The SEIS will also consider the No Action Alternative. Under the No Action Alternative, the DoN would continue to implement the September 2010 ROD. The decision to construct and operate the live-fire training range complex would remain deferred, and DoN would establish a main cantonment area for approximately 8,600 Marines and approximately 9,000 dependents on DoD-controlled lands at NCTS Finegayan and South Finegayan and by acquiring land known as the former FAA parcel. Although the No Action Alternative presumes the present course of action identified in the September 2010 ROD, for purposes of assessing the environmental impacts of the proposed alternatives in the SEIS, the DoN will compare the impacts of the proposed action to the baseline conditions identified in the July 2010 Final EIS. Baseline conditions will be updated in the SEIS, as appropriate, if new information is made available. The No Action Alternative is not a reasonable alternative. Foremost, it is inconsistent with the new force posture adopted by the DoD in accordance with the SCC’s April 27, 2012 adjustments to the Roadmap, which provide for a materially smaller relocated force on Guam. Furthermore, the No Action Alternative neither satisfies the need for training requirements for the relocated Marines as mandated in Section 5063 of Title 10 the U.S. Code, nor the individual live-fire training requirements as described in the Final EIS and ROD.

The SEIS will evaluate environmental effects associated with: Geology and soils; water resources, which may include surface and ground water, floodplains, wetlands, wild and scenic rivers; terrestrial biology; threatened and endangered species and their designated critical habitat (if applicable); air quality; noise; airspace; cultural resources; socioeconomics; environmental justice (minority and low income populations and children); land use and coastal zone management; federal consistency; utilities; transportation; hazardous materials; hazardous waste/installation restoration; public health and safety; and other environmental concerns as identified through scoping. The analysis will include an evaluation of direct and indirect impacts, and will account for cumulative impacts from other relevant activities in the area of Guam. Additionally, the DoN will undertake any consultations required by all applicable laws or regulations. No decision will be made to implement any alternative until the SEIS process is completed and a ROD is signed by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations and Environment) or her/his designee.

By publishing this Notice, the DoN is initiating a scoping process to identify community concerns and issues that should be addressed in the SEIS. Federal, Territorial, and local agencies, and interested parties and persons are encouraged to provide comments on the proposed action that clearly describe specific issues or topics of environmental concern that the commenter believes the DoN should consider. Additional information will be posted on the project web site as it becomes available.

Comments may be submitted in writing at one of the public scoping meetings, through the project web site at: http://guambuildupeis.us, or may be mailed to: Joint Guam Program Office Forward, P.O. Box 153246, Santa Rita, Guam, 96915.

To ensure consideration, all written comments on the scope of the SEIS must be submitted or postmarked by December 10, 2012, ChST.


C.K. Chiappetta, Lieutenant Commander, Office of the Judge Advocate General, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of Government-Owned Inventions; Available for Licensing

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and are available for licensing by the Department of the Navy.

The following patents are available for licensing: Patent No. 7,810,498: VOLUME EXPANSION SYSTEM FOR BREATHING GAS IN CLOSED-CIRCUIT BREATHING; Patent No. 7,813,529: OPTICAL 3-D SURFACE TOMOGRAPHY USING DEPTH FROM FOCUS OF PARTIALLY OVERLAPPING 2-D IMAGES; Patent No. 7,905,527: HARNESS ASSEMBLY FOR USE IN UNDERWATER RECOVERY OPERATIONS; Patent No. 7,932,718: SYSTEM AND METHOD USING MAGNETIC ANOMALY FIELD MAGNITUDES FOR DETECTION, LOCALIZATION, CLASSIFICATION AND TRACKING OF MAGNETIC OBJECTS;

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the patents cited should be directed to Office of Counsel, Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City Division, 110 Vernon Ave., Panama City, FL 32407–7001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. James Shepherd, Patent Counsel, Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City Division, 110 Vernon Ave., Panama City, FL 32407–7001, telephone 850–234–4646.


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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Annual Public Meeting of the Interagency Steering Committee on Multimedia Environmental Modeling

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The annual public meeting of the Federal Interagency Steering Committee on Multimedia Environmental Modeling (ISCMEM) will convene to discuss the latest developments in environmental modeling applications, tools and frameworks as well as new operational initiatives for FY 2013 among the participating agencies. The meeting will be hosted by the U.S. Geological Survey, one of the participants in the ISCMEM, at its headquarters facility in Reston, VA. The meeting is open to the public and all interested parties may attend.

DATES: November 7 and 8, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., EST and November 9, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, EST.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pre-registration may be accomplished through the ISCMEM public Web site: http://iemhub.org/topics/iscmem. Instructions for registration through the Web site may be requested by email to Whelan.Gene@epamail.epa.gov. Other inquiries and notice of intent to attend the meeting may be faxed or emailed to: Dr. Ming Zhu, ISCMEM Chair, U.S.