

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Defense Intelligence Agency, Science and Technology Advisory Board Closed Panel Meeting**

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Intelligence Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of Subsection (d) of Section 10 of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Section 5 of Public Law 94-409, notice is hereby given that a closed meeting of the DIA Science and Technology Advisory Board has been scheduled as follows:

DATES: September 1999 (800 a.m. to 1600 p.m.).

ADDRESSES: The Defense Intelligence Agency, 200 MacDill Blvd, Washington, D.C. 20340.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maj Donald R. Culp, Jr., USAF, Executive Secretary, 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**

AGENCY: Special Presidential Panel on Military Operations on Vieques.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Panel will meet in closed session on August 27, 1999. The Panel was chartered by the Secretary of Defense on 25 June 1999 to provide advice and recommendations to him regarding the need for the continuation of military operations on the island Vieques, Puerto Rico and the extent to which alternative sites or methods are available that would fulfill national security requirements. The Panel will meet in closed session on August 27, 1999 to discuss classified national security information related to Vieques.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act,

Public Law 92-463, as amended [5 U.S.C., Appendix II, (1982)], matters affecting national security, as covered by 5 U.S.C. 552 b(c)(1)(1988), will be discussed throughout the meeting, and accordingly, the meeting will be closed to the public. Because of the short timeframe of the panel's review, and the accelerated pace of the meeting schedule, this announcement must be made less than 15 days before the meeting will take place.

DATES: August 27, 1999, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301-4000

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Hector O. Nevarez, the Designated Federal Officer, 1401 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 400, Arlington, VA 22209, phone (703) 696-9456, fax (703) 696-9482, or via Email at Hector.Nevarez@osd.pentagon.mil.

Dated: August 25, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Global Positioning System (GPS) Spectrum Protection Report to Congress**

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments on Global Positioning system (GPS) spectrum report to Congress.

SUMMARY: An interagency working group chaired by the Department of Defense requests comments and recommendations from industry and end users relating to the development of a report to Congress addressing the national strategy for protection of the radionavigation spectrum used by GPS. All persons and firms having relevant views on this subject are invited to reply through the Department of Defense.

DATES: Please submit comments by November 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to the Office of Space Commercialization, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 4817, Washington, DC 20230. Materials may be faxed to 202-482-5173 or transmitted via email to jkim@ta.doc.gov. Comments can also be sent via the following website URL which will contain a reprint of this RFC: <http://www.ta.doc.gov/space.spectrum>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jason Y. Kim, Policy Analyst, 202-482-6125.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In order to guard against disruption of GPS services that are vital to the national security and economic interests of the United States, the Department of Defense is preparing a report, at the request of Congress, setting forth a national strategy to: "(1) protect the integrity of the Global Positioning System frequency spectrum against interference and disruption; (2) achieve full and effective use by GPS of radio frequency spectrum currently allocated by the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) for transmission of satellite navigation signals; and (3) provide for any additional allocation of spectrum necessary for GPS evolution." The report is required under Section 8137 of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act of 1999.

The Government is issuing this public Request for Comments in the hope of developing an appropriate overall national strategy that incorporates and reflects the important interests of the industry and end users. For the purposes of this RFC, all commercial, terrestrial, and space-based radionavigation and radio communication users and ventures are invited to participate, including, but not limited to, GPS equipment manufacturers, satellite manufacturers, users of GPS equipment and services. In addition, we seek comment from any entity that (1) uses or has an interest in the protection of the radionavigation spectrum used by GPS in general, or (2) has an interest in other spectrum bands on which the services may be required to configure their operations to accommodate provision of GPS. Responses to this RFC should include any plans for collection and analysis of test and demonstration data, and recommendations for additional filings for both space-based and ground-based services, as appropriate, to meet civil safety-of-life applications within existing international spectrum bands allocated for radionavigation satellite operations.

An interagency working group chaired by the Department of Defense and including participants from the Department of Commerce (which includes the National Department of Commerce (which includes the National Telecommunications and Information Administration), Department of State, Department of Transportation, Office of Science and Technology Policy, and National Aeronautics and Space Administration will review all replies.