

written statement is not received at least 10 calendar days prior to the meeting, which is the subject of this notice, then it may not be provided to or considered by the Defense Science Board. The Designated Federal Official will review all timely submissions with the Defense Science Board Chairperson, and ensure they are provided to members of the Defense Science Board before the meeting that is the subject of this notice.

Dated: January 12, 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP08-6-002]

Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Assessment of Materials and Equipment Manual

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense (DoD), Department of Energy (DOE), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) are announcing the availability of the final "Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Assessment of Materials and Equipment manual" (MARSAME). MARSAME provides information on planning, conducting, evaluating, and documenting radiological surveys for demonstrating compliance with measurable action levels. The MARSAME manual is a multi-agency consensus document. The agencies previously have sought public comment in order to receive feedback from the widest range of interested parties and to ensure that all information relevant to developing the document was received. The agencies reviewed public comments received on the draft MARSAME as well as comments from a concurrent, independent, technical peer review. Suggested changes were incorporated, where appropriate, in response to those comments.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the draft MARSAME and all comments received may be examined or copied for a fee electronically in <http://www.regulations.gov>, or in hard copy at the HQ EPA Docket Public Reading Room, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Room 3334, Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2006-0957, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, and the NRC Public Document Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852-2747. The HQ EPA Docket Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the EPA HQ Docket Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744. DOE, EPA, and NRC each have a publication number for MARSAME. They are: For DOE, DOE/HS-0004; for EPA, EPA 402-R-09-001; for NRC, NUREG-1575, Supp. 1. Copies of the final MARSAME may be purchased by requests in writing to: The Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 37082, Washington, DC 20402-9328. The document will be available through the Internet at: <http://www.epa.gov/radiation/marssim>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any of the following points of contact for each agency for technical information (see **ADDRESSES** section above for directions on obtaining a copy of the draft MARSAME): DoD: Steven Doremus, Phone: (757) 887-7745, U.S. Navy, NAVSEADET RASO, NWS, P.O. Drawer 260, Yorktown, VA 23691-0260; DOE: W. Alexander Williams, Phone: (301) 903-8149, U.S. Department of Energy (EM-23), 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; EPA: Kathryn Snead, Phone: (202) 343-9228, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Stop 6608J, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460-1000; NRC: Robert A. Meck, Phone: (301) 251-7548, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop C3 C07M, Washington, DC 20555. Questions concerning the multi-agency document development project should be addressed to Kathryn Snead, Phone: (202) 343-9228, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Stop 6608J, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460-1000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: MARSAME provides information on planning, conducting, evaluating, and documenting environmental radiological surveys for demonstrating compliance with measurable action levels applied to materials and equipment. MARSAME is a multi-agency consensus document and a

supplement to the Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual (MARSSIM).

MARSAME was developed collaboratively over the past six years by the technical staffs of the four Federal agencies having authority for control of radioactive materials: DoD, DOE, EPA, and NRC. For a time, staff from the Department of Homeland Security participated in the development of MARSAME. Contractors to the DOE, EPA, and NRC, and members of the public have been present during the open meetings of the MARSAME workgroup. MARSAME's objective is to describe standardized and consistent approaches for surveys, which provide a high degree of assurance that established action levels can be measured and an appropriate disposition of materials or equipment can be technically defended. The techniques, methodologies, and philosophies that form the bases of this manual were developed to be consistent with current Federal limits, guidelines, and procedures.

MARSAME benefited from extensive internal, public, and technical peer reviews. In addition to written comments, the work group provided the public with the opportunity to comment during the open meetings. The document also received formal technical peer review under the auspices of the EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB). The results of the peer review and the responses to comments by the EPA are publicly available for examination and may be copied for a fee (see **ADDRESSES** section above for directions). In its findings, the SAB stated that, "The MARSAME manual impresses the Panel as an excellent technical document for guiding a materials and equipment survey." The responses to the technical review comments by the SAB may be viewed at the following World-Wide-Web site: [http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/5520FF23A405DCEB8525749E00737EEF/\\$File/EPA-SAB-08-010+Response+09-22-2008.pdf](http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/5520FF23A405DCEB8525749E00737EEF/$File/EPA-SAB-08-010+Response+09-22-2008.pdf).

The author agencies solicit comments arising from review and use of the final MARSAME. Comments will be reviewed periodically by the author agencies, resolved as appropriate, and incorporated into future revisions of the MARSAME. Members of the public are invited to submit written comments to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Copies of all comments received by one agency will be periodically copied and sent to the others. Revised pages resulting from the resolution of comments will be

available on the Internet at: <http://www.epa.gov/radiation/marssim>. This EPA Web site is also accessible by links from the NRC home page at: <http://www.nrc.gov>; and the DOE home page at: <http://www.doe.gov>.

For the Department of Defense, dated this 16th day of December 2008.

Alex Beehler,

Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health).

For the U.S. Department of Energy, dated this 18th day of December 2008.

Andrew C. Lawrence,

Director, Office of Nuclear Safety, Quality Assurance and Environment, Office of Health, Safety and Security.

For the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, dated this 15th day of December 2008.

Elizabeth Cotsworth,

Director, Office of Radiation and Indoor Air.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, dated this 9th day of January 2009.

James E. Lyons,

Deputy Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Renewal of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Renewal of federal advisory committee.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C. Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.65, the Department of Defense gives notice that it is renewing the charter for the Transformation Advisory Group (hereafter referred to as the Group).

The Group is a discretionary federal advisory committee established to provide the Secretary of Defense, through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Commander, U.S. Joint Forces Command, independent advice and recommendations on strategic, scientific technical, intelligence and policy-related issues to the Nation's joint enterprise, and U.S. Joint Forces Command, with emphasis on how these issues relate to the shaping of the command's efforts today and in the future.

The Group shall be composed of no more than twenty four members who are recognized experts and leaders in their fields. These areas of expertise include, but are not limited to, innovation, development, strategic communications, logistics, technologies, business practices, military, government, education, training, intelligence and appropriations. The Secretary of Defense shall appoint group members, and their appointments will be renewed on an annual basis.

Group Members appointed by the Secretary of Defense, who are not full-time or permanent part-time federal employees, are appointed as experts and consultants under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 3109, and shall serve as Special Government employees. Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1114(a)(3), the members shall serve with the exception of travel and per diem for official travel without compensation. The Chairperson of the Group shall be designated by the Commander, U.S. Joint Forces Command, on behalf of the Secretary of Defense.

The Group is authorized to establish Subcommittees, as necessary and consistent with its mission, and these Subcommittees shall operate under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976, and other appropriate federal regulations.

Such Subcommittees shall not work independently of the chartered Group, and shall report their recommendations and advice to the Group for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered Group nor can they report directly to the Department of Defense or any Federal officers or employees who are not Group Members.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Jim Freeman, Deputy Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, 703-601-6128.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Group shall meet at the call of the Board's Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the Group's Chairperson. The Designated Federal Officer, pursuant to DoD policy, shall be a full-time or permanent part-time DoD employee, and shall be appointed in accordance with established DoD policies and procedures. The Designated Federal Officer or duly appointed Alternate Designated Federal Officer shall attend all committee meetings and subcommittee meetings.

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140, the public or interested organizations may submit written

statements to the Transformation Advisory Group membership about the Group's mission and functions. Written statements may be submitted at any time or in response to the stated agenda of planned meeting of the Transformation Advisory Group.

All written statements shall be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer for the Transformation Advisory Group, and this individual will ensure that the written statements are provided to the membership for their consideration. Contact information for the Transformation Advisory Group's Designated Federal Officer can be obtained from the GSA's FACA Database—<https://www.fido.gov/facadatabase/public.asp>.

The Designated Federal Officer, pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150, will announce planned meetings of the Transformation Advisory Group. The Designated Federal Officer, at that time, may provide additional guidance on the submission of written statements that are in response to the stated agenda for the planned meeting in question.

Dated: January 12, 2009.

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The Board is a non-discretionary federal advisory committee established under the provisions of 33 U.S.C. 2251(a), to provide the Secretary of Defense, through the Secretary of the Army and the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil works, independent advice and recommendations on matters relating to construction and rehabilitation priorities and spending levels on the commercial navigational features and components of U.S. inland