

applications, taking into account the following program policy factors: (a) Availability of funding, (b) duplication with ongoing Federal support, (c) institutional diversity and (d) inter-institutional collaboration. Successful applicants are then notified. Funded projects become a JHT activity with a duration of one to two years. Note that two-year proposals are initially funded for one year, with funding for a second year contingent upon a favorable review near the end of the first year and upon available W&AQR funds. Unsuccessful applications will be notified of the final selection upon completion of the review and selection process. Copies of all submitted preapplications and proposals will be retained by the JHT staff and will become the property of the U.S. Government.

Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification of Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements

The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification of Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** Notice of October 1, 2001 (66 FR 49917), as amended by 67 FR 66109 (October 30, 2002), are applicable to this solicitation.

Intergovernmental Review

Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

Services for the Deaf

The NOAA Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research does not have direct Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD) capabilities, but can be reached through the State of Maryland-supplied TDD contact number, 800-735-2258, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Executive Order 12866

This notice has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This notice contains collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. The use of Standard Forms 424, 424A, and SF-LLL has been approved by OMB under the respective control numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, and 0348-0046. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that

collection displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Executive Order 13132

It has been determined that this notice does not contain policies with Federalism implications as that term is defined in Executive Order 13132.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

Because notice and comment are not required under 5 USC 553, or any other law, for this notice relating to public property, loans, grants benefits or contracts (5 USC 553(a)), a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis is not required and has not been prepared for this notice, 5 USC 601 *et seq.*, pursuant to Executive Orders 13256, 12900, and 13021, the Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

In accordance with Federal statutes and regulations, no person on grounds of race, color, age, sex, national origin, or disability shall be excluded from participation in, denied benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving financial assistance.

Dated: December 30, 2002.

Louisa Koch,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Public Hearings for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Proposed Military Operational Increases and Implementation of Associated Comprehensive Land Use Management and Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan, Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, China Lake, CA

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

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act, of 1969 and the regulations implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy (Navy) in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on November 15, 2002, to evaluate proposed military operational increases

and implementation of associated Comprehensive Land Use Management (CLUMP) and Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP) at Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, CA. A Notice of Intent for this DEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on April 1, 1997, (62 FR 20160). Six public scoping meetings were held between May-June 1997. The Navy and BLM will conduct five public hearings to receive oral and written comments on the DEIS. Federal, state, and local agencies, as well as interested individuals are invited to be present or represented at the public hearings. This notice announces the dates and locations of the public hearings for this DEIS.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: An open information session will precede the scheduled public hearing at each of the locations listed below. The open information session will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the public hearing beginning at 7 p.m. and ending at 9 p.m. Public hearings will be held at the following dates and locations:

- Tuesday, January 21, 2003, Kerr McGee Community Center, 100 West California Avenue, Ridgecrest, CA.
- Wednesday, January 22, 2003, Inyokern Elementary, 6601 Locust Avenue, Inyokern, CA.
- Thursday, January 23, 2003, City of Barstow Council Chamber, 220 East Mountain View Street, Suite A, Barstow, CA.
- Tuesday, January 28, 2003, Owens Valley Unified School District, 202 South Clay Street, Independence, CA.
- Wednesday, January 29, 2003, Trona School, 93600 Trona Road, Trona, CA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John O'Gara, Environmental Planning and Management Department, Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, China Lake, CA. Telephone (760) 939-3213, facsimile (760) 939-2980, or e-mail: ogaraje@navair.navy.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed action includes a moderate increase of military operations, continuation of current non-military activities, and implementation of the CLUMP and INRMP. The preferred alternative presented in the DEIS would allow approximately a 25 percent increase in the type, tempo, and location of military testing and evaluation and training operations. There are no significant environmental impacts associated with any of the alternatives, including the preferred alternative.

The DEIS has been distributed to various Federal, state, and local

agencies, elected officials, and special interest groups, and is available for public review at the following public libraries:

—Kern County Library, Ridgecrest Branch (Document Display Shelf), 131 East Las Flores, Ridgecrest, CA.

—Inyo County Free Library, Independence Branch (Reference Section), 168 North Edwards, Independence, CA.

—San Bernardino Library, Trona Branch, 82805 Mountain View, Trona, CA.

In addition, the DEIS is available for review at the Public Affairs Office at Naval Air Warfare Center, Weapons Division, Room 1015, Building 1, 1 Administration Circle, China Lake, CA. The Executive Summary of the DEIS and other information may be viewed at the following Internet address: <http://www.nawcwpns.navy.mil/~clump/cllump.html>.

The Navy will conduct five public hearings to receive oral and written comments concerning the DEIS at each of the locations previously listed. At each hearing location, information poster stations will be available from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., followed by the official hearing beginning at 7 p.m. and ending at 9 p.m. Navy and BLM representatives will be available during the information session to clarify information related to the DEIS. Federal, state, and local agencies, as well as interested parties are invited and urged to be present or represented at the hearing. Oral statements will be heard and transcribed by a stenographer; however, to ensure the accuracy of the record, all statements should be submitted in writing. All statements, both oral and written, will become part of the public record on the DEIS and will be responded to in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). Equal weight will be given to both oral and written statements.

In the interest of available time and to ensure that all who wish to give an oral statement have the opportunity to do so, each speaker's comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. If a longer statement is to be presented, it should be summarized at the public hearing and the full text submitted in writing either at the hearing, or mailed, or faxed to: Mr. John O'Gara, Environmental Planning and Management Department, Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, China Lake, CA. Telephone (760) 939-3213, facsimile (760) 939-2980. All written comments postmarked by February 21, 2003, will become a part of the official public record and will be responded to in the FEIS.

Dated: December 23, 2002.

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

Filed December 23, 2002, through December 27, 2002, pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 020528, DRAFT EIS, AFS, WY, Medicine Bow National Forest, Implementation, Draft Revised Land and Resource Management Plan, Albany, Carbon and Laramie Counties, WY, Comment Period Ends: April 04, 2003, Contact: Lynn Jackson (307) 745-2472. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/mbr>.

EIS No. 020529, DRAFT EIS, FHW, MO, Interstate 64/U.S. Route 40 Corridor, Reconstruct the Existing 1-64/U.S. Route 40 Facility with New Interchange Configurations and Roadway, City of St. Louis, St. Louis County, MO, Comment Period Ends: February 28, 2003, Contact: Don Neumann (573) 638-2607.

EIS No. 020530, DRAFT EIS, COE, CA, Port of Long Beach Pier J South Terminal Development, Dredging and Landfilling to Expand and Modernize Port Terminals, Implementation, Facilities Master Plan (FMP), Section 10 and 404 Permits, City of Long Beach, CA, Comment Period Ends: February 18, 2003, Contact: Dr. Aaron O. Allen (805) 585-2148.

EIS No. 020531, DRAFT EIS, AFS, ID, Middle Little Salmon Vegetation Management Project, To Improve the Current Condition of Timber Stands, Payette National Forest, New Meadows Ranger District, Adam County, ID, Comment Period Ends: February 24, 2003, Contact: Sue Dixon (208) 247-0300. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/Payette/main.html>.

EIS No. 020532, FINAL EIS, DOE, WA, Maiden Wind Farm Project, Proposes to Construct and Operate up to 494

megawatts (MW) Wind Generation on Privately- and Publicly-owned Property, Conditional Use Permits, Benton and Yakima Counties, WA, Wait Period Ends: February 03, 2003, Contact: Sarah Branum (503) 230-5115.

EIS No. 020533, FINAL SUPPLEMENT, NRC, SC, GENERIC EIS—Catawba Nuclear Station, Unit 1 and 2 (Catawba), Renewal of the Operating Licenses (OLs) for an Additional 20-Year Period, Supplement 9 to NUREG-1437, York County, SC, Wait Period Ends: February 03, 2003, Contact: James Wilson (301) 415-1108.

EIS No. 020534, FINAL EIS, NRC, NC, GENERIC EIS—McGuire Nuclear Power Station Units 1 and 2, Supplement 8 to NUREG-1437, Located on the Shore of Lake Norman, Mecklenburg County, NC, Wait Period Ends: February 03, 2003, Contact: James Wilson (301) 415-1108.

Dated: December 30, 2002.

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Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 12, 2002 (67 FR 17992).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-F65033-IL Rating EC2, Kudzu Eradication, Proposal to Eradicate Known Kudzu Infestations in the Shawnee National Forest, Application for Herbicide and Mechanical Treatment, Jackson, Alexander and Pope Counties, IL.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns that the draft EIS did not include pesticide risk mitigation measures, especially for triclopyr. These should be included in the final EIS.