

ranges will be evaluated as a possible alternative in development of the draft PEIS.

#### *CERCLA Process*

The implementation of the CERCLA process at closed, transferred, and transferring ranges will also be initially considered as a potential alternative in development of the draft PEIS. CERCLA provides for the identification, evaluation, and response to hazardous substances and constituents released to the environment. CERCLA, as well as the National Contingency Plan (NCP) and Executive Order 12580, identifies DoD as the lead agency with respect to release from its facilities. Other federal agencies have been delegated similar CERCLA authorities in E.O. 12580 in connection with facilities under their jurisdiction, custody, or control. With respect to the application of CERCLA to closed, transferred, and transferring ranges, DoD has identified some initial concerns. For example, confusion exists as to the extent of EPA's response authority, and the application of state applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements (ARARs).

#### *The Formerly Utilized Defense Sites Program*

The FUDS Program was initiated to respond to lands once owned by DoD that are now owned by other government agencies or private interests. The DoD retains responsibility for the response to expended ordnance and explosive waste on these lands. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is the DoD Executive Agent for response actions on FUDS. The Corps' policy has been to consider all FUDS ordnance response to be CERCLA actions and use interim DoD Defense Environmental Restoration Program guidance to develop an appropriate response action.

#### **Public Participation**

This notice initiates a period of public scoping that is intended to invite the participation of all interested members of the public, as well as other public agencies. Comments received during the scoping period will be used to assist the DoD in identifying significant issues of public concern regarding potential impacts on the quality of the human environment. The scoping will also assist the Department of Defense in developing a reasonable range of alternatives for consideration in the draft PEIS. The draft PEIS will be published and made available for public review and comment prior to its finalization. After review of the draft PEIS, the DoD will address public comments in a final PEIS that will be

published prior to publication of a Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD will identify the action chosen for implementation based on those alternatives considered in the PEIS.

**DATES:** Written and oral comments on the proposed scope of the DoD Range Rule PEIS are invited from the public. Comments will help to identify issues of concern and to assist in development of alternatives considered in the PEIS. To ensure consideration, comments must be postmarked not later than August 13, 1997. An extension may be provided upon written request to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the draft proposed DoD Range Rule can be requested through one of the toll free numbers below, or from the World-Wide Web address below.

Requests for information regarding the draft proposed DoD Range Rule can be requested 24 hours a day by calling the toll-free number at 1-800-870-6542. Comments may be sent via facsimile to 1-800-870-6547. A toll free number for the hearing impaired is available at 1-800-870-6557. Comments or requests regarding to DoD Range Rule may be sent via Internet e-mail to fbarrule@b-r.com. Comments regarding the PEIS may be sent via Internet e-mail to: fbarreis@b-r.com

**Internet:** World-Wide Web (WWW): <http://www.acq.osd.mil/ens/> or <http://denix.cecer.army.mil/denix/denix.htm>

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information on the DoD Range Rule National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, please contact: DoD Range Rule Information Center, Post Office box 3430, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20885-3430, telephone 1-800-870-6542 or via Internet at fbarreis@b-r.com.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### **Defense Intelligence Agency, Science and Technology Advisory Board Closed Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, Defense Intelligence Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of Subsection (d) of Section 10 of Pub. L.

92-463, as amended by Section 5 of Pub. L. 94-409, notice is hereby given that a closed meeting of the DIA Science and Technology Advisory Board has been scheduled as follows:

**DATES:** July 29, 1997 (800 a.m. to 1600 p.m.).

**ADDRESSES:** The Defense Intelligence Agency, Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C. 20340-5100.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Maj. Michael W. Lamb, USAF, Executive Secretariat, DIA Science and Technology Advisory Board, Washington, D.C. 20340-1328, (202) 231-4930.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The entire meeting is devoted to the discussion of classified information as defined in Section 552b(c)(1), Title 5 of the U.S. Code and therefore will be closed to the public. The Board will receive briefings on and discuss several current critical intelligence issues and advise the Director, DIA, on related scientific and technical matters.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### **Defense Science Board Task Force on Open Systems**

**ACTION:** Notice of advisory committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Science Board Task Force on Open Systems will meet in open session on July 29-31, 1997 at Strategic Analysis, Inc., 4001 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense.

Persons interested in further information should call Ms. Marya Bavis at (703) 527-5410.

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