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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### ARMS Initiative Implementation

**AGENCY:** Armament Retooling and Manufacturing Support (ARMS) Public/Private Task Force (PPTF).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given of the next meeting of the Armament Retooling and Manufacturing Support (ARMS) Public/Private Task Force (PPTF). The PPTF is chartered to develop new and innovative methods to maintain the government-owned, contractor-operated ammunition industrial base and retain critical skills for a national emergency. This meeting will update attendees on the status of ongoing actions with decisions being made to close out or continue these actions. Topics for this meeting include program status, Government Property issues, ARMS Loan Program, national marketing, and individual plant status presentations by facility use contractors. Goals will be set for the future of the PPTF. This meeting is open to the public.

**DATE OF MEETING:** May 22, 1997.

**PLACE OF MEETING:** Double Tree Hotel, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

**TIME OF MEETING:** 8:00 am-5:00 pm, May 22, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Elwood H. Weber, ARMS Task Force, HQ Army Material Command, 5001 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22333; Phone (703) 617-9788.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Reservations must be made directly with the Double Tree Hotel, telephone

703-416-4100 no later than 8 May 1997 in order to assure a room at the rate of \$112.98. Please be sure to mention that you will be attending the ARMS PPTF meeting to assure occupancy in the block of rooms set aside for this meeting. Shuttle bus service is available from the National Airport to the Double Tree Hotel. Request you contact Donna Ponce on the ARMS Team, telephone (309) 782-4535, if you will be attending the meeting, so that our roster of attendees is accurate. This number may also be used if other assistance regarding the ARMS meeting is required.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Notice of Scoping Meetings for Environmental Impact Statement for the Implementation of a Comprehensive Land Use Management Plan at the Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake, CA

**SUMMARY:** On April 1, 1997, the Department of the Navy announced its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental effects of implementing a comprehensive Land Use Management Plan for the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division (NAWCWD), located at the Naval Air Weapons Station (NAWS), China Lake, California. The Navy's proposed action is the implementation of a comprehensive Land Use Management Plan (LUMP) at NAWS China Lake for managing existing and proposed land uses authorized under the California Desert Protection Act. Proposed land uses include, but are not limited to, ongoing and future military operations, public health and safety practices, and ongoing and future environmental resources management and conservation at NAWS China Lake. The LUMP will be developed in conformance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act.

The EIS will also evaluate a range of land use management practices, including the no action alternative. Alternative land use management practices could include a range of activities of greater or lesser intensity of land use type or tempo. The no action alternative would implement a Land Use Management Plan that would not change the ongoing type or tempo of

land uses and environmental resources management direction or emphasis.

Six scoping meetings will be held to solicit public input and identify issues that need discussion in the EIS. The meetings will be held at the following times and locations: (1) the fairgrounds in Ridgecrest, CA on May 20, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.; (2) The Rand Community Building in Johannesburg, CA on May 21, 1997 at 7:30 p.m.; (3) The Learning Center in Independence, CA on May 22, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.; (4) Trona High School in Trona, CA on June 3, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.; (5) Barstow Community College in Barstow, CA on June 4, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.; and (6) Inyokern Elementary School in Inyokern, CA on June 5, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. A one-hour poster session will precede each meeting, so the public can familiarize itself with NAWS China Lake and the proposed action.

**ADDRESSES:** Agencies and the public are invited and encouraged to provide written comments in addition to, or in lieu of oral comments at the public scoping meetings. To be most helpful, scoping comments should clearly describe specific issues or topic which the EIS should address. Written comments must be postmarked by June 30, 1997 and should be mailed to Commander, Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, Attn: Ms. Robin Hoffman, Land Use Planning Office, China Lake, CA 93555, telephone (619) 939-0935, fax (619) 939-2541.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Additional information concerning this notice may be obtained by contacting Ms. Robin Hoffman at (619) 939-0935.

Dated: April 21, 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Assessment Governing Board; Education.

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

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Assessment Governing Board. This notice also describes the functions of the 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