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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

#### HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Meeting

The 1997 Summer Study Panel Meeting on Command, Control and Information, of the HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board will meet on June 26-27, 1997 at the USAF Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado and Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather information and receive briefing for the 1997 Summer Study topic on Expeditionary Forces.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b of Title 5, United States Code, specifically subparagraphs (1) and (4) thereof.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for The Proposed Disposal and Reuse of Naval Air Station South Weymouth, Massachusetts

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), implementing procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Department of the Navy announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed disposal and reuse of Naval Air Station (NAS) South Weymouth, Massachusetts.

In 1995, President Clinton and Congress accepted the recommendations of the Congressional Committee on Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) to close NAS South Weymouth, Massachusetts. The proposed action to be considered and evaluated in the EIS is the disposal and reuse of the NAS

South Weymouth property determined surplus to the needs of the federal government.

NAS South Weymouth, located in both Plymouth and Norfolk counties in Massachusetts, consists of approximately 1417 acres. It is situated in the three communities of Weymouth, Rockland, and Abington. A family housing area and a ten-acre parcel on the main base have been transferred to the U.S. Coast Guard. The remainder of NAS South Weymouth main base property will be available for redevelopment by the local communities.

Two off-base family housing areas are located in the city of Quincy. The disposal and reuse of these sites will be addressed in a separate environmental document. In addition, NAS South Weymouth owns and maintains a bombing target range on No Man's Island located approximately three miles from Martha's Vinyard in the Atlantic Ocean. No Man's Island will be transferred to the Department of the Interior for continued use as a natural wildlife area.

The NAS South Weymouth Reuse Committee acting as the Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) has prepared a reuse plan for the NAS property. The plan represents a reasonable and likely redevelopment scenario based on the proposed zoning of the site. The EIS will evaluate environmental impacts or reuse, as well as of other reasonable possible redevelopment scenarios under current or other zoning classifications. Navy will also evaluate the no action alternative, defined as the retention of NAS South Weymouth by the federal government. Environmental issues that will be addressed in the EIS include air quality, water quality, wetland impacts, endangered species impacts, cultural resource impacts, and socioeconomic impacts.

**ADDRESSES:** The Navy will hold a public meeting to further identify the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. The meeting will be co-chaired by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, which is a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 1997, beginning at 7:30 p.m., at Hangar 1, NAS South Weymouth. Navy representatives will make a brief presentation, then members of the public will be asked to provide their comments. Agencies and the public are encouraged to provide written comments in addition to, or in lieu of, oral comments at the scoping meeting. To be most helpful, comments

should clearly describe specific issues or topics which the EIS should address. Written comments must be postmarked by May 15, 1997, and should be mailed to Commanding Officer, Northern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Attn. Mr. Kurt Frederick (Code 202KF), 10 Industrial Highway, MSC 82, Lester, PA 19113. All statements, both oral and written, will become part of the public record on this action and will be given equal consideration.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information concerning this notice may be obtained by contacting Mr. Kurt Frederick at (610) 595-0728, facsimile (610) 595-0778.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of partially closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend the open portions of the meeting. The public is being given less than 15 days notice of this meeting due to problems in scheduling this meeting.

**DATES:** April 16, 1997.

**TIME:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (open); 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (closed).

**LOCATION:** Room 100, 80 F St., NW., Washington, DC 20208-7564.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thelma Leenhouts, Designated Federal Official, National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, Washington, D.C. 20208-7564. Tel.: (202) 219-2065; fax: (202) 219-1528; e-mail: Thelma\_Leenhouts@ed.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board is authorized by Section 921 of the Educational Research, Development, Dissemination,