

produce the member's name, branch of service, and unit designation. The hits will be furnished to the Veterans Benefits Administration which is responsible for verifying and determining that the data on the DMDC reply tape file are consistent with the source file and for resolving any discrepancies or inconsistencies on an individual basis. The Veterans Benefits Administration will also be responsible for making final determinations as to eligibility for benefits or verifying any other information with respect thereto.

The magnetic computer tape provided by VA will contain information on approximately 2.2 million disability compensation recipients.

The DMDC computer database file contains approximately 1.5 million records of active duty military members, including full time National Guard and Reserve.

DMDC will match the SSN on the VA electronic file by computer against the DMDC database. Matching records, hits based on SSNs, will produce data elements of the member's name, SSN, branch of service, unit designation and date of entry (DOE) on active duty.

*F. Inclusive Dates of the Matching Program:* This computer matching program is subject to public comment and review by Congress and the Office of Management and Budget. If the mandatory 30 day period for comment has expired and no comments are received and if no objections are raised by either Congress or the Office of Management and Budget within 40 days of being notified of the proposed match, the computer matching program becomes effective and the respective agencies may begin the exchange at a mutually agreeable time on a quarterly basis. By agreement between VA and DMDC, the matching program will be in effect for 18 months with an option to renew for 12 additional months unless one of the parties to the agreement advises the other by written request to terminate or modify the agreement.

*G. Address for Receipt of Public Comments or Inquiries:* Director, Defense Privacy Office, Crystal Mall 4, Suite 920, 1941 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202-4502. Telephone (703) 607-2943.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Chief of Engineers Environmental Advisory Board

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

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 92-463, The Federal Advisory Committee Act, this announces the 57th Meeting of the Chief of Engineers Environmental Advisory Board (EAB):

*Name of Committee:* Chief of Engineers Environmental Advisory Board.

*Dates of Meeting:* October 20-23, 1998.

*Place:* Ramada Plaza Hotel, Old Town, Alexandria, VA.

*Time:* 9:00-5:00 p.m. (October 20, 1998); 8:00-5:00 p.m. (October 21, 1998); 8:00-5:00 p.m. (October 22, 1998); 8:00-1:00 p.m. (October 23, 1998).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Lloyd Saunders, CECW-AG, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 20 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20314-1000, phone (202) 761-8731.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will be divided into an Executive Session and technical program. The Executive Session, October 20, will be a business and planning opportunity among the Board members and will be limited to a review of the previous meeting on the watershed perspective and selection of the topics for future meetings. The technical program, October 21-23, will be a continuation of our discussion on the Watershed Perspective in Water Resources Development.

The meeting will be open to the public to the extent that space limitations of the meeting location permit. Because of these limitations, interested parties are requested to notify our office (above address) in writing at least five days prior to the meeting of their intent to attend.

**Gregory D. Showalter,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Meeting of the Ocean Research Advisory Panel

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Ocean Research Advisory Panel will meet to acquaint Panel members with National Oceanographic Partnership Program activities. The session of the meeting from 9:00 a.m. through 11:30 a.m. will be open to the public. The remaining session of the meeting from 1:30 p.m. through 4:00 p.m. will be closed to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. In order to maintain the meeting time schedule, members of the public will be limited in their time to speak to the Panel. Members of the public should submit their comments one week in advance of the meeting to the meeting Point of Contact.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the White House Conference Center, The Eisenhower Room, 726 Jackson Place, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Steven E. Ramberg, Office of Naval Research, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22217-5660, telephone number (703) 696-4358.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice of meeting is provided in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2) and 10 U.S.C. section 7903. The purpose of this meeting is to acquaint Panel members with the National Oceanographic Partnership Program (NOPP) activities and discuss FY 2000 and out-year NOPP research funding opportunities. The open session of the meeting will include a briefing and discussion that address current issues in the ocean sciences community and NOPP activities to date. The remaining session of the meeting will involve proprietary information and sensitive information that would be likely to significantly frustrate proposed agency action if it is disclosed to the public prematurely. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(d), the Secretary of the Navy has determined in writing that the public interest requires that this meeting will be partially closed to the public because it will be concerned with matters listed in 5 U.S.C. section 552b(c)(4) and (9)(b). Due to unavoidable delay in administrative processing, the normal 15 days notice could not be provided.

Dated: September 1, 1998.

**Ralph W. Corey,**

*Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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