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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Reserve Forces Policy Board; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Reserve Forces Policy Board, 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 Reserve Forces Policy Board (RFPB) will take place.

DATES: The RFPB will hold a meeting on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 from 8:55 a.m. to 3:25 p.m. The portion of the meeting from 8:55 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. will be closed to the public. The portion of the meeting from 2:40 p.m. to 3:25 p.m. will be open to the public.

ADDRESSES: The RFPB meeting address is the Pentagon, Room 3E863, Arlington, VA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alexander Sabol, (703) 681-0577 (Voice), 703-681-0002 (Facsimile), Alexander.J.Sabol.Civ@Mail.Mil (Email). Mailing address is Reserve Forces Policy Board, 5113 Leesburg Pike, Suite 601, Falls Church, VA 22041. Website: <http://rfpb.defense.gov/>. The most up-to-date changes to the meeting agenda can be found on the website and the **Federal Register**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C.,

Appendix), the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), and 41 CFR 102-3.140 and 102-3.150.

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of the meeting is to obtain, review, and evaluate information related to strategies, policies, and practices designed to improve and enhance the capabilities, efficiency, and effectiveness of the Reserve Components.

Agenda: The RFPB will hold a meeting from 8:55 a.m. to 3:25 p.m. The portion of the meeting from 8:55 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. will be closed to the public and will consist of remarks to the RFPB from following invited speakers: The Under Secretary of the Navy will discuss the Navy's posture and challenges facing our Nation and priorities for adapting the Naval force and the Navy Reserve's potential use; the Director of Joint Intelligence, National Guard Bureau will discuss the role of the Reserve Components in the Space Force, the Department of Defense's proposed legislative language of the Space Force addressing the warfare domain definition, required skill sets, and the integration of Reserve Components into the Space Force; the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Readiness will discuss Reserve Component Equipping and Transparency, Active and Reserve Components' readiness initiatives, their equipment parity, and the Department's approach to budgeting Reserve equipment in the Defense Budget; the Deputy Director, Defense Health Agency will brief the Defense Health Agency Military Health System transformation, its policies and practices in providing worldwide military medical, dental, and pharmacy services including the TRICARE Health Plan, and the challenges in supporting the Reserve Components; and the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness will discuss the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness' goals and updates on Reserve Component personnel system reforms under consideration and review of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs reorganization issues. The portion of the meeting from 2:40 p.m. to 3:25 p.m. will be open to the public and will consist of briefings from the following: The Subcommittee on Ensuring a Ready, Capable, Available and Sustainable Operational Reserve will brief the Reserve Component Cost Analysis findings and recommendations on the initial review of Active Component and Reserve Component

cost, force mix, and future strategies for Reserve Component use given the national security challenges in a constrained fiscal environment.

Meeting Accessibility: Pursuant to section 10(a)(1) of the FACA and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, and subject to the availability of space, the meeting is open to the public from 2:40 p.m. to 3:25 p.m. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. All members of the public who wish to attend the public meeting must contact Mr. Alex Sabol, the Designated Federal Officer, not later than 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, as listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to make arrangements for a Pentagon escort, if necessary. Public attendees requiring escort should arrive at the Pentagon Metro Entrance at 2:00 p.m. to provide sufficient time to complete security screening to attend the beginning of the Open Meeting at 2:40 p.m. on March 6th. To complete the security screening, please be prepared to present two forms of identification. One must be a picture identification card. In accordance with section 10(d) of the FACA, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), and 41 CFR 102-3.155, the DoD has determined that the portion of this meeting scheduled to occur from 8:55 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. will be closed to the public. Specifically, the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), in coordination with the Department of Defense FACA Attorney, has determined in writing that this portion of the meeting will be closed to the public because it is likely to disclose classified matters covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1).

Written Statements: Pursuant to section 10(a)(3) of the FACA and 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140, interested persons may submit written statements to the RFPB about its approved agenda or at any time on the RFPB's mission. Written statements should be submitted to the RFPB's Designated Federal Officer at the address, email, or facsimile number listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. If statements pertain to a specific topic being discussed at the planned meeting, then these statements must be submitted no later than five (5) business days prior to the meeting in question. Written statements received after this date may not be provided to or considered by the RFPB until its next meeting. The Designated Federal Officer will review all timely submitted written statements and provide copies to all the RFPB members before the meeting that is the subject of this notice. Please note that since the RFPB operates under the provisions of the FACA, all submitted comments and public presentations will

be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection, including, but not limited to, being posted on the RFPB's website.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Patuxent River Complex Testing and Training and To Announce Public Scoping Meetings

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality, the Department of the Navy (Navy) announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (hereinafter referred to as "testing") and training activities within the Patuxent River Complex (PRC), Naval Air Station Patuxent River, MD. The proposed action is to continue conducting military testing and training activities within the PRC to meet current and projected military readiness requirements. The proposed action includes testing and training activities analyzed in the Naval Air Systems Command, Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) December 1998 PRC Final EIS and subsequent Environmental Assessments, plus adjustments to current testing and training activities required to support projected Navy military readiness requirements into the foreseeable future.

DATES: The 45-day public scoping comment period begins February 15, 2019 and ends April 1, 2019. Public scoping meetings will be held on March 4, 5, 6 and 7, 2019. All public comments are due by April 1, 2019.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the following locations:

1. March 4, 2019, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Light of Christ Anglican Church, 9500 Northumberland Highway, Heathsville, VA 22473-0609.

2. March 5, 2019, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Southern Maryland Higher Education Center, Building 1 Multi-

Purpose Room, 44219 Airport Road, California, MD 20619-2010.

3. March 6, 2019, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, Richard A. Henson Center Ballroom, 30690 University Blvd. S, Princess Anne, MD 21853-1295.

4. March 7, 2019, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Parish Hall, 205 Maryland Avenue, Cambridge, MD 21613-1924.

The Navy invites public comments on the scope of the analysis, including potential environmental issues and viable alternatives to be considered during the development of the Draft EIS. Comments may be provided at the public scoping meetings, by mail, and through the EIS website at: <http://www.prceis.com>. Comments must be postmarked or received online by April 1, 2019. Mailed comments must be sent to the address in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section for consideration in the Draft EIS preparation.

The scoping meetings will consist of informal, open house sessions with informational poster stations staffed by Navy representatives. Meeting details will be announced in local area newspapers. Additional information on the public scoping meetings will be available on the EIS website at: <http://www.prceis.com>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division Range Sustainability Office, Atlantic Test Range, Building 2118, 23013 Cedar Point Road, Patuxent River, MD 20670-1183, Attn: Ms. Crystal Ridgell, EIS Project Manager, 301-342-9902 or project website: <http://www.prceis.com>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NAWCAD is the Navy's action proponent for activities in the PRC, and is based at Naval Air Station (NAS) Patuxent River, Maryland approximately 60 miles southeast of Washington, DC. The PRC is a Major Range and Test Facility Base with the mission of testing Navy and Marine Corps aircraft, aircraft systems, and inert weapons in the military restricted and surrounding airspace that overlies the middle Chesapeake Bay water range, the southern end of the Potomac and Patuxent Rivers, as well as lands in Maryland, Virginia, and Delaware. The PRC is critical to supporting NAWCAD's mission to deliver high quality, affordable aircraft products and services in support of Navy and Marine Corps military readiness. Navy pilots also conduct training flights within the PRC.

The proposed action is to continue conducting military testing and training activities within the PRC to meet current and projected military readiness requirements. The proposed action includes testing and training activities analyzed in the 1998 PRC Final EIS and subsequent environmental assessments, as well as adjustments to current testing and training activities to support projected Navy readiness requirements into the foreseeable future.

The purpose of the proposed action is to provide Sailors and Marines with equipment and technology that operates effectively and safely to support current and projected future military readiness requirements.

The need for the proposed action is to maintain military readiness of naval forces capable of winning wars, deterring aggression, and maintaining freedom of the seas, now and into the future, consistent with Title 10, Section 5062, of the United States Code.

The Navy will evaluate the potential environmental impacts from a No Action Alternative and action alternatives, and will analyze potential impacts on environmental resources from activities included in the alternatives. These environmental resources include, but are not limited to: Biological resources (e.g., aquatic and terrestrial protected species); water resources and sediments; air quality; airborne noise; cultural resources; socioeconomics; land use; public health and safety; hazardous material and waste; and environmental justice.

The scoping process is helpful in identifying public concerns and local issues to be considered during the development of the Draft EIS. Federal, state, and local agencies; federally recognized tribes; and interested persons are encouraged to provide substantive comments to the Navy on environmental resources and issue areas of concern that the commenter believes the Navy should consider. All comments, provided orally or in writing at the scoping meetings, submitted via the EIS website, or mailed, will be taken into consideration during the development of the Draft EIS.

Dated: February 15, 2019.

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