

the Committee at any time or in response to the stated agenda of a planned meeting. Written statements should be submitted to the Committee's Designated Federal Officer. The Designated Federal Officer's contact information is listed in this notice, or it can be obtained from the General Services Administration's FACA Database: <http://www.facadatabase.gov/committee/committee.aspx?cid=1663&aid=41>. Written statements that do not pertain to a scheduled meeting of the TRAC may be submitted at any time. However, if individual comments pertain to a specific topic being discussed at a planned meeting, then these statements must be submitted no later than five business days prior to the meeting in question. The Designated Federal Officer will review all submitted written statements and provide copies to all TRAC members.

Dated: April 5, 2016.

**Aaron Siegel,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### TRICARE Demonstration Project for the Philippines

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs)/TRICARE Management Activity, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of an extension of the TRICARE demonstration project for the Philippines.

**SUMMARY:** On Wednesday, September 28, 2011, the Department of Defense (DoD) published a notice of the Philippines Demonstration Project (PDP) (76 FR 60007-60008). This notice is to advise interested parties of an extension to a Military Health System demonstration project entitled "TRICARE Demonstration Project for the Philippines." The purpose of this demonstration is to validate an alternative approach to providing healthcare services for those beneficiaries covered under the TRICARE Standard option in the Philippines, controlling costs, eliminating any balance billing issues, and ensuring that the billing practices comply with regulatory requirements. During the initial two years of the demonstration project, significant reductions in providers under Pre-

Payment Review has been observed, resulting in less fraudulent claim investigations. In addition, beneficiaries have been over 93% compliant with utilizing approved network providers in the Philippines demonstration areas. The DHA's intent is to extend the demonstration project for an additional three years in order to determine if the cost savings to the Government in terms of the average cost per paid claim along with the savings on fraudulent claims can exceed the administrative costs related to the project while ensuring Standard beneficiaries are able to access high quality medical care within TRICARE access standards.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* Effective December 31, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Defense Health Agency (DHA), TRICARE Overseas Program Office, 16401 East Centretech Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** CAPT Bruno Himmler, Office of the ASD (HA)—DHA, (303) 676-3728.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** TRICARE has recognized the unique circumstances existing in the Philippines which made the provision of medical care to TRICARE beneficiaries through the TRICARE Overseas program operated in other overseas locations challenging. TRICARE has experienced dramatic increases in the amount billed for healthcare services rendered in the Philippines from \$15 million in 1999 to \$59 million in 2009 while the number of beneficiaries has remained constant. Administrative controls such as the validation of providers, implementation of a fee reimbursement schedule, duplicate claims edits and the impact of the cost-shares and deductibles have limited actual TRICARE expenditures to \$17 million in 2009 for only approximately 11,000 beneficiaries.

In addition to these administrative controls, fraud and abuse activities in the Philippines have been a growing concern that necessitated prompt investigation and actions to reduce the number of fraudulent or abusive incidences. Measures were taken to prevent or reduce the level of fraud and abuse against TRICARE while concurrent investigations and prosecutions were conducted. In April 2008, seventeen individuals were convicted of defrauding the TRICARE program of more than \$100 million.

As a result, prepayment review of claims is conducted to identify excessive charges and aberrant practices. Prepayment review is a tool typically used on a limited basis. Nevertheless, these efforts alone are not

expected to control and eliminate the rising costs in the Philippines.

Because of this concern, the purpose of this demonstration is to validate an alternative approach to providing healthcare services for those beneficiaries covered under the TRICARE Standard option in the Philippines, controlling costs, eliminating any balance billing issues, and ensuring that the billing practices comply with regulatory requirements.

Initial results have shown some partial success with the PDP, but additional data needs to be gathered and assessed to be able to determine the long term implications of the PDP. Therefore, DHA proposes, utilizing the new overseas contract as the vehicle, to extend the demonstration for an additional three years in the Philippines to validate that use of a well-certified and limited set of approved providers in the Philippines will result in a significant reduction in the level of claims billing issues, including beneficiaries being liable for balanced billing amounts and fraud by providers, and average cost per claim paid by the Government, while ensuring beneficiaries have sufficient access to high quality care. The demonstration would continue to be conducted under 10 U.S.C. 1092.

During the next three years, the Government will look to expand the demonstration areas to other locations/cities with a significant Standard population. Also, the contractor will be requested to look at including pharmacies as network providers to help control costs related to outpatient prescriptions.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Defense Science Board; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of federal advisory committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Science Board will meet in closed session on Thursday, May 19, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Pentagon, Room 3E863, Washington, DC.

**DATES:** Thursday, May 19, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Pentagon, Room 3E863, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Debra Rose, Executive Officer, Defense Science Board, 3140 Defense Pentagon, Room 3B888A, Washington, DC 20301–3140, via email at [debra.a.rose20.civ@mail.mil](mailto:debra.a.rose20.civ@mail.mil), or via phone at (703) 571–0084.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is being held 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 102–3.150.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting, the Board will discuss interim findings and recommendations resulting from ongoing Task Force activities. The Board will also discuss plans for future consideration of scientific and technical aspects of specific strategies, tactics, and policies as they may affect the U.S. national defense posture and homeland security.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 2) and 41 CFR 102–3.155, the Department of Defense has determined that the Defense Science Board meeting for May 19, 2016, will be closed to the public. Specifically, the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), in consultation with the DoD Office of General Counsel, has determined in writing that all sessions of meeting for May 19, 2016, will be closed to the public because it will consider matters covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and (4).

In accordance with 41 CFR 102–3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the Defense Science Board. Individuals submitting a written statement must submit their statement to the Designated Federal Official at the address detailed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**; at any point, however, if a 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: April 5, 2016.

**Aaron Siegel,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### **Notice of Availability of Record of Decision for the Final Environmental Impact Statement for Military Readiness Activities at the Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility Boardman, Oregon**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Navy (DoN), after carefully weighing the strategic, operational, and environmental consequences of the proposed action, announces its decision to continue and enhance training and testing activities as identified in Alternative 2 in the Final Environmental Impact Statement for Military Readiness Activities at the at Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility Boardman, Oregon. This alternative provides for the construction and operation of new range facilities and other enhancements, and increases in training and testing activities. Alternative 2 also includes a proposal to establish new special use airspace in the form of a Military Operations Area (MOA), including the Boardman Low MOA and an extension to the existing Boardman MOA, both to the northeast of NWSTF Boardman. Implementation of Alternative 2 will enable the DoN to achieve the levels of operational readiness required under Section 5062 Title 10 U.S.C. without resulting in significant environmental impacts.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The complete text of the Record of Decision is available at <http://www.NWSTFBoardmanEIS.com> and at the following public library locations: Multnomah County Central, Salem Central, West Salem, Oregon Trail Heppner, Oregon Trail Boardman and the Stafford Hansell Government Center. Single copies of the Record of Decision are available upon request by contacting: NWSTF Boardman EIS Project Manager, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest, 1101 Taughtog Circle, Suite

203, Silverdale, Washington 98315–1101.

Dated: April 5, 2016.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### **Combined Notice of Filings**

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

#### **Filings Instituting Proceedings**

*Docket Numbers:* RP16–751–000.  
*Applicants:* WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.  
*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: 2016 Negotiated Rate Service Agreement—ONEOK to be effective 4/1/2016.  
*Filed Date:* 3/29/16.  
*Accession Number:* 20160329–5050.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 4/11/16.  
*Docket Numbers:* RP16–752–000.  
*Applicants:* Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America.  
*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Nicor Negotiated Rate to be effective 4/1/2016.  
*Filed Date:* 3/29/16.  
*Accession Number:* 20160329–5115.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 4/11/16.  
*Docket Numbers:* RP16–753–000.  
*Applicants:* Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America.  
*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Occidental Energy Marketing to be effective 4/1/2016.  
*Filed Date:* 3/29/16.  
*Accession Number:* 20160329–5123.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 4/11/16.  
*Docket Numbers:* RP16–754–000.  
*Applicants:* Texas Eastern Transmission, LP.  
*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Infinite Energy 911250 2016–2017 Negotiated Rate to be effective 4/1/2016.  
*Filed Date:* 3/29/16.  
*Accession Number:* 20160329–5141.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 4/11/16.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.