

ducks and muskrats were the two biggest categories of oiled animals. Ospreys and great blue herons were also found oiled but to a lesser extent. The diamondback terrapin is a resource of special concern to the State of Maryland; both adults and nesting beaches for this species were oiled as a result of the spill. The Trustees are continuing to monitor the nesting success of ospreys and great blue herons and will develop studies to determine the impact of the spill on the muskrats and diamondback terrapins.

(C) Shellfish, Finfish and Crabs: The watershed provides valuable spawning and nursery habitat for anadromous species such as striped bass, white perch and herring, all of which were entering their spawning period at the time of the spill. The effect of the spill on these species will be determined during the damage assessment.

(D) Lost Use: MDE issued fishing, shellfishing, and crabbing advisories and closures immediately following the spill. These areas have since been reopened. In addition, sections of the river and its tributaries were closed to boat traffic as part of the response.

(2) Response actions during clean up have not adequately addressed the injuries resulting from the incident. Although response actions were initiated promptly, the nature of discharge and the sensitivity of the environment precluded prevention of injuries to some natural resources. It is anticipated that injured natural resources will eventually return to baseline levels, but there is a potential for significant interim losses to have occurred and to continue to occur, until return to baseline is achieved.

(3) Feasible primary and compensatory restoration exists to address injuries from this incident. Among the available procedures are marsh injury assessment studies to be used in conjunction with Habitat Equivalency Analysis to determine compensation for injuries to marsh vegetation and marsh services. Other approaches are available for evaluating injuries to fauna such as migratory birds. Components of a restoration plan may include wetland habitat enhancement, water quality improvement projects, bird and wildlife enhancement activities and compensation for lost human use.

Public Involvement: Pursuant to 15 CFR 990.44, the Trustees seek public involvement in restoration planning through public review and comment on the documents contained in the Administrative Record. Comments should be sent to Jim Hoff, NOAA Damage Assessment Center, Room

10218, 1305 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3281, (301) 713-3038 ext. 188.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jim Hoff, NOAA Damage Assessment Center, Room 10218, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3281; (301) 713-3038 ext. 188.

Beth McGee, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 177 Admiral Cochrane Drive, Annapolis, MD 21401; (410) 573-4524.

Carolyn V. Watson, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Tawes State Office Bldg, 580 Taylor Avenue C4, Annapolis, MD 21401; (410) 260-8113.

Bob Summers, Maryland Department of the Environment, 2500 Broening Hwy., Baltimore, MD 21224; (410) 631-3680.

Dated: November 3, 2000

Margaret A. Davidson

Acting Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

[FR Doc. 00-30127 Filed 11-24-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510-JE-U

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

"Federal Register" Citation of Previous Announcement: November 21, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 225, Page 69915)

Previously Announced Time and Date of Meeting: 2 p.m., November 29, 2000.

Changes in Meeting: The closed meeting regarding the Compliance Status Report is canceled. The meeting will be rescheduled.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-0709.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207 (301) 504-0800.

Dated: November 22, 2000.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. 00-30272 Filed 11-22-00; 1:22 pm]

BILLING CODE 6355-01-M

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork

Reduction Act of 1995, the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board announces the proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof.

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 information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms or information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by January 26, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to SAF/PAX, Air Force Public Affairs, 1690 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1690, Attention: Lt Col Anne Morris.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call SAF/PAX at (703) 692-6228.

Title: The Public and the United States Air Force (USAF): Recruiting and Retention Challenges.

Needs and Uses: For the first time in its history, the USAF is struggling to meet its recruiting goals. The USAF also faces the challenge of improving retention levels for those people who have joined the Air Force. A combination of environmental factors, including increasing operations tempo, frequency and length of deployments and the robust American economy of the past few years have rendered continuing service in the USAF less desirable for some of its members. Both recruitment and retention challenges impact the Air Force's ability to sustain mandated end strength. To address these requirements and challenges, the USAF has launched the first paid network television advertising campaign in its history. New television advertisements began airing in September 2000 as a primary element of a focused national campaign to tell the Air Force story to Americans and, in the process, address recruiting and retention challenges. Continued audience research is needed to guide evaluation of the campaign's

effectiveness and planning of future campaigns.

Affected Public: Residents (15 years and older) of telephone-equipped households in the U.S.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,000.

Number of Respondents: 4,500.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 13.3 Minutes.

Frequency: At roughly 3-month intervals.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

These three surveys will serve multiple purposes. They will gauge recruitment-age youth's and their influencers' awareness of, familiarity with, attitudes about and feelings toward the Air Force. These measures will be made at roughly 3-month intervals during the course of the current USAF television advertising campaign, giving insight into the communication initiative's ongoing performance. The surveys will allow direct comparison of target youth and influential adult thinking about factors affecting recruitment decision-making. Findings from these surveys of the civilian population also will be compared with similar data to be gathered from the internal USAF population at approximately the same time, providing a valuable head-to-head comparison of civilians' and Air Force people's perceptions of what the Air Force does and why a young person should want to join.

Janet A. Long,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

[FR Doc. 00-30128 Filed 11-24-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 5001-05-U

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science; Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee (BESAC). Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Monday, December 11, 2000, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Marriott at Metro Center; 775 12th Street, NW; Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Long; Office of Basic Energy

Sciences; U. S. Department of Energy; 19901 Germantown Road; Germantown, MD 20874-1290; Telephone: (301) 903-5565.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of this meeting is to provide advice and guidance with respect to the basic energy sciences research program.

Tentative Agenda: Agenda will include discussions of the following:

Monday, December 11, 2000

- News from Basic Energy Sciences

- Subpanel Report on the Review of the Intense Pulsed Neutron Source (IPNS) at Argonne National Laboratory and the Manuel Lujan, Jr. Neutron Scattering Center (MLNSC) at the Los Alamos Neutron Science Center at Los Alamos National Laboratory

- Future Activities

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Sharon Long at 301-903-6594 (fax) or sharon.long@science.doe.gov (e-mail). You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 30 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room; 1E-190, Forrestal Building; 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.; Washington, D.C. 20585; between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on November 20, 2000.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee, Management Officer.

[FR Doc. 00-30125 Filed 11-24-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6450-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science; Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Monday, December 11, 2000, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Tuesday, December 12, 2000, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: American Geophysical Union, 2000 Florida Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. David Thomassen (301-903-9817; david.thomassen@science.doe.gov), or Ms. Shirley Derflinger (301-903-0044; shirley.derflinger@science.doe.gov), Designated Federal Officers, Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, SC-70, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290. The most current information concerning this meeting can be found on the website: <http://www.science.doe.gov/ober/berac/announce.html>

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Meeting:* To provide advice on a continuing basis to the Director, Office of Science of the Department of Energy, on the many complex scientific and technical issues that arise in the development and implementation of the biological and environmental research program.

Tentative Agenda

Monday, December 11, and Tuesday, December 12, 2000:

- Welcoming Remarks
- Opening of Meeting
- Remarks from Dr. Mildred S. Dresselhaus, Director, Office of Science
- Report by Dr. Ari Patrinos, Associate Director for Biological and Environmental Research (BER) on the Status of BER
- Update on Office of Biological and Environmental Research Activities
- Discussion of Roadmap for BERAC Report, Bringing the Genome to Life
- Report from the Natural and Accelerated Bioremediation Research (NABIR) Subcommittee

- Review of Subcommittee Activities
- New Business
- Public Comment (10-minute rule)

Public Participation: The day and a half meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you