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The AGED meeting will be limited to review of research and development programs which the Military Departments propose to initiate with industry, universities or in their laboratories. The agenda for this meeting will include programs on Radiation Hardened Devices, Microwave Tubes, Displays and Lasers. The review will include details of classified defense programs throughout.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary of Defense

Meeting of the DOD Advisory Group on Electron Devices

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Advisory Group on Electron Devices.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Working Group B (Microelectronics) of the DoD Advisory Group on Electron Devices (AGED) announces a closed session meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held at 0900, Thursday, November 19, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held Palisades Institute for Research Services, 1745 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 500, Arlington, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Timothy Doyle, AGED Secretariat, 1745 Jefferson Davis Highway, Crystal Square Four, Suite 500, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

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The Working Group B meeting will be limited to review of research and development programs which the military proposes to initiate with industry, universities or in their laboratories. The microelectronics area includes such programs on semiconductor materials, integrated circuits, charge coupled devices and memories. The review will include classified program details throughout.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Emerald Creek Garnet Company, Benewah and Shoshone Counties, Idaho

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: Emerald Creek Garnet Company is proposing to initiate dredge mining of alluvial garnet deposits on an approximately 416 acre site along the St. Maries River in Benewah and Shoshone Counties, Idaho. The site contains approximately 160 acres of wetlands which will be temporarily filled by construction of isolation berms, topsoil and overburden stockpiles, work pads, and other discharges of dredged and fill material. The entire site is proposed to be mined over a period of up to 25 years, with reclamation of mined properties occurring each year. Reclamation would consist of returning the land to pre-mining contours and reestablishing hydrology and plant

communities appropriate to site conditions. The total acreage proposed for mining and reclamation each year would not exceed 16 acres. Temporary or permanent discharges of fill material into wetlands will require a Department of the Army Permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is the lead Federal agency.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about the proposed action and the Draft EIS can be answered by Mr. Michael T. Doherty, Coeur d'Alene Regulatory Office, Walla Walla District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815-8363, telephone 208-765-7237.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Proposed Action:* Emerald Creek Garnet Company is proposing to initiate placer mining of alluvial garnet deposits along the St. Maries River in portions of Sections 5, 8, 9, 15, and 16, township 43 North, Range 1 East, Boise Meridian, Shoshone and Benewah Counties, Idaho. The project extends from just upstream of the confluence of Emerald Creek and the St. Maries River, 3.2 miles downstream to just above the confluence of Carpenter Creek and the St. Maries River. The purpose of the project is to extract industrial garnet to meet worldwide market demand. Mining would be conducted incrementally over a period of up to 25 years. The acreage of area to be mined each year would depend on the ability of the company to assure adequate environmental protection and reclamation on a yearly basis as well as market demand for industrial garnet products. Reclamation would immediately follow mining, and would be monitored for a period of five years to assure that the annually mined properties meet or exceed pre-project environmental value.

2. *Alternatives:* Because garnet deposits are located in specific water-deposited areas, alternative locations to be mined will not be examined. The alternatives analysis will focus on timing of mining activities, type of mining method, and duration of mining in any given year. Seven alternatives will be considered. They include:

- (1) wet panel mining all year long.
- (2) wet and dry panel mining all year long.
- (3) wet panel mining 8 months (approximately March through November).
- (4) wet and dry panel mining 8 months (approximately March through November).
- (5) dry panel mining all year long.