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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### **Notice of Extension to the Public Comment Period From April 3, 2000 to April 24, 2000 for the Environmental Impact Statement for the Disposal and Reuse of MCAS El Toro**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to a request from the El Toro Reuse Planning Authority (ETRPA), the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), has decided to extend the public review comment period for the former Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) El Toro Disposal and Reuse Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), from April 3, 2000 to April 24, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert Montana, NEPA Project Manager, Commander, Southwest Division, BRAC Program Office, 1230 Columbia Street, Suite 1100, San Diego, CA 92101-8517, phone (619) 532-0942.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### **Notice of Intent To Prepare an Analysis of Environmental Impacts Associated With the Conveyance of the Naval Ammunition Support Detachment, Vieques, Puerto Rico**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

Notice of intent to prepare analysis of the environmental impacts associated with the conveyance of the Navy property as contemplated by the President's Directive to the Secretary of Defense and the Director, Office of Management and Budget, dated January 31, 2000, entitled "Resolution Regarding Use of Range Facilities on Vieques, Puerto Rico;" and notice of scoping period.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Navy (Navy) will prepare an analysis of the environmental impacts associated with implementation of the President's Directive of January 31, 2000. The analysis will address conveyance of the property comprising the Naval Ammunition Support Detachment (NASD), Vieques, Puerto Rico, except approximately 100 acres of land on which the Relocatable Over-The-Horizon Radar (ROTHR) facility and Mount Pirata telecommunications site are located. It is anticipated that Navy will also retain such easements and other property interests as are necessary to support access to and continued operation of these two sites.

The environmental analysis will address endangered and threatened species, other natural resources, cultural resources, hazardous materials, and other issues brought forth through the scoping process. The environmental analysis will also address potential mitigation measures. The Department of the Interior will act as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the environmental analysis.

On February 25, 2000, Navy submitted legislation to the Congress proposing conveyance of the NASD property to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Federal, state, and local agencies, and individuals or organizations who may be interested in or affected by the conveyance of the property or the management of the conservation areas are invited to provide oral or written comments, in Spanish or English, accepted until May 17, 2000. Comments should be as specific as possible. Scoping comments may be sent to: Commander, U.S. Naval Forces South, Building 1685, U.S. Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico 00742, FPO 8A34099-6004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information, write to the above address or call Mr. Jose Negron at (757) 865-4078.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The President directed the Navy to submit legislation authorizing the conveyance of the property comprising the NASD, Vieques, except approximately 100 acres of land on which the ROTHR facility and Mount Pirata Telecommunications site are located, to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

#### **Office of Science; Office of Science Financial Assistance Program Notice 00-14; Experimental Program To Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR); Building EPSCoR-State/ National Laboratory Partnerships**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice inviting research grant applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Basic Energy Sciences (BES) of the Office of Science (SC), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), in keeping with its energy-related mission to assist in strengthening the Nation's scientific research enterprise through the support of basic science, engineering, and mathematics, announces its interest in receiving grant applications for collaborative partnerships between academic or industrial researchers from states eligible for the DOE/EPSCoR program and researchers at DOE's National Laboratories, facilities, and centers. The purpose of the DOE/EPSCoR program is to enhance the capability of designated states to conduct nationally-competitive energy-related research, and to develop science and engineering manpower in energy-related areas to meet current and future needs. The purpose of this program notice is to initiate and promote partnering and collaborative relationships that build beneficial energy-related research programs with strong participation by students, postdoctoral fellows and young faculty from EPSCoR states.

**DATES:** Potential applicants are required to submit a brief preapplication. All preapplications, referencing Program Notice 00-14, should be received by DOE by 4:30 P.M., E.D.T., October 3, 2000. A response to the preapplications encouraging or discouraging a formal application will be communicated to the applicant within approximately thirty days of receipt. The deadline for receipt of formal applications is 4:30 P.M., E.S.T., January 16, 2001, in order to be accepted for merit review and to permit timely consideration for award in Fiscal Year 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** All preapplications, referencing Program Notice 00-14, should be sent to Dr. Matesh N. Varma, Division of Materials Sciences and Engineering, SC-132, Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290.

After receiving notification from DOE encouraging submission of a formal application, applicants may prepare formal applications and send them to: