

meeting is scheduled to adjourn at 4 pm. The meeting is open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the committee at the time and in the manner permitted by the committee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Norman T. Edwards, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, CECW-PD, Washington, DC 20314-1000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

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Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Meeting of the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Naval Academy

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors will meet to make such inquiry as the Board shall deem necessary into the state of morale and discipline, the curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, and academic methods of the Naval Academy. During this meeting inquiries will relate to the internal personnel rules and practices of the Academy, may involve on-going criminal investigations, and include discussions of personal information the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The executive session of this meeting will be closed to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, October 2, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The closed Executive Session will be from 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Room SDG-11 of the Senate Dirksen Office Building, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Commander Thomas E. Osborn, Executive Secretary to the Board of Visitors, Office of the Superintendent, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD 21402-5000, (410) 293-1503.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting was originally scheduled for September 15, 2000, (65 FR 55007) and was postponed to October 2, 2000. This notice of meeting is provided per the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2). The executive session of the meeting will consist of discussions of information which pertain to the

conduct of various midshipmen at the Naval Academy and internal Board of Visitors matters. Discussion of such information cannot be adequately segregated from other topics, which precludes opening the executive session of this meeting to the public. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(d), the Secretary of the Navy has determined in writing that the special committee meeting shall be partially closed to the public because they will be concerned with matters as outlined in section 552(b)(2), (5), (6), and (7) of title 5, U.S.C. Due to unavoidable delay in administrative processing, the normal 15 calendar days notice could not be provided.

Dated: September 22, 2000.

J.L. Roth,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science; Office of Science Financial Assistance Program Notice 00-21: Bioremediation and Its Societal Implications and Concerns (BASIC) Research Program

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice inviting grant applications.

SUMMARY: The Office of Biological and Environmental Research (OBER) of the Office of Science (SC), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) hereby announces its interest in receiving applications for research grants in Bioremediation and its Societal Implications and Concerns (BASIC). BASIC is a key element of the Natural and Accelerated Bioremediation Research (NABIR) program that provides the fundamental science underlying bioremediation of radionuclides and metals in subsurface environments at DOE sites. Research is encouraged that identifies critical societal, cultural, legal, policy, regulatory or other issues that could enhance or complicate the development and utilization of bioremediation methods or approaches. Educational activities that enhance the dialogue among scientists, regulators and community members about plausible implementation of bioremediation of radionuclides and metals are also being sought. Partnerships between social scientists and physical/biological scientists in the development of BASIC projects are strongly encouraged.

DATES: Researchers are strongly encouraged to submit a pre-application for programmatic review. Early submission of pre-applications is encouraged, to allow time for review for programmatic relevance. The deadline for receipt of pre-applications is November 6, 2000. A brief pre-application should consist of one or two pages of narrative describing the research objectives and methods.

The deadline for receipt of formal applications is 4:30 p.m., E.S.T., December 21, 2000 to be accepted for merit review and to permit timely consideration for award in Fiscal Year 2001 or in early Fiscal Year 2002. An original and seven copies of the application must be submitted; however, applicants are requested not to submit applications using more than one delivery or mail service.

ADDRESSES: If submitting a pre-application, it should reference Program Notice 00-21, and may be sent by e-mail to: daniel.drell@science.doe.gov. Hard copies can be sent to Daniel Drell, Ph.D., Life Sciences Division, SC-72/GTN, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290.

Formal applications referencing Program Notice 00-21 on the cover page must be forwarded to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Grants and Contracts Division, SC-64, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, ATTN: Program Notice 00-21. This address must also be used when submitting applications by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail or any other commercial overnight delivery service, or when hand-carried by the applicant.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Daniel Drell, Life Sciences Division, SC-72, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, telephone: (301) 903-4742, e-mail: daniel.drell@science.doe.gov, fax: (301) 903-8521. The full text of Program Notice 00-21 is available via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Approximately 50 years of U.S. production of nuclear weapons have left a legacy of radioactive, chemical and other hazardous waste at DOE sites. Much of this legacy consists of mixtures of these waste components. Cleanup or stabilization of contaminated sites using conventional technologies such as