

Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County, New York. Currently, the property is developed with manufacturing, light industrial, and administrative land uses. In December 1998, Nassau County, through the Grumman Master Planning Council, identified a Preferred Reuse Plan for NWIRP Bethpage, described in Navy/Grumman Site Reuse Plan-Alternative Report. This plan is presented as the preferred reuse alternative that, along with its alternatives, is analyzed in the DEIS.

The DEIS evaluates three reuse alternatives. The Reuse Plan Alternative (preferred alternative) proposes a mix of light industry and office, with some warehousing on the 105-acre parcel and commercial use on the 4.5-acre parcel. The Preferred Reuse Plan would result in an estimated 5,410 full-time jobs. "Reuse Alternative A" comprises a mix of light industry and warehousing with limited office use. "Reuse Alternative B" would develop the properties entirely for office use. A "No Action Alternative" was also evaluated that assumes no disposal, and therefore, retention of the property by the U.S. Navy in caretaker status.

Potential impacts evaluated in the DEIS include, but are not limited to: Land use, socioeconomic, community facilities, transportation, air quality, noise, infrastructure, cultural resources, natural resources, hazardous wastes and soils contamination. Analysis includes the evaluation of direct, indirect, short-term, and cumulative impacts; and irreversible and irretrievable commitment of resources associated with the proposed action. No decision on the proposed action will be made until the NEPA process has been completed and a Record of Decision is signed.

The DEIS has been distributed to various federal, state, and local agencies, elected officials, and special interest groups and public libraries. The DEIS is also available for public review at the Bethpage Public Library located at 47 Powell Avenue, Bethpage, New York 11714.

Navy will conduct a public hearing to receive oral and written comments concerning the DEIS. A brief presentation will precede a request for public information and comments. Navy representatives will be available at the hearing to receive information and comments from agencies and the public regarding issues of concern. Federal, state, and local agencies, and interested parties are invited and urged to be present or represented at the hearing. Those who intend to speak will be asked to submit a speaker card (available at the door). Oral comments

will be heard and transcribed by a stenographer. To ensure accuracy of the record, all statements should also be submitted in writing. All statements, both oral and written, will become part of the public record in the study. Equal weight will be given to both oral and written comments. In the interest of available time, each speaker will be asked to limit oral comments to three minutes. Longer comments should be summarized at the public hearing and submitted in writing either at the hearing or mailed to: Commanding Officer, Northern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Code 202, 10 Industrial Highway, Lester, Pennsylvania 19113, (Attn. Mr. Robert Ostermueller, telephone (610) 595-0759, facsimile (610) 595-0778). Written comments must be received not later than Monday, December 13, 1999.

Dated: October 26, 1999.

C.G. Carlson,

Major, U.S. Marine Corps, Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Meeting of the Board of Visitors of Marine Corps University

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Board of Visitors of the Marine Corps University (BOV MCU) will meet to review, develop and provide recommendations on all aspects of the academic and administrative policies of the University; examine all aspects of professional military education operations; and provide such oversight and advice as is necessary to facilitate high educational standards and cost effective operations. The Board will be reviewing the fiscal plan for next year and the status of the University's accreditation process with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. All sessions of the meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday and Tuesday, November 15-16, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Marine Corps University Research Center, 2040 Broadway Street, Room 164, Quantico, Virginia 22134.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Garry Smith, Executive Secretary, Marine Corps University Board of Visitors, 2076 South Street, Quantico, Virginia 22134, (703) 784-4037.

Dated: October 19, 1999.

J.L. Roth,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DOE Response to Recommendation 99-1 of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Safe Storage of Fissionable Material called "Pits".

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board published Recommendation 99-1, concerning the safe storage of fissionable material called "pits," on August 27, 1999 (64 FR 46894). Under section 315(e) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2286d(e), the Department of Energy was required to transmit a response to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board by October 12, 1999. The Secretary's response follows.

DATES: Comments, data, views, or arguments concerning the Secretary's response are due on or before November 29, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, data, views, or arguments concerning the Secretary's response to: Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David E. Beck, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Military Application and Stockpile Operations, Defense Programs, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington DC, 20585.

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Mark B. Whitaker, Jr.,

Departmental Representative to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

The Honorable John T. Conway, *Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004.*

Dear Mr. Chairman: The Department of Energy acknowledges receipt of Recommendation 99-1, issued on August 11, 1999, and published in the **Federal Register** on August 27, 1999, and accepts the Board's recommendations.

The Department has initiated activities to develop and implement improved pit storage programs and to develop a shipping container for transporting pits to the plutonium disposition facility. We also implemented a pit repackaging program to ensure that pits are stored in accordance with applicable specifications.