

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**Army Science Board; Notice of Open Meeting**

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following Committee Meeting:

Name of Committee: Army Science Board (ASB).

Date of Meeting: 8 August 1995.

Time of Meeting: 0900-1700.

Place: Ft. Belvoir, VA.

Agenda: The Army Science Board (ASB) Research and Advanced Concepts Issue Group will meet to address the Objective Individual Combat Weapon program and its relation to the Decisive Infantry Weapons study. This meeting will be open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the committee at the time and in the manner permitted by the committee. For further information, please contact Michelle Diaz at (703) 695-0781.

Michelle P. Diaz,

Acting Administrative Officer, Army Science Board.

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Department of the Army**Army Science Board; Notice of Closed Meeting**

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-453), announcement is made of the following Committee Meeting:

Name of Committee: Army Science Board (ASB).

Date of Meeting: 15 and 16 August 1995.

Time of Meeting: 0800-1700, 15 August 1995, 0800-1400, 16 August 1995.

Place: Pentagon, Washington, DC.

Agenda: The Army Science Board Ad Hoc Study on "Tank Modernization" will meet in closed session for briefings and discussions will focus on the Future Main Battle Tank. These meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 55b(c) of title 5, U.S.C., specifically subparagraph (1) thereof, and Title 5, U.S.C., Appendix 2, subsection 10(d). The classified and unclassified matter to be discussed is so inextricably intertwined so as to preclude opening any portions of these meetings. For further information, please contact Michelle Diaz at (703) 695-0781.

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Department of the Navy**Notice of Public Hearing for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Construction and Operation of a Relocatable Over the Horizon Radar, Puerto Rico**

Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and the Common wealth of Puerto Rico Public Law Number Nine, Section 4(c), the Department of Navy, has prepared and filed with the US Environmental Protection Agency the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the construction and operation of a Relocatable Over the Horizon Radar (ROTHR) system in Puerto Rico.

The ROTHR is a land-based, wide area surveillance, high frequency (HF), radar system, which permits detection and tracking of illegal drug activity. The installation of the ROTHR in Puerto Rico is proposed as an addition to the national and local counter-narcotic strategy by focusing detection and enforcement efforts at the source countries. It will complement existing ROTHR systems in Virginia and Texas by providing coverage of the northern portion of South America.

The ROTHR system has three components; Transmitter, Receiver, and an Operation Control Center. The proposed action would locate a Transmitter on Vieques Island and a Receiver in southwestern Puerto Rico. The Operation Control Center functions will be performed at a currently existing facility in Chesapeake, Virginia.

The Transmitter will require approximately 50 acres of land and will consist of 35 antennas, 14 equipment shelters, and a 6,500 square foot building. The towers would range in height from 71 feet to 125 feet.

The Receiver will require an area of about 100 acres and would contain 372 pairs of 19-foot high aluminum monopole antennas, each about six inches in diameter, and 17 equipment shelters. This 100-acre area would be accessed and used only by the Navy. An additional area of about 850 acres would be required to serve as a buffer from development that could produce radio interference. One hundred acres of the 850-acre area would be subject to height restrictions. Farming and grazing could continue in the buffer area.

Alternatives for both the Transmitter and Receiver sites, including the no action alternative, have been addressed in the DEIS. Three Transmitter site alternatives are located on Navy

property on Vieques Island; two in the Camp Garcia area and one site, the preferred site, is located north of Playa Grande. Two alternative Receiver sites in the Valle de Lajas have been addressed in the DEIS. The preferred alternative for the Receiver site is located on private property in the Valle de Lajas, northwest of the Enseda Community, Guanica and southwest of the town of Lajas.

The DEIS has been prepared to address the environmental consequences of construction and operation of the ROTHR on Puerto Rico. Potential impacts addressed include, but are not limited to, land use, wetlands, threatened and endangered species, historic and pre-historic cultural resources, water resources, and electromagnetic effects.

The DEIS has been distributed to various federal, Commonwealth, and local agencies, elected officials, special interest groups, and libraries. The DEIS is available for review at the following locations: Town Hall, Municipality of Vieques, Vieques Island, PR; Public Library, Municipality of Lajas, PR; and Mayor's Office, Lajas, PR.

The Department of the Navy will hold two public hearings to inform the public of the DEIS findings and to solicit comments. Hearings will be held on August 8, 1995 from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM at the Municipal Theater, Lajas, PR; and August 10, 1995 from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM at the Town Hall Community Center, Vieques, PR.

Following a brief overview of the proposed action (presented in both English and Spanish at each public hearing), comments will be heard. Each attendee will be requested to indicate when registering whether he/she intends to deliver oral comments at the hearing. Comments may be made in either English or Spanish. In the interest of available time, each speaker will be asked to limit oral comments to five minutes. All federal, Commonwealth, local agencies, and interested persons are invited and encouraged to attend one or both of these hearings or to submit comments in writing as described below.

Written statements and/or comments regarding the DEIS should be mailed to: Department of the Navy, Commander, Atlantic Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 1510 Gilbert Street, Norfolk, VA 23511-2699 (Attn. Ms. Linda Blount, Code 2032LB). Questions may be directed to Ms. Linda Blount, (804) 322-4892 or Sr. Jose Negron, Commander Fleet Air, Caribbean, (809) 865-4429. All comments must be postmarked no later