

nearly 5 inches of rain since May 1. A strong temperature inversion over Indiana at midday on the 17th likely resulted in strong moisture gradients leading to the AP experienced. In conclusion, the Terre Haute AFSS is satisfied with NWS efforts to improve radar data but still wants to see further improvement. In our opinion, the AFSS specialists can recognize AP and correctly distinguish precipitation and non-precipitation targets for pilots. We conclude the Indianapolis WSR-88D is meeting the needs of our customers.

The MTC considered these 18 consolidation certifications and the public comments received, and endorsed them at its June 27, 1996 meeting, concluding that these certifications would not result in any degradation of service.

- (1) WSO Allentown, PA
- (2) WSO Atlanta, GA
- (3) WSO Bakersfield, CA
- (4) WSO Beckley, WV
- (5) WSO Bridgeport, CT
- (6) WSO Charleston, WV
- (7) WSO Columbus, GA
- (8) WSO Dubuque, IA
- (9) WSO Elkins, WV
- (10) WSO Huntington, WV
- (11) WSO Indianapolis, IN
- (12) WSO Las Vegas, NV
- (13) WSO Lubbock, TX
- (14) WSO Macon, GA
- (15) WSO Minneapolis, MN
- (16) WSO Portland, OR
- (17) WSO Salem, OR
- (18) WSO Wilkes-Barre, PA

The third group, consisting of 10 consolidations, were proposed and the 60-day public comment period commenced upon publication of a Federal Register notice in July 1996. There were no public comments received. The MTC considered and endorsed these 10 consolidation certifications at its September 19, 1996 meeting, concluding that these certifications would not result in any degradation of service.

- (1) WSO Baton Rouge, LA
- (2) WSO Columbia, MO
- (3) WSO Des Moines, IA
- (4) WSO Lansing, MI
- (5) WSO Lexington, KY
- (6) WSO Lincoln, NE
- (7) WSO Louisville, KY
- (8) WSO Montgomery, AL
- (9) WSO Sioux City, IA
- (10) WSO St. Louis, MO

After considering any public comments received and the MTC endorsements, the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere approved all 70 consolidation certifications and transmitted them to Congress on January 2, 1997.

Certification approval authority was delegated from the Secretary of Commerce to the Under Secretary in June 1996. The NWS is now completing the certification requirements by publishing the final consolidation certifications in the Federal Register.

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*Assistant Administrator for Weather Services.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Meeting of the Semiconductor Technology Council

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of Public Law 92-463, the "Federal Advisory Committee Act," notice is hereby given that the Semiconductor Technology Council will hold its sixth meeting. The Council's mission is to: link industry and national security needs to opportunities for cooperative investments, foster precompetitive cooperation among industry, government and academia, recommend opportunities for new R&D efforts and potential to rationalize and align on-going industry and government investments. Part of the meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and pursuant to the appropriate provisions of Section 552b(c)(3) and (4), Title 5, U.S.C. There will be an open session from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**DATES:** January 27, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Washington Room, Key Bridge Marriott, 1401 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Kaigham J. Gabriel, Director, DARPA/ETO, 3701 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203-1714; telephone: 703/696-2252.

Dated: January 9, 1997.  
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*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*  
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### Department of the Army

#### Notification of Location and Hours of Operation for Armed Forces Discharge Review/Correction Board Reading Room

**AGENCY:** Army Review Board Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with DoD Directive 1332.28D1f, the Secretary of the Army hereby gives notice of the location, hours of operation and similar types of information regarding the Reading Room. The Reading Room is located in the Pentagon, Room 2E123. Effective February 15, 1997, the hours of operation are Thursday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** CPT Bronté I. Flood, Army Review Board Agency, 1941 Jefferson Davis Highway, Crystal Mall #4, Room 204, Arlington, VA 22202.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Discharge Review Board (DRB) documents made available for public inspection and copying are located in the Reading Room. The documents are indexed in a usable and concise form so as to enable the public, and those who represent applicants, to isolate from all decisions that are indexed, those cases that may be similar to an applicant's case and that indicate the circumstances under or reasons for which the DRB or the Secretary concerned granted or denied relief.

Gregory D. Showalter,  
*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*  
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### Corps of Engineers

#### Regulatory Guidance Letter 96-2

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to notify the public of the issuance of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Regulatory Guidance Letter (RGL) regarding the joint U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Corps memorandum to the field clarifying the applicability of exemptions under Section 404(f) of the Clean Water Act to "deep-ripping" activities in wetlands.

**DATES:** Effective date December 12, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Victor Cole, Regulatory Branch, Office of the Chief of Engineers at (202) 761-0201 or Mr. Michael Boots, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at (202) 260-2315.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Regulatory Guidance Letter 96-2 was issued on December 12, 1996. The memorandum