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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda will include present and future educational and research issues for the National Defense University and its components. The meeting is open to the public, but the limited space available for observers will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. POC: Michael Mann, BOV Executive Secretary, mannm@ndu.edu, (202) 685-3903.

Dated: April 3, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program, Scientific Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

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

DATES: June 11, 2002 from 0830 a.m. to 1710 p.m., and June 12, 2002 from 0830 a.m. to 1620 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Executive Conference Center, One Virginia Square, 3601 Wilson Blvd, Suite 600, Jefferson Room, Arlington, VA 22201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Veronica Rice, SERDP Program Office, 901 North Stuart Street, Suite 303, Arlington, VA or by telephone at (703) 696-2119.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Matters To Be Considered

Research and Development proposals and continuing projects requesting Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program funds in excess of \$1M will be reviewed.

This meeting is open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the Scientific Advisory Board at the time and in the manner permitted by the Board.

Dated: April 4, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Military Traffic Management Command; Change in Acquisition Policy—Satellite Motor Surveillance Service.

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On December 17, 2001 the Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC) published a notice in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 64961) concerning a proposal to incorporate any charges for Satellite Motor Surveillance Service (SNS) into the basic transportation rate for motor freight shipments. This proposal applied to the movement of arms, ammunition and explosives (AA&E) shipments. Interested parties were asked to submit comments on that proposal. As explained below, MTMC carefully and thoroughly reviewed industry comments and has determined that it is in the public interest to put this proposal into effect and has determined that this will protect the fiscal requirements of the Department of Defense (DOD).

DATES: Effective June 1, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Frank Galluzzo, MTMC, (703) 428-2327.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following comments were received from industry in response to the **Federal Register** notice of December 17, 2001. Each comment is listed below along with a response.

(1) *Industry Comment:* A comment that is typical of others on this particular facet stated:

"Reference the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, Civil Case Number 93-2176NHJ, The Munitions Carriers Conference Inc. versus United States of America, et al: To wit, the Stipulation of Settlement and Dismissal subparagraph states, Defendants represent that the DOD current policy is that Satellite monitoring will be continued as a separate accessorial service for motor carriers and will neither be combined with other transportation protection services or folded into the linehaul rate. We trust the Commander MTMC will honor the commitment in this regard."

Response: This comment refers to a 1993 case in which it was agreed that the DOD "current policy" in 1993 was to continue the satellite monitoring charge as a separate service. However, this agreement contained several other provisions, one of which stated "Nothing in this Agreement shall

prevent or limit Department of Defense agencies or MTMC from making such policy, program or acquisition decisions as are required to protect the national defense, the public interest, or the fiscal and operational requirements of the Department of Defense as determined exclusively by those governmental agencies consistent with the law and policies applicable to DOD." The DOD has determined that continuance of satellite monitoring as a separate charge is not in the public interest, nor does it meet the fiscal and operational requirements of the DOD. We note, however, that costs for this service can still be included in the basic transportation rates charged by the carrier industry.

(2) *Industry Comment:* Without a distinctive accessorial service charge for SNS, the panic button and visibility of AA&E shipments will not be readily available, thus placing shipments at greater risk.

Response: This change will only affect the way in which the carrier is reimbursed for SNS services provided. The carrier is still contractually obligated to provide all services as stipulated in Item 47 of the Military Freight Traffic Rules Publication (MFTRP) 1B. Additionally, SNS can still be requested by the shipping installation and annotated appropriately on the Bill of Lading. This change has no bearing on the safety or security currently provided AA&E shipments.

(3) *Industry Comment:* SNS application to multiple shipments on a trailer should cease with the advent of the closing of ammunition terminals and more direct shipments versus dromedary trains.

Response: Current rules do not overly restrict a carrier from consolidating AA&E shipments and moving multiple shipments in units commonly called dromedary trains. MTMC rules do restrict the method and location that consolidation may occur.

(4) *Industry Comment:* There are no means to convert accessorial charges into "line haul rate" charges on dromedary train shipments (distance-based versus weight-based rate applications).

Response: Carriers may wish to consider the use of the "DZ" rate qualifier in order to express a mileage-based rate for dromedary shipments. Information on the "DZ" rate qualifier, as contained in the MTMC tender instructions (MSTIP 364-C), allows the carrier to submit a dromedary rate based upon a per-hundredweight per-mile charge.

(5) *Industry Comment:* This will result in unfair competition between rail and