

activities authorized by the permit and a summary of their professional qualifications; the point-of-contact name and phone number for the application; the applicant's radiation safety Standing Operating Procedures (SOPs); storage provisions when the radiation source is not in use; and procedures for notifying the installation of reportable incidents/accidents.

Affected Public: Business or Other For-Profit; Not-For-Profit Institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Annual Burden Hours: 470.

Number of Respondents: 235.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 235.

Average Burden per Response: 2 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

Dated: July 16, 2019.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Environmental Impact Statement Addressing Heat and Electrical Generation and Distribution Upgrades at Fort Wainwright, Alaska

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army announces its intent to conduct public scoping under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and solicit public comments to gather information to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to address heat and electrical generation and distribution upgrades at Fort Wainwright, Alaska. The current condition of the heat and power plant, one of the oldest coal-fired central heat and power plants (CHPP) in the United States, and its aging heat distribution system requires an upgrade to provide reliable heat and electrical infrastructure for the installation that resolves safety, resiliency, fiscal, and regulatory concerns. The scoping process will help identify reasonable alternatives, potential environmental impacts, and key issues of concern to be evaluated in the EIS. Based on the information presented in the EIS, the Department of the Army will determine which of the identified heat and power generating alternatives would be implemented.

DATES: Comments must be sent by August 21, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be forwarded to Laura Sample, NEPA Program Manager at: Directorate of Public Works, ATTN: IMFW-PWE (L. Sample), 1046 Marks Road #6000, Fort Wainwright, AK 99703-6000, email: laura.a.sample.civ@mail.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact Grant Sattler, Public Affairs Office, IMPC-FWA-PAO (Sattler), 1060 Gaffney Road #5900, Fort Wainwright, AK 99703-5900; telephone (907) 353-6701; email: alan.g.sattler.civ@mail.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Fort Wainwright, Alaska is located in the interior of Alaska in the Fairbanks North Star Borough, and is home to the U.S. Army Garrison (USAG) Alaska and units of United States Army Alaska (USARAK). The Soldiers, Families, and Civilians that make up the Fort Wainwright population are reliant upon a 65-year old coal-fired CHPP and a 30-year old heat distribution system to heat and power more than 400 facilities. The system is operating at approximately 40 percent efficiency, has one of the highest utility costs of U.S. Army installations, has experienced near-catastrophic critical failures, is failing to meet air emissions standards, and poses a threat to USAG Alaska and USARAK missions. Constructing upgraded heat and electrical infrastructure would reduce utility costs, minimize the risk of a single point catastrophic failure, help safeguard mission readiness, meet energy efficiency standards, be compliant with emissions standards, and conform to Army-directed energy security criteria.

To understand the environmental consequences of the decision to be made, the EIS will evaluate the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts of a range of reasonable alternatives that meet the purpose and need of the Proposed Action. Alternatives to be considered in the EIS, including a No Action Alternative, are (1) construction of a new coal-fired CHPP, (2) construction of a new dual-fuel combustion turbine generator CHPP that would be primarily fueled by natural gas, and (3) decentralization of heat and power to a model in which heat is provided by distributed natural gas boilers installed at facilities across the installation and electricity is purchased from the regional electrical grid. Other reasonable alternatives raised during the scoping process and capable of meeting the project purpose and need will be considered for evaluation in the EIS.

Federal, state, and local agencies, Native Americans, Native American organizations, and the public are invited to be involved in the scoping process for the preparation of this EIS by participating in a scoping meeting or submitting written comments. The scoping process will help identify possible alternatives, potential environmental impacts, and key issues of concern to be analyzed in the EIS. Written comments must be sent within 30 days of publication of this Notice of Intent in the **Federal Register**. A scoping meeting will be held in Fairbanks, Alaska, with notification of the time and location published locally.

Brenda S. Bowen,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense (DoD) is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Defense Science Board (DSB) will take place.

DATES: July 29, 2019 to August 2, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., August 5, 2019 to August 8, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., and August 9, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The address of the closed meeting is the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Center, 100 Academy Way, Irvine, CA 92617.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Kevin Doxey, (703) 571-0081 (Voice), (703) 697-1860 (Facsimile), kevin.a.doxey.civ@mail.mil (Email). Mailing address is Defense Science Board, 3140 Defense Pentagon, Room 3B888A, Washington, DC 20301-3140. Website: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dsb/>. The most up-to-date changes to the meeting agenda can be found on the website.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Designated Federal Officer, the Defense Science Board was unable to provide public notification required by 41 CFR

102–3.150(a) concerning the July 29, 2019 through August 9, 2019 meeting of the Defense Science Board. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.150(b), waives the 15-calendar day notification requirement.

This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (Title 5 United States Code (U.S.C.), Appendix), the Government in the Sunshine Act (Title 5 U.S.C., Section 552b), and Title 41 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Sections 102–3.140 and 102–3.150.

Purpose of the Meeting: The mission of the DSB is to provide independent advice and recommendations on matters relating to the DoD's scientific and technical enterprise. The objective of the meeting is to obtain, review, and evaluate classified information related to the DSB's mission. DSB membership will meet to discuss the DSB 2019 Summer Study on the Future of U.S. Military Superiority ("the DSB Summer Study").

Agenda: The DSB Summer Study meeting will begin on Monday, July 29, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. with opening remarks from Mr. Kevin Doxey, DFO, Dr. Craig Fields, DSB Chairman, and Dr. Eric Evans, DSB Vice Chairman. Following opening remarks, DSB members will hold a classified discussion to address ways in which the DoD can secure U.S. interests, manage escalation, and deter and counter adversary aggression. Following break, DSB members will meet in small groups to discuss classified ways in which the DoD can secure U.S. interests, manage escalation, and deter and counter adversary aggression, given the renewed great power competition. The meeting will adjourn at 5 p.m. On the second day of the meeting, Tuesday, July 30, 2019, the day will begin at 8:30 a.m. with classified small group discussions to address ways in which the DoD can secure U.S. interests, manage escalation, and deter and counter adversary aggression. Following break, DSB members will continue their small group classified discussion on the same topics. The meeting will adjourn at 5 p.m. On the third day of the meeting, Wednesday, July 31, 2019, the day will begin at 8:30 a.m. with classified small group discussions to address ways in which the DoD can secure U.S. interests, manage escalation, and deter and counter adversary aggression. Following break, DSB members will continue their small group classified discussion on the same topics. The meeting will adjourn at 5 p.m. On the fourth day of the meeting, Thursday, August 1, 2019, the

day will begin at 8:30 a.m. with classified small group discussions to address ways in which the DoD can secure U.S. interests, manage escalation, and deter and counter adversary aggression. Following break, DSB members will continue their small group classified discussion on the same topics. Next, the DSB members will hold a classified plenary discussion to address ways in which the DoD can secure U.S. interests, manage escalation, and deter and counter adversary aggression. The meeting will adjourn at 5 p.m. On the fifth day of the meeting, Friday, August 2, 2019, the day will begin at 8:30 a.m. with classified small group discussions to address ways in which the DoD can secure U.S. interests, manage escalation, and deter and counter adversary aggression. Following break, DSB members will continue their small group classified discussion on the same topics. The meeting will adjourn at 5 p.m. On the sixth day of the meeting, Monday, August 5, 2019, the day will begin at 8:30 a.m. with classified small group discussions to address ways in which the DoD can secure U.S. interests, manage escalation, and deter and counter adversary aggression. Following break, DSB members will continue their small group classified discussion on the same topics. The meeting will adjourn at 5 p.m. On the seventh day of the meeting, Tuesday, August 6, 2019, the day will begin at 8:30 a.m. with classified small group discussions to address ways in which the DoD can secure U.S. interests, manage escalation, and deter and counter adversary aggression. Following break, DSB members will continue their small group classified discussion on the same topics. The meeting will adjourn at 5 p.m. On the eighth day of the meeting, Wednesday, August 7, 2019, the day will begin at 8:30 a.m. with classified small group discussions to address ways in which the DoD can secure U.S. interests, manage escalation, and deter and counter adversary aggression. Following break, DSB members will continue their small group classified discussion on the same topics. Next, the DSB members will hold a classified plenary discussion to address ways in which the DoD can secure U.S. interests, manage escalation, and deter and counter adversary aggression. The meeting will adjourn at 5:00 p.m. On the ninth day of the meeting, Thursday, August 8, 2019, the day will begin at 8:30 a.m. with classified small group discussions to address ways in which the DoD can secure U.S. interests, manage escalation, and deter and counter adversary

aggression. Next, the DSB members will deliberate and vote on the Summer Study's final classified findings and recommendations. Following the vote, DSB members will continue their small group classified discussion to address ways in which the DoD can secure U.S. interests, manage escalation, and deter and counter adversary aggression. The meeting will adjourn at 5 p.m. On the tenth day of the meeting, Friday, August 9, 2019, the day will begin at 9 a.m. with a classified briefing with invited DoD leaders to provide advice and recommendations on ways in which the DoD can secure U.S. interests, manage escalation, and deter and counter adversary aggression. The meeting will adjourn at 12 p.m.

Meeting Accessibility: In accordance with Section 10(d) of the FACA and 41 CFR 102–3.155, the DoD has determined that the DSB meeting will be closed to the public. Specifically, the Under Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering), in consultation with the DoD Office of General Counsel, has determined in writing that the meeting will be closed to the public because it will consider matters covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1). The determination is based on the consideration that it is expected that discussions throughout will involve classified matters of national security concern. Such classified material is so intertwined with the unclassified material that it cannot reasonably be segregated into separate discussions without defeating the effectiveness and meaning of the overall meetings. To permit the meeting to be open to the public would preclude discussion of such matters and would greatly diminish the ultimate utility of the DSB's findings and recommendations to the Secretary of Defense and to the Under Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering).

Written Statements: In accordance with Section 10(a)(3) of the FACA and 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140, interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the DSB at any time regarding its mission or in response to the stated agenda of a planned meeting. Individuals submitting a written statement must submit their statement to the DSB DFO provided in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section at any point; however, if a written statement is not received at least three calendar days prior to the meeting, which is the subject of this notice, then it may not be provided to or considered by the DSB until a later date.

Dated: July 17, 2019.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement in Cooperation With the North Carolina Department of Transportation for Improvements to the US 70 Corridor Between the Town of LaGrange, Lenoir County and the Town of Dover, Jones County, NC. Depending on the Alternative Selected, the Proposed Project May Serve as a Bypass to the Town of Kinston

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

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), Wilmington District Regulatory Division and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), acting together as the joint lead agencies, are issuing this notice to advise the public that a State of North Carolina funded Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) has been prepared describing proposed improvements to the transportation system starting near the intersection of US 70 and NC 903 near the Town of LaGrange, Lenoir County, heading east near the intersection of US 70 and Old US 70 (NCSR-1005) near the Town of Dover, Jones County, NC.

DATES: Written comments on the DEIS will be received until September 6, 2019.

ADDRESSES: COE NCDOT Regulatory Project Manager, Washington Regulatory Field Office, 2407 West 5th Street, Washington, NC 27889; or NCDOT Kinston Bypass, Project Development Engineer, NCDOT, 105 Pactolus Hwy. 33, Greenville, NC 27834.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the proposed action and DEIS can be directed to Mr. Tom Steffens, COE—Regulatory Project Manager, telephone: (910) 251-4615 or Ms. Heather Lane, NCDOT—Project Development Engineer, telephone: (252) 439-2847.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The COE and NCDOT, acting together as joint lead agencies, have prepared a DEIS on a proposal to make transportation improvements to the US 70 corridor

between the Town of LaGrange, Lenoir County and the Town of Dover, Jones County, NC. The NCDOT Improvement Program project (TIP R-2553, US 70 Kinston Bypass) will serve to test and evaluate streamlining the project evaluation process by utilizing GIS data for alternative development, alternative analysis, and selection of the Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative (LEDPA).

The purpose of the US 70 Kinston Bypass project is to improve regional mobility, connectivity and capacity deficiencies on US 70 between LaGrange and Dover. The project study area is roughly bounded on the west by NC-903 and US 70 near LaGrange, on the north by the Lenoir/Greene County line, to the east near Dover and to the south at the Duplin/Lenoir County line.

This project is being reviewed through the Merger Process, designed to streamline the project development and permitting processes, agreed to by the COE, North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (Division of Water Resources, Division of Coastal Management), Federal Highway Administration (for this project not applicable), and NCDOT and supported by other stakeholder agencies and local units of government. The other partnering agencies include: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission; N.C. Department of Cultural Resources; and the Eastern Carolina Planning Organization. The Merger Process provides a forum for appropriate agency representatives to discuss and reach consensus on meeting the regulatory requirements of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act during the NEPA/SEPA decision-making phase of transportation projects.

In June 2010 the project was presented to federal and state resource and regulatory agencies to gain concurrence on the purpose and need for the project. The aforementioned purpose and need of the project was agreed upon by participating agencies in October of 2010. In November 2011, the project was again presented to participating agencies regarding the preliminary corridor screening process in an attempt to decide which alternatives would be carried forward for detailed analysis. Multiple meetings throughout 2012 and 2013 revised the initial number of alternatives carried forward for detailed analysis down to a reasonable range. In January of 2014, a determination was made on the final alternatives to carry forward. Since 2014, the COE has been working closely with NCDOT and its representatives to

identify jurisdictional resources within the remaining alternatives. This effort was completed in the spring of 2017.

Upon completion of the DEIS, NCDOT will submit a request to the COE to solicit comment from the public in order to identify the LEDPA for the project.

Citizens informational workshops have been scheduled by NCDOT for August 17th and 19th followed by a Public Hearing on August 20th, 2019 at which time citizens will be able to voice their opinions on the LEDPA and the content of the DEIS.

The DEIS is available on the COE website at: <https://www.saw.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory-Permit-Program/Major-Projects/> and also available on the NCDOT website at: <http://www.ncdot.org/projects/kinston-bypass/Pages/default.aspx>. Any person having difficulty in viewing the document online can contact the COE project manager or the NCDOT project manager for a CD copy of the document.

After distribution and review of the DEIS and Final EIS, the Applicant understands that the COE in coordination with the NCDOT will issue a Record of Decision (ROD) for the project. The ROD will document the completion of the EIS process and will serve as a basis for permitting decisions by federal and state agencies.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the DEIS should be directed to the COE at the address provided. The COE will periodically issue Public Notices soliciting public and agency comment on the proposed action and alternatives to the proposed action as they are developed.

Dated: July 3, 2019.

Henry M. Wicker, Jr.,

Deputy Chief, Regulatory Division, Wilmington District.

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