

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense (DoD) announces a meeting of the Defense Partnership Council. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This meeting is open to the public. The topics to be covered are the Federal Managers Association (FMA) membership on the Council and a discussion of general DoD Human Resources initiatives.

**DATES:** The meeting is to be held January 22, 1997, in room 1E801, Conference Room 7, the Pentagon, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Comments should be received by January 14, 1997, in order to be considered at the January 22 meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** We invite interested persons and organizations to submit written comments or recommendations. Mail or deliver your comments or recommendations to Mr. Kenneth Oprisko at the address shown below. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Individuals wishing to attend who do not possess an appropriate Pentagon building pass should call the below listed telephone number to obtain instructions for entry into the Pentagon. Handicapped individuals wishing to attend should also call the below listed telephone number to obtain accommodations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Kenneth Oprisko, Chief, Labor Relations Branch, Field Advisory Services Division, Defense Civilian Personnel Management Service, 1400 Key Blvd., Suite B-200, Arlington, VA 22209-5144, (703), ext. 704.

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## Department of the Navy

### Notice of Availability and Public Hearing for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Base Realignment Action for the Naval Sea System Command Relocation to the Washington Navy Yard, Washington, DC

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy (DoN) prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency a

DEIS evaluating the environmental effects of relocating the Naval Sea System Command Headquarters (NAVSEA) from leased space in Arlington, Virginia to the Washington Navy Yard or other government-owned property in the metropolitan Washington, DC area.

In response to the recommendations of the 1995 Department of Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC-95) and legislative requirements of the 1990 Base Realignment and Closure Act (Pub. L. 101-510), the Navy will relocate approximately 4,100 NAVSEA personnel to the Washington Navy Yard (WNY) in Washington, DC. The Navy's DEIS addresses the environmental impacts associated with an increase of personnel at the WNY, as well as, renovation, demolition and new construction of facilities at the installation necessary to accommodate relocated personnel.

The Washington Navy Yard (WNY) occupies 68 acres along the Anacostia River in southeast Washington, DC. Development at the installation began in the early 1800's and continued in response to National defense efforts. Little if any undeveloped land is currently available for new construction at the WNY. The four alternatives considered in the DEIS center around a small group of existing structures and involve variations of renovation and/or demolition and new construction. The BRAC-95 relocation of NAVSEA corresponds to the current use of the WNY as an administrative center and long range plans to convert underutilized facilities at the installation into office space.

The DEIS has been distributed to various Federal, state, and local agencies, elected officials, special interest groups, and three local libraries. A limited number of single copies are available, and may be obtained by contacting the Navy representative listed at the end of this notice. A public hearing to inform the public of the DEIS findings and to solicit comments will be held on January 23, 1997, in Building 101 at the WNY. The meeting facilities will be open at 6:30 PM with the Navy's formal presentation beginning at 7:00 PM.

Interested parties are invited to attend and participate in the Public Hearing. Oral statements will be heard and transcribed by a stenographer; however, to ensure accuracy of the record, all statements should be submitted in writing. In the interest of available time, each speaker will be asked to limit his/her comments to five minutes. If longer statements are to be presented, they should be summarized for the public

hearing and submitted in long-form at the hearing or mailed to the address listed at the end of this announcement. All statements, both oral and written, will become part of the public record.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the DEIS should be mailed to: Department of the Navy, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Engineering Field Activity—Chesapeake, Mr. Hank Riek (Code 20E), 901 M Street SE, Building 212, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, DC 20374-5018. Comments must be received no later than February 10, 1997. Additional information concerning this notice may be obtained by contacting the Navy at (202) 685-3064, facsimile (202) 685-3350.

Dated: December 20, 1996.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Record of Decision Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Stockpile Stewardship and Management

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Record of decision.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) is issuing this Record of Decision for the Stockpile Stewardship and Management Program, the program through which DOE carries out its statutory responsibility for the United States nuclear weapons program. This Record of Decision is based on the information and analysis contained in the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for Stockpile Stewardship and Management (DOE/EIS-0236) and other factors, including the mission responsibilities of the Department, and comments received on the Draft and Final PEIS. DOE's decisions will continue the ongoing Office of Defense Programs missions at eight DOE sites, making appropriate adjustments consistent with post-Cold War national security policies. Selected facilities for enhanced experimental capability will be constructed and operated; manufacturing capability at existing weapons industrial plants will be maintained; however, manufacturing capacity will be appropriately downsized; plutonium pit component manufacturing capability will be reestablished.

More specifically, for Stockpile Stewardship, the Department has