

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of a public committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Crab Committee will meet.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on April 29, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Swedish Culture Center, 1920 Dexter Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98109.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark Fina, North Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee will have discussions on the following items: purpose and need statement; potential elements and options; crew proposal and alternatives to those proposals; data issues; community protections; possible emergency relief from regionalization; arbitration issues.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen, (907) 271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 31, 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Notice of Availability for Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Activities To Implement 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Actions at National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section (102)(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the regulations implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and the Department of the Navy (DON) NEPA regulation (32 CFR part 775), DON announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for potential environmental impacts associated with implementing actions directed by the Defense Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) Act of 1990, Public Law 101-510, as amended in 2005 (BRAC Law), at the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) in Bethesda, MD.

**DATES:** The Wait Period (No Action Period) for the FEIS will end 30 days after publication of an NOA in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**ADDRESSES:** Officer in Charge—BRAC, National Naval Medical Center, 8901 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20889 and Telephone: 301-319-4561.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Officer in Charge—BRAC, National Naval Medical Center, 8901 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20889 and Telephone: 301-319-4561.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the BRAC law, the Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) will realign all tertiary and complex health care services to the NNMC campus in Bethesda. The transfer and integration of these services with existing functions at NNMC will result by law in creation of a new premier military health care center to be named the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC) at Bethesda, MD, and is to be accomplished by 15 September 2011.

The BRAC-directed realignment will bring additional patients and visitors requiring additional staff and facilities to be provided at NNMC. The FEIS provides information on the proposed new construction and facility alterations, current estimates of the additional staff that will be needed, and an assessment of the potential

environmental impacts associated with implementation of these realignment actions at NNMC in Bethesda, MD.

The FEIS addresses three alternatives: Two alternatives that implement the BRAC-directed actions and a No Action Alternative. Both BRAC implementation alternatives provide the same facilities with some facility site changes and differences between new construction and renovation to obtain required facilities. The environmental impacts between the two BRAC alternatives are similar.

The Navy's Preferred Alternative would add approximately 1,144,000 square feet (SF) of new building construction, provide approximately 508,000 SF of renovation to existing building space at NNMC, and provide approximately 824,000 SF of new parking facilities. It would accommodate approximately 2,500 additional staff and an estimated 1,862 patients and visitors each weekday.

The new construction or improvements to existing facilities would provide medical care and administration additions and alterations, a National Intrepid Center of Excellence for traumatic brain injury and psychological health care, permanent and temporary lodging facilities (Bachelor Enlisted Quarters and Fisher Houses™), a new physical fitness center, additional parking, and road and utility improvements on the installation as needed to support the new facilities.

The FEIS finds that the Preferred Alternative would have minimal impacts to soil, water, or biological resources because the new facilities would be constructed on either existing development such as parking lots or on landscaped areas with only a small increase in impervious surfaces. No effects to rare, threatened, and endangered species would be expected under the Preferred Alternative.

Emissions of air pollutants from construction and operations of the Preferred Alternative would not exceed *de minimis* levels or ambient standards established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for protection of the airshed and thus air quality impacts would not be significant. A short-term increase in noise levels would occur during construction that is typical of construction activities. Utility expansions would be required, but major issues are not anticipated.

The Navy is pursuing formal Section 106 consultation under the National Historic Preservation Act to resolve all adverse effects to historic properties.

The Preferred Alternative will add traffic to an area already experiencing

heavy traffic congestion. The FEIS provides a number of recommended improvements both on and off Base to address the effects of the traffic generated by the Preferred Alternative. The Navy is programming funds for improvements at gates and on Base and is submitting a request for Defense Access Road Program approval for some of these improvements off Base.

The FEIS finds all direct effects to land use to be within NNMC and consistent with NNMC plans; all actions take place within the NNMC boundaries. Off Base, the BRAC actions increase traffic on roads already experiencing traffic congestion. Community planners believe that the traffic congestion in the region could cause land development plans to be altered and the BRAC traffic volumes contribute to the congestion with heavier volumes than previously anticipated in their plans.

Economic impacts to the surrounding economy from the large investment in construction and renovation of facilities under the Preferred Alternative would be beneficial. Personnel relocating from WRAMC are not expected to change their off base residences and lodging being added for the increase in staff, patients and visitors is considered adequate; impacts to local housing, schools, or community services are expected to be minimal. Impacts to human health and safety are not expected.

The FEIS has been distributed to various federal, state, and local agencies, elected officials, special interest groups, and interested parties. The FEIS is also available at the following local libraries and public facilities: Bethesda Library, 7400 Arlington Road, Bethesda, MD, 20814; Chevy Chase Library, 8005 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD, 20815; Davis Library, 6400 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD, 20817; Kensington Park Library, 4201 Knowles Avenue, Kensington, MD, 20895; Rockville Library, 21 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850; Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, MD, 20814; Bethesda Urban Partnership, Inc., 7700 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD, 20814; and Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce, 7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 1204, Bethesda, MD, 20814.

The FEIS is also available at the following Web sites: [http://www.bethesda.med.navy.mil/Professional/Public\\_Affairs/BRAC/](http://www.bethesda.med.navy.mil/Professional/Public_Affairs/BRAC/); and <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Proposed Agency Information Collection

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) invites public comment on a proposed collection of information that DOE is developing for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before June 2, 2008. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed in **ADDRESSES** as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be sent to JoAnna Sellen, Office of International Regimes and Agreements (NA-243), National Nuclear Security Administration, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585 or by fax at 202-586-1348, or by e-mail at [Joanna.Sellen@nnsa.doe.gov](mailto:Joanna.Sellen@nnsa.doe.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to the person listed in **ADDRESSES**.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This package contains: (1) *OMB No.* {enter "New"}; (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* U.S. Declaration under the Protocol Additional to the U.S.-

IAEA Safeguards Agreement ("Additional Protocol"), and Collection of Information by the Department of Energy; (3) *Type of Review:* New; (4) *Purpose:* Develop Information for Inclusion by the Department of Energy in the United States Declaration to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) under the Additional Protocol to the U.S.-IAEA International Safeguards Agreement.

This proposed collection of information is pursuant to implementing the provisions of the Protocol Additional to the Agreement Between the United States of America and the IAEA for the Application of Safeguards in the United States of America (the "Additional Protocol" or "AP"). The Additional Protocol is a supplement to the existing U.S.-IAEA Safeguards Agreement, which entered into force in 1980; once the U.S. AP enters into force, it will become part of the Safeguards Agreement. The United States signed the U.S. AP in 1998, President Bush submitted it to the Senate on May 9, 2002 for the Senate's advice and consent to ratification, and the Senate approved a resolution providing such advice and consent on March 31, 2004. Legislation to implement the U.S. AP was enacted on December 18, 2006. Entry into force of the U.S. AP will take place when the President deposits the instrument of ratification with the IAEA.

The Department of Energy is the Lead Agency for implementing the Additional Protocol at locations owned, operated, or leased by or for DOE, including Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)-licensed or certified activities on DOE installations, and, in coordination with the Department of Defense, non-military locations on installations that store or process naval reactor fuel (collectively known as "DOE Locations"). This collection of information affects only those persons performing activities at DOE Locations that would be declarable to the IAEA under the U.S. AP. The NRC is the Lead Agency for locations that are subject to the regulatory authority of the NRC, pursuant to the NRC's regulatory jurisdiction under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2011 *et seq.*), with the exception of those NRC-licensed or certified activities at DOE Locations. The Department of Commerce (DOC) is the Lead Agency for all other locations in the United States, except U. S. Government locations and those locations for which the NRC is the Lead Agency. All persons, including DOE contractors performing declarable activities at locations other than those for which DOE is the Lead Agency,