedited

Title: Fast Response Survey System—Nutrition Education in U.S. Public Schools, K-12

Frequency: One time

Affected Public: Individuals and households

Reporting Burden:

Responses: 900

Burden Hours: 450

Recordkeeping Burden:

Recordkeepers: 0

Burden Hours: 0

Abstract: This survey of 1,000 public elementary, middle, and secondary schools was requested by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The survey requests information on the way schools provide nutrition education to students, the topics covered in nutrition education to students, the topics covered in nutrition education, training or education of school nutrition coordinator, materials and resources used in the instruction of nutrition education, and the perceived importance of nutrition education. With the information from the survey, the U.S. Department of Agriculture can identify any gaps and determine what additional efforts might be needed.

Additional Information: Clearance for this information collection is

requested for March 31, 1995. An expedited review is requested in order to implement the program before the start of the new year.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Availability of the Tritium Supply and Recycling Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Availability and Public Hearings.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of the Tritium Supply and Recycling Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS), and the dates and locations for public hearings to receive comments on the Draft PEIS. The purpose of the Tritium Supply and Recycling PEIS is to evaluate alternatives for an assured, long-term supply of tritium, a radioactive gas which is a necessary component of every warhead in the Nation's nuclear weapons stockpile.

ADDRESSES AND FURTHER INFORMATION: A copy of the Draft PEIS and/or its Executive Summary may be obtained upon request by calling 1-800-776-2765, or by mail to: Office of Reconfiguration, DP-25, U.S. Department of Energy, P.O. Box 3417, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

Specific information regarding the public hearings, including registration information, can also be obtained by calling the above toll free number, writing to the address above, or electronically via computer as follows: Federal Information Exchange Bulletin Board, InterNet Address: FEDIX.FIECOM, Modem Toll-Free: 1-800-783-3349, DC Metro Modem: 301-258-0953.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3145 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994, Public Law 103-160, requires the Department of Energy to issue a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) assessing the Department's capacity to produce tritium not later than March 1, 1995. In accordance with that law, the Tritium Supply and Recycling Draft PEIS was completed and distributed to Congress on March 1, 1995. That same Draft PEIS has also been distributed to individuals and organizations on the program's mailing list. Additional copies of the Draft PEIS are available to any other