

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Army; Army Science Board****Notice of Open Meeting**

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following Study Group Meeting.

*Name of Study Group:* Asymmetric Study Group.

*Date of Meeting:* 08 October 2001.

*Time of Meeting:* 0800-1630.

*Place of Meeting:* Presidential Towers, 2511 Jefferson Davis Highway, 10th Floor Conference Room, Arlington, VA 22202, Phone: (703) 604-7474, FAX: (703) 604-7699.

*Agenda:* The Army Science Board Study Group on "Asymmetric Threats to Land Based Operations (2015-2020)" will conduct a meeting to review the current gathered information. These meetings will be open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the committee at the time and in the manner permitted by the committee. For further information, please contact Ms. Betty LaFavers, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), (703) 695-1683.

**Kevin Dietrick,**

*Executive Secretary, Army Science Board.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Army****Proposed Expansion Plan for the National Training Center (NTC) and Fort Irwin**

**AGENCY:** National Training Center and Fort Irwin, Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** Congress directed the Departments of the Army and Interior to draft a proposed plan that would expand the maneuver training lands at the NTC while protecting endangered and threatened species and their critical habitats. Public Law 106-554, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001, incorporates by reference House Report 5666, Miscellaneous Appropriations, Section 323, which calls upon the Secretaries jointly to provide to Congress the key elements of the proposed expansion plan no later than 45 days after enactment. Within 90 days after enactment, the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service is to provide the Secretaries with a preliminary review of the plan that identifies an approach for

implementing the plan consistent with the Endangered Species Act. Within 120 days of enactment, the Secretaries are required to submit a proposed expansion plan and to propose legislation for the withdrawal and reservation of public lands for the NTC expansion. All activities are to be taken in full compliance with the Endangered Species Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, and other applicable laws and regulations.

In partial satisfaction of the requirements of the NTC and Fort Irwin expansion provision, the Secretaries submitted the Key Elements Report to Congress on January 12, 2001, identifying the proposed expansion areas that are necessary to meet training requirements and setting forth proposed conservation measures to preserve and protect sensitive species and their habitats.

On March 28, 2001, the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service provided the Secretaries with a Preliminary Review of the plan, identifying an approach for implementing the proposed expansion plan consistent with the Endangered Species Act. The Fish and Wildlife Service reviewed the key elements of the proposed expansion plan, including the proposed conservation measures, and provided its preliminary analysis of the effects of the proposed expansion on the desert tortoise and the Lane Mountain milk vetch. The Service also provided information on the aspects of an expansion for which additional information must be developed prior to the initiation of formal consultation pursuant to section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act. The Service noted that, although it had attempted to provide the most complete analysis possible, the receipt of new information between the date of the Preliminary Review and the conclusion of formal consultation may alter the conclusions it reached. The purpose of the Preliminary Review was to provide early information so the Department of the Army could prepare an expansion proposal that includes appropriate measures for ameliorating the effects to the desert tortoise and Lane Mountain milk vetch. The Preliminary Review does not constitute the Fish and Wildlife Service's biological opinion for the NTC's proposed expansion.

The Proposed Expansion Plan builds on the comments provided by the Fish and Wildlife Service in its Preliminary Review of the Effects of the Expansion of the NTC/Fort Irwin on the Desert Tortoise and Lane Mountain milk vetch and is submitted concurrently with a draft of proposed legislation providing for the withdrawal and reservation of

public lands for the expansion of the NTC. We understand and reiterate to the Congress and to the public that these documents do not substitute for the processes required under the Endangered Species Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, or other applicable laws and regulations.

Copies of the Proposed Expansion Plan may be obtained via the web at <http://www.dtic.mil/armylink/news/Jul2001/r2001071616july01.html> or <http://www.doi.gov/doipress/>.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the Proposed Expansion Plan may be made to the Public Affairs Office, National Training Center and Fort Irwin, P.O. Box 105001, Fort Irwin, California 92310 or by calling (760) 380-3078, FAX (760) 380-4860.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** MAJ Robert Ali, Public Affairs Office, National Training Center and Fort Irwin, P.O. Box 105001, Fort Irwin, California, or by calling (760) 380-3078.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Proposed Expansion Plan is not a call for public comments on the Plan as would be required for a NOA of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This NOA of the Proposed Expansion Plan does not substitute for the processes required under the Endangered Species Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, or other applicable laws and regulations. Consequently, there will be a **Federal Register** notice of intent to prepare a supplemental EIS and a subsequent notice of availability of a draft EIS for the NTC land expansion. Public comments will be accepted at that time on the draft EIS as required by the National Environmental Policy Act.

Dated: September 28, 2001.

**Raymond J. Fatz,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health) OASA(I&E).*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Navy****Notice of Availability of Invention for Licensing; Government-Owned Invention**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DOD.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of the general availability of exclusive or partially exclusive licenses under the following

pending patent. Any license granted shall comply with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR part 404. Applications will be evaluated utilizing the following criteria: (1) Ability to manufacture and market the technology; (2) manufacturing and marketing ability; (3) time required to bring technology to market and production rate; (4) royalties; (5) technical capabilities; and (6) small business status.

Patent application Serial Number 60/318827 entitled "A Device to Mix and Administer a Mixture of Nitrogen and Oxygen to Create a Continuously Variable Gas Mixture" filed September 14, 2001. The present invention includes a non-rebreathing circuit coupled with computer-controlled gas adjustments. Ambient air is diluted with nitrogen on a breath-by-breath basis to provide precise control over the inspired concentration of oxygen/nitrogen mixture of simulated altitude air on an almost instantaneous basis. Carbon dioxide and water vapor exhaled by the subject are released into the environment, and absorption is not necessary. In addition, the mixed gas can be administered through a standard aviator's oxygen mask, increasing the realism of the simulation and removing obvious external cues on the nature of the experiment. Maintenance on the mixing loop is lower compared to rebreathing units, since no consumable items are necessary to absorb water vapor or carbon dioxide. A mixing device provides a homogenized mixture of nitrogen/oxygen fluid to the user.

**DATES:** Applications for an exclusive or partially exclusive license may be submitted at any time from the date of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit applications to the Office of Technology Transfer, Naval Medical Research Center, 503 Robert Grant Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910-7500, telephone (301) 319-7428.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Charles Schlagel, Director, Office of Technology Transfer, Naval Medical Research Center, 503 Robert Grant Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910-7500, telephone (301) 319-7428 or E-Mail at [schlagelc@nmrc.navy.mil](mailto:schlagelc@nmrc.navy.mil).

Dated: September 26, 2001.

**T.J. Welsh,**

*Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Meeting of the Planning and Steering Advisory Committee (PSAC)

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Closed Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this meeting is to discuss topics relevant to Ballistic Missile Submarine (SSBN) security. This meeting will be closed to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Friday, October 12, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Center for Naval Analyses, 4825 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lieutenant Commander Randy Craig, CNO (N775C2), 2000 Navy Pentagon, NC-1, Washington, DC 20350-2000, telephone (703) 604-7392.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice of meeting is provided per the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2). The entire agenda will consist of classified information that is specifically authorized by Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense and is properly classified pursuant to such Executive Order. Accordingly, the Secretary of the Navy has determined in writing that all sessions of the meeting shall be closed to the public because they concern matters listed in 552b(c)(1) of title 5, United States Code.

Dated: September 21, 2001.

**T. J. Welsh,**

*Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corp, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 5, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs,

Attention: Karen Lee, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address [Karen\\_F\\_Lee@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Karen_F_Lee@omb.eop.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: September 28, 2001.

**John Tressler,**

*Leader Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

#### Office of the Undersecretary

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* School and Community Prevention Activities: A National Study of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program.

*Frequency:* One time.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs; Not-for-profit institutions.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:* Responses: 4,589.

*Burden Hours:* 2,397.

*Abstract:* The Study "School and Community Prevention Activities: A National Study of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program" will assess the quality of prevention activities funded by the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Program and identify changes that will increase program effectiveness. Data collection will