

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Policy Board Advisory Committee will meet in closed session at the Pentagon on November 20, 2003 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and November 21, 2003 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide the Secretary of Defense, Deputy Secretary of Defense and Under Secretary of Defense for Policy with independent, informed advice on major matters of defense policy. The Board will hold classified discussions on national security matters.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended [5 U.S.C. App II (1982)], it has been determined that this meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552B(c)(1)(1982), and that accordingly this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: October 27, 2003.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary****U.S. Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Strategic Command, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) will meet in closed session on November 6 and 7, 2003.

The mission of the SAG is to provide timely advice on scientific, technical, intelligence, and policy-related issues to the Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, during the development of the Nation's strategic war plans. Full development of the topics will require discussion of information classified in accordance with Executive Order 12958, dated April 17, 1995. Access to this information must be strictly limited to personnel having requisite security clearances and specific need-to-know. Unauthorized disclosure of the information to be discussed at the SAG meeting could have exceptionally grave impact upon national defense.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., App. 2), it has been determined that this SAG meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), and that,

accordingly, this meeting will be closed to the public.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary****Membership of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency Performance Review Board**

**AGENCY:** Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the appointment of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency's Performance Review Board (PRB) membership. The publication of the PRB membership is required by 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4). The PRB shall provide fair and impartial review of Senior Executive Service performance appraisals and make recommendations regarding performance ratings and performance awards to the Director, Defense Threat Reduction Agency.

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** The effective date of service for the appointees of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) PRB is on or about October 1, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tana Farrell, Operations Division, Business Directorate, (703) 767-5759, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, 8725 John J. Kingman Road, Stop 6201, Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060-6201.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), the officials appointed to serve as members of the DTRA PRB are set forth below:

PRB Chair: Mr. Robert L. Brittigan  
Member: Maj Gen Trudy H. Clark, USAF  
Member: Mr. Myron K. Kunka  
Member: Dr. Charles R. Gallaway

The following DTRA officials will serve as alternate members of the DTRA PRB, as appropriate.

Mr. Douglas Bruder  
Ms. Shari Durand  
Mr. Douglas Englund  
Mr. Michael Evenson  
Dr. Joe Golden  
Mr. Richard Gullickson  
Dr. Arthur Hopkins  
Dr. Don Linger  
Mr. Vayl Oxford  
Ms. Joan Ma Pierre

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers****Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Closure of the Al Black Recreation Area at the Cochiti Dam Outlet Works in Sandoval County, NM**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Albuquerque District (Corps) intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed closure of the Al Black Recreation area at the Cochiti Dam Outlet Works in Sandoval County, NM.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Ernest Jahnke, U.S., Army Corps of Engineers, 4101 Jefferson Plaza, NE., Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 342-3416.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Corps, the Cochiti de Pueblo (Pueblo), and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) are investigating modifying the easement for the operation of the Cochiti Dam Outlet Works/Al Black Recreation Area. Specifically, the recreation easement would be rescinded but the Corps would retain the original dam operation and maintenance easement. Public access to the recreation area would no longer be allowed. All public-oriented facilities and other amenities that have no bearing on operation or maintenance of the Outlet Works would be removed and surplus or disposed of following Federal guidelines. The Corps would restore the site as prescribed by the Pueblo. The Cochiti Dam Outlet Works operation and maintenance easement granted to the Corps would remain in effect. Corps, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) personnel would have access to the area for operation and maintenance purposes. Members of the Pueblo would continue to access the area for religious and cultural ceremonies. This Federal action would satisfy a November 8, 2001, understanding between the Corps, Pueblo and BIA.

Construction of the Cochiti Dam and Lake (Project) was authorized for flood and sediment control in the Upper Rio Grande Basin by the Flood Control Act of 1960 (Pub. L. 86-645). Various Pueblo/Corps lease agreements defined the use and management of the Project land owned by the Pueblo including Corps construction of public use recreation facilities at various locations that the Pueblo would operate and maintain. In a lease amendment dated June 12, 1984, the Pueblo transferred the operation and maintenance of the Outlet Channel Area/Al Black Recreation Area to the Corps.

All private interests and Federal, State, local agencies, and tribes having an interest in the project are hereby notified of the proposed action and are invited to comment at this time. The scoping process will consist of public notification to explain and describe the proposed action, early identification of resources that should be considered during the study, and public review periods. Coordination with the public and with other agencies will be carried out through public announcements, letters, report review periods telephone conversations, and meetings.

The Corps prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment on the proposed action and held a public meeting on August 28, 2003 in Rio Rancho, NM. Additional information and evidence gathered during that meeting and expressed public resistance to establishing a recreation facility at Pena Blanca, NM resulted in the decision to prepare an EIS for the proposed action. All Federal, State and local agencies, affected Indian tribes, and other interested private organizations and parties will be notified of the meeting and will be provided copies of the Draft EIS (DEIS) for comment.

Significant issues to be discussed in the DEIS include the alternatives analysis for the possible relocation of the Al Black Recreation Area and other avenues for replacing lost recreation opportunities incurred as a result of the proposed action.

The lead agency for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Albuquerque District. Cooperating agency status has not been assigned, nor requested, by any other agency.

The EIS is being prepared in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and will address the project's relationship to all other applicable Federal and State laws and Executive Orders.

Scoping meetings will be held in Peña Blanca, Albuquerque and other

locations as deemed necessary. Specific information regarding location and time of the meetings will be published in local newspapers. It is anticipated that the DEIS will be available for public review and comment by February 1, 2004.

**Luz D. Ortiz,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 5, 2004.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, *e.g.*, new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate

of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: November 3, 2003.

**Angela C. Arrington,**

*Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

### Office of the Under Secretary

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Survey for the Study of the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program Participants.

*Frequency:* One time.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 2,313. Burden Hours: 3,000.

*Abstract:* Follow-up survey data from current and former McNair program participants to determine program completion, employment status.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2368. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651 or to the e-mail address [vivian\\_reese@ed.gov](mailto:vivian_reese@ed.gov). Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address [OCIO\\_RIMG@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Sheila Carey at her e-mail address

[Sheila.Carey@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Sheila.Carey@omb.eop.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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