

Alternative: This alternative included missile launches and sensor testing at KMR and Wake Island. USAKA would be primarily used for launching defensive missiles, however, there is a possibility that target missiles may be launched from USAKA. Wake Island would primarily be used for target missile launches, however, it also could be used for defensive missile launches. Technical difficulties with launches and costs removed sea-based target missile launches from consideration. Existing facilities at KMR and at Wake Island and planned construction of Wake Island (analyzed in the Wake Island Environmental Assessment, 1994) would be adequate for TMD interceptor and target launching activities; therefore minimal environmental impacts are anticipated. Issues of concern included potential impacts on sensitive plant and animal species at the KMR and Wake Island, particularly in undisturbed areas, the potential for damage, destruction, or vandalism of cultural resources, and safety issues. Mitigations included avoidance of areas of native vegetation and sea turtle nesting areas, consultation with appropriate U.S. and Marshallese officials to establish procedures to protect cultural resources such as data recovery, and avoidance. Mitigations also establish hazard areas and place operating restrictions on radars to avoid significant impacts. No significant environmental impacts are predicted with the use of KMR or Wake Island.

Eglin Air Force Base Candidate Test Area Alternative: This alternative would include missile launches and sensor testing at Eglin AFB on Santa Rosa Island and at Cape San Blas, Florida, with missile launches from a sea-based platform in the Gulf of Mexico. No significant impacts are predicted with the use of Eglin AFB. Health and safety and airspace impacts would be avoided by the issuance of Notices to Airmen and Notices to Mariners, and ensuring that the launch, booster drop, and intercept debris impact areas are clear of air and water traffic before proceeding with the test flights. This alternative is not selected at this time because test objectives could be met at other ranges, sea-launch capabilities will not be available, and additional test instrumentation is needed.

Western Range Test Area Alternative: This alternative would include missile launches and sensor testing at Vandenberg AFB, San Nicolas Island of the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division, and San Clemente Island of the Naval Air Station North Island, California, with off-range missile launches from a sea-based platform in

the Pacific Ocean. No significant impacts are predicted with the use of Western Range. Health and safety and airspace impacts would be avoided by the issuance of Notices to Airmen and Notices to Mariners, and ensuring that the launch, booster drop, and intercept debris impact areas are clear of all air traffic before proceeding with the test flights. This alternative is not selected at this time because test objectives could be met at other ranges, sea-launch capabilities will not be available, and additional test instrumentation is needed.

Alternatives Considered But Not Carried Forward: Initially eleven candidate test range areas were considered for TMD testing. Criteria used to evaluate candidate test ranges included weather, scheduling, range instrumentation, range safety, and debris recovery. All but the four ranges analyzed in the FEIS were eliminated by the criteria established at the beginning of the selection process.

Mitigation, Monitoring, and Enforcement

All practicable means to avoid and minimize environmental harm will be taken. [BMDO Director] direct BMDO Deputies and Program Executive Officers to monitor extended range testing activities and ensure the following mitigation measures described in the TMD Extended Test Range FEIS are implemented. Specifically, at the WSMR, and the associated FWDA, mitigations will include implementing the Evacuation Plan, Booster Recovery Plan, and Emergency Response Plan. Launches will be avoided during weather conditions that would have adverse effects on air quality or on test safety. To the extent possible, launches will be scheduled to avoid major events such as major military maneuvers (i.e., Roving Sand Operations), holidays, hunting seasons, cattle roundups, or local festivities that could be effected by the testing activities. Maximum advance notice of launch activities will be provided to local communities, travelers, etc., as described in the FEIS. Prior to conducting launches and starting construction, consultation with appropriate Federal and state agencies, as discussed in the EIS will occur concerning specific debris impact areas, debris recovery activities, and prelaunch and preconstruction surveys in order to protect cultural resources and threatened and endangered species. American Indian concerns regarding access to and disturbance of sacred lands will be addressed during consultation with each affected American Indian group on a regular

basis and prior to each missile launch. Consultation with local community groups will establish the procedures, and coordinate times for use of FWDA lands under BMDO control during periods of launch inactivity.

At the USAKA, the existing USAKA mitigation plan will be followed. Other mitigations include: International Notices to Airmen and Notices to Mariners, timely coordination with the International Civil Aviation Organization through the Federal Aviation Administration, adherence to established procedures for keep-out zones, hazard areas, and limitations on use of radars, and a scheduling plan will be implemented to minimize airspace and health and safety impacts. Preconstruction surveys and/or other mitigation measures will be accomplished in coordination with the appropriate Federal agencies and the Republic of the Marshall Islands Environmental Protection Authority to protect cultural resources and threatened and endangered species. [BMDO Director] will implement appropriate safeguards as subsequent decisions are made regarding system components and basing locations, and as their accompanying environmental documents elaborate specific requirements for monitoring and enforcement.

Date and Signature

Record of Decision was signed March 21, 1995 by Malcolm R. O'Neill, Lieutenant General, United States Army, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Rick Lehner, BMDO/SRE, Washington, DC 20301-7100, (703) 695-8743.

Dated: March 27, 1995.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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Meeting of the Commission on Roles and Missions of the Armed Forces

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Commission on Roles and Missions of the Armed Forces.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a forthcoming meeting of the Commission on Roles and Missions of the Armed Forces.

The Commission is charged with providing an independent review of the roles and missions of the armed services

to Congress, the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The year-long review will identify changes that can be made to improve military effectiveness and eliminate unnecessary duplication among the services. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss some of the specific roles and missions issues that are being developed for consideration by the Commission. Material to be discussed will consist of both classified and unclassified information in a format that makes it impractical to separate the two.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-453, as amended (5 U.S.C. App II), it has been determined that this Commission on Roles and Missions meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1), and that, accordingly, this meeting will be closed to the public.

DATES: April 9-10, 1995.

Dated: March 27, 1995.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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Defense Science Board Task Force on Unique Surveillance Technologies

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee Meetings.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Unique Surveillance Technologies will meet in closed session on April 4-6, 1995, at the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting the Task Force will review and evaluate Have Gaze and related surveillance technologies and to assess overall technological maturity, technical and operational issues, potential military utility, and appropriate technology investment.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, P.L. No. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II, (1988)), it has been determined that this DSB Task Force meeting, concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (1) (1988), and that accordingly this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: March 27, 1995.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission Investigative Hearings

AGENCY: Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (a Presidentially appointed commission separate from and independent of DOD).

ACTION: Notice of General Accounting Office and Joint Cross-Service Investigative Hearings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 101-510, as amended, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission announces a day of investigative hearings to be held in Washington, D.C. The purpose of these hearings is for the Commission to receive testimony from the General Accounting Office and Defense Department officials.

The specific dates, locations, and general topics follow:

April 17 (Location: Hart Senate Office Building, Room 216)

—The General Accounting Office formally presents the Commission its detailed analysis of the base-closure selection process and recommendations of the Secretary of Defense.

—Chairpersons of the Defense Department's Joint Cross Service Groups present testimony regarding their recommendations in the following areas:

- Military Depots
- Military Undergraduate Pilot Training
- Military Hospitals
- Military Laboratories
- Military Test and Evaluation

The April 17 hearing will begin at 8:00 a.m. The building and room number is noted in parentheses following the date of the hearing. However, hearing location, date, and time are subject to change based upon availability of facilities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Wade Nelson, Director of Communications, at (703) 696-0504.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Changes to the above schedule will be published in the Federal Register by the Commission. Please call the Commission to confirm dates, times, and locations prior to each event. Individuals needing special assistance should contact the Commission in

advance of each event to facilitate their requirements.

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Patricia L. Toppings,

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Department of the Army

Environmental Advisory Board; Meeting

AGENCY: Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-403), this notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of the forthcoming meeting of the Chief of Engineers Environmental Advisory Board (EAB). The meeting is open to the public.

Dates: The meeting will be held from 8:00 am, Tuesday, April 11, 1995 to 11:00 am, Thursday April 13, 1995.

Meeting Location: Sheraton Premier Hotel, Tyson's Corner, 8661 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, Virginia.

Addresses: Office of Environmental Policy, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, DC 20314-1000.

For Further Information Contact: Mr. Paul Rubenstein, (202) 272-8731.

Agenda

The schedule and proposed agenda of the subject meeting on "Planning for Tomorrow: Uniting the Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Community" follows:

Tuesday, April 11, 1995

0800-0815 Welcome Ceremonies & Induction of New Board Members

0815-0845 Chief's Charge to the Board

0845-0900 EAB Chair Response

0900-0915 Overview of Meeting Structure

0915-1100 Session 1: "Building New Partnerships—Applying Engineering Means to Achieve Environmental Ends". A Moderated Panel Discussion using a discussion paper followed by comments and discussion:

Moderator: Dr. Lettie Wenner, EAB Chair, Northern Illinois University

Discussants: Dr. Benjamin Dysart, III, Dysart and Associates, Atlanta; Dr. Warren Viessman, Jr., University of Florida; Dr. Evan Vlachos, Colorado State University

1100-1200 Facilitated Group Discussion in Plenary (Facilitator: L. Aggens)