SUMMARY: The Department of the Army proposes to implement Net Zero energy, water and waste initiatives by 2020 at Fort Bliss to meet mandates for renewable energy production and greenhouse gas emissions reductions. In doing so, the Army will increase Fort Bliss’ energy and water security, supporting the military mission into the future. Fort Bliss would not lose any training capability as a result of Net Zero project implementation. The Proposed Action consists of multiple, related, and interconnected proposed projects that could be taken to implement Net Zero energy, water, and waste initiatives, comply with federal and Army energy mandates, and meet the Army’s energy and water security objectives.

The Army’s proposed energy, water, and waste initiatives that could reasonably be expected to move forward in the next three to eight years consist of implementation of conservation policies and procedures (Alternative 2); construction of a water reclamation pipeline (Alternative 3); construction and operation of a waste-to-energy plant (Alternative 4); construction and operation of a geothermal energy facility (Alternative 5); and, construction of dry-cooled concentrating solar power technology (Alternative 6). Alternative 7 proposes implementation of other renewable energy technologies and projects that are compatible with installation planning criteria and address potential future renewable energy, water, and waste technology actions at a programmatic level. If implemented, Alternative 7 actions may require further National Environmental Policy Act analysis. The Proposed Action initiatives (Alternatives 2 through 7) would work to enhance the overall sustainability and security of Fort Bliss.

DATES: The public comment period will end 45 days after publication of the notice of availability in the Federal Register by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ADDRESS: Written comments should be addressed to Dr. John Kipp, Fort Bliss Directorate of Public Works, Attention: IMBL–PWE (Kipp), Building 624 Pleasanton Road, Fort Bliss, Texas 79916; email: john.m.kipp6.civ@mail.mil; fax: (915) 568–3458.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact Ms. Donita Kelley, Fort Bliss Public Affairs Office, Attention: IMBL–PA (Kelley), Building 15 Slater Road, Fort Bliss, Texas 79916; phone: (915) 568–4505; email: donita.k.schexnaydre.civ@mail.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Army examined the potential environmental impacts from implementing multiple, related, and interconnected proposed projects that could be taken to implement Net Zero energy, water, and waste initiatives, comply with federal and Army energy mandates, and meet the Army’s energy and water security objectives. Not all projects discussed in the Draft EIS would be implemented to the full extent discussed in the document. Technological advancements, legislative changes, and other factors may result in revisions to the proposed projects discussed in the alternatives section.

The proposed projects consist of six action alternatives (Proposed Action, Alternatives 2 through 7). The Draft EIS also analyzes the potential environmental impacts of the No Action Alternative (Alternative 1) and the cumulative impacts of the Proposed Action in combination with other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions.

Potentially significant impacts discussed for the Proposed Action include possible effects to air quality, vegetation, archeological sites, soils, land use, and traffic. Of these, all but land use (as a result of converting training land to developed land) are anticipated to be mitigateable to less than significant. Air quality also has potentially beneficial impacts discussed for the Proposed Action, as does energy demand and generation, socioeconomics, water supply sources, water demand, and wastewater reuse. To determine the extent of impacts to
affairs, and academic methods of the Naval Academy. The executive session of this meeting from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on June 3, 2013, will include discussions of disciplinary matters and personnel issues at the Naval Academy; the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. For this reason, the executive session of this meeting will be closed to the public.

DATES: The open session of the meeting will be held on June 3, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The closed session of this meeting will be the executive session held from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Bo Coppedge Room at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. The meeting will be handicap accessible.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Commander Matt Cady, USN, 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 notice of meeting is provided per the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.). The executive session of the meeting from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on June 3, 2013, will consist of discussions of new and pending administrative/minor disciplinary infractions and non-judicial punishments involving the Midshipmen attending the Naval Academy to include but not limited to individual honor/conduct violations within the Brigade, and personnel issues. The discussion of such information cannot be adequately segregated from other topics, which precludes opening the executive session of this meeting to the public. Accordingly, the Under Secretary of the Navy has determined in writing that the meeting shall be partially closed to the public because the discussions during the executive session from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. will be concerned with matters coming under sections 552b(c) (5), (6), and (7) of title 5, United States Code.

Dated: May 9, 2013.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces a meeting of the Nuclear Energy Advisory Committee (NEAC), Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 94–463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the Federal Register.

DATES: Thursday, June 13, 2013; 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: L’Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L’Enfant Plaza SW., Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Rova, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington DC 20585; telephone (301) 903–9096; email Robert.rova@nuclear.energy.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Background: The Nuclear Energy Advisory Committee (NEAC), formerly the Nuclear Energy Research Advisory Committee (NERAC), was established in 1998 by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to provide advice on complex scientific, technical, and policy issues that arise in the planning, managing, and implementation of DOE’s civilian nuclear energy research programs. The committee is composed of 18 individuals of diverse backgrounds selected for their technical expertise and experience, established records of distinguished professional service, and their knowledge of issues that pertain to nuclear energy.

Purpose of the Meeting: To inform the committee of recent developments and current status of research programs and projects pursued by the Department of Energy’s Office of Nuclear Energy and receive advice and comments in return from the committee.

Tentative Agenda: The meeting is expected to include presentations that cover such topics as update on activities for the Office of Nuclear Energy, Characterization Methods to Evaluate the Aging of Used Nuclear Fuel in Storage Integrated Research Project and Fluoride Salt High Temperature Reactor Integrated Research Project. In addition, there will be presentations by Nuclear Energy Advisory Committee subcommittees. The agenda may change to accommodate committee business. For updates, please visit the NEAC Web site: http://energy.gov/ne/nuclear-energy-advisory-committee.

Public Participation: Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions may do so on the day of the meeting, Thursday, June 13, 2013. Approximately thirty minutes will be reserved for public comments. Time allotted per speaker will depend on the number who wish to speak but is not expected to exceed 5 minutes. Anyone who is not able to make the meeting or has had insufficient time to address the committee is invited to send a written statement to Bob Rova, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington DC 20585, or by email: robert.rova@nuclear.energy.gov.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available by contacting Mr. Rova at the address above or on the Department of Energy, Office of Nuclear Energy Web site at http://energy.gov/ne/nuclear-energy-advisory-committee.

Issued in Washington, DC on May 13, 2013.

LaTanya R. Butler,
Deputy Committee Management Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee


ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open meeting of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the Federal Register.

DATES: June 5, 2012 8:30 a.m.–5:45 p.m.; June 6, 2012 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Embassy Suites Hotel Orlando, International Drive/Convention Center, 8978 International Drive, Orlando, Florida.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Purpose of the Committee: The Committee advises the points of contact (Departments of