

and operation of the proposed improvements. In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, potential impacts to cultural resources have been evaluated at ARD. No sites listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places have been identified within the area of potential effects from the selected capital improvements. The Idaho State Historic Preservation Officer has concurred with this finding. To ensure compliance with the Endangered Species Act, a Biological Assessment was completed and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has confirmed that the selected capital improvements will have no effect on any species under the jurisdiction of the Endangered Species Act.

Pursuant to Executive Order 12898, Environmental Justice, potential environmental and economic impacts on minority and low income populations and communities were assessed. No disproportionate concentrations of minority or low income populations were identified in the areas of potential impacts of the selected capital improvements. Additionally, the Navy has ensured that opportunities for community involvement (including minority and low income individuals and populations) in the NEPA process has been provided.

Cumulative impacts are caused by the incremental impact of the selected capital improvements when added to other past, present, and foreseeable future actions in the area. Navy operations have been occurring in the ARD vicinity over the past 50 years. The tempo of operations and maintenance has increased over time as a result of testing demands. While there have been some limited environmental impacts to the lake, they have been infrequent and minor, causing no significant environmental impact overall. Acoustic testing has not caused a significant impact to recreation and boating activity on Lake Pend Oreille, nor to aquatic resources. No additional plans, in addition to the selected capital improvements, are currently envisioned by ARD. Should additional future plans develop, these will be addressed in subsequent documentation in compliance with NEPA.

The Navy selection of capital improvements results in a balancing of impacts and achieves the needed improvements in operations at ARD, while still responding to the primary concerns of agencies and the public who commented on the DEIS: Minimize or eliminate dredging, minimize visual impacts and the height of structures,

and avoid the acquisition of the Bayview Public Park parcel. There are no significant impacts associated with the proposed capital improvements that cannot be mitigated through use of best management practices, proper scheduling, and continued coordination with the community. The selected improvements fulfill the purpose and need and represent the environmentally preferred alternative.

Questions regarding the Environmental Impact Statement prepared for this action may be directed to: Officer in Charge, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Acoustic Research Detachment, PO Box 129, Bayview, Idaho, 83803-0129 (Attention: Mr. Dave Gerzina), telephone (208) 683-2321, extension 4200.

Dated: April 11, 1997.

Duncan Holaday,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Facilities).

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License; U.S. Foam Corporation

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to U.S. Foam Corporation, a revocable, nonassignable, exclusive license in the United States to practice the Government owned inventions described in U.S. Patents Nos. 5,190,624, entitled "Electroheological Fluid Chemical Processing," "5,194,181, entitled "Process for Shaping Articles from Electrosetting Compositions," and 5,518,664, entitled "Programmable Electroset Materials and Processing." Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license has 60 days from the date of this notice to file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any. Written objections are to be filed with the Carderock Division, NSWC, Code 004, 9500 MacArthur Blvd., West Bethesda, MD 20817-5700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Dick Bloomquist, Director, Technology Transfer, Carderock Division, NSWC Code 0117, 9500 MacArthur Blvd., West Bethesda, MD 20817-5700, telephone number (301) 227-4299.

Dated: April 7, 1997.

D.E. Koenig, Jr.,

LCDR, JAGC, USN, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Advisory Committee for National Electric and Magnetic Fields

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Electric and Magnetic Fields Advisory Committee.

DATES: Thursday, May 1, 1997: 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Friday, May 2, 1997: 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 6E-083, Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Imre Gyuk, EMF Program Manager, EE-14, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-1482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Committee: The National Electric and Magnetic Fields Advisory Committee (NEMFAC) advises the Department of Energy and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences on the design and implementation of a five-year, national electric and magnetic fields (EMF) research and public information dissemination (RAPID) program. The Secretary of Energy, pursuant to Section 2118 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, Public Law 102-486, has overall responsibility for establishing the national program which includes health effects research, development of technologies to assess and manage exposures, and dissemination of information.

Tentative Agenda:

Thursday, May 1, 1997

9:00 a.m. Welcome and opening remarks

9:15 a.m. Status of RAPID program extension

10:00 a.m. Summary of FY97 non-Federal contributions

10:15 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Status of RAPID engineering research

11:15 a.m. Status of RAPID communication activities

11:45 a.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. Record of expenditures and budgets

2:00 p.m. Status of RAPID health effects research

2:20 p.m. Project reporting requirements

2:30 p.m. Science review symposium

3:30 p.m. Break

3:45 p.m. Science review symposium, discussion

5:30 p.m. Adjourn