

survey instrument is needed that will capture information regarding employee opinions of how well TRICARE supports them to provide patients with needed care. It will identify how administrative policies and practices of TRICARE health plans effect healthcare delivery. A second goal of this work is to collect information that indicates how the attitudes and opinions of employees differ by specialty, region, and degree of participation with TRICARE. The survey data shall provide information needed to better plan, deliver, and evaluate health care services provided in the military health system (MHS).

*Affected Public:* Individual households (TRICARE Employees CONUS-wide).

*Annual Burden Hours:* 333 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,000.

*Response Per Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* .333 hrs.

*Frequency:* Once.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This request encompasses all activities required to conduct and develop a report of findings of a confidential survey of TRICARE employees CONUS-wide to assess their attitudes and opinions regarding their ability to provide high quality care.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Meeting of the Defense Department Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS)

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 10(a), Public Law 92-463, as amended, notice is hereby given of a forthcoming of the Defense Department Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS). The purpose of the Committee meeting is to provide further training to the incoming FY 2003 Committee members on issues they will review this year. The meeting is open to the public, subject to the availability of space.

**DATES:** January 16 & 17, 2003, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Courtyard Marriott, 2899 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lieutenant Commander Shannon Thaeler, USN, DACOWITS, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Room 3D769, Washington, DC 20301-4000. Telephone (703) 697-2122.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the Committee and make an oral presentation of such. Persons desiring to make an oral presentation or submit a written statement to the Committee must notify the point of contact listed below no later than noon, January 10, 2003. Oral presentations by members of the public will be permitted only on Friday, January 17, 2003, from 5:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. before the full Committee. Presentations will be limited to two minutes. Number of oral presentations to be made will depend on the number of requests received from members of the public. Each person desiring to make an oral presentation must provide the point of contact listed below with one (1) copy of the presentation by noon, January 10, 2003 and bring 50 copies of any material that is intended for distribution at the meeting. Persons submitting a written statement only must submit one (1) copy of the statement to the DACOWITS staff by the close of the meeting on January 17, 2003.

#### Meeting Agenda

*Thursday, January 16, 2003*

Welcome, Administrative Remarks  
Panel: National Guard Bureau, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard  
Q & A Session  
Army Transformation Briefing  
Navy Transformation Briefing  
Lunch (Invited Guests Only)  
Air Force Transformation Briefing  
Army Well-Being Briefing  
Navy Family Summit Briefing  
Coast Guard Temporary Separation Program  
Committee time

*Friday, January 17, 2003*

Readiness Panel (Participants TBD)  
Defense Manpower Data Center Briefing  
Health Care Briefing  
Lunch (Invited Guests Only)  
RAND Briefing  
Navy Personnel Research, Study and Technologies  
Army Research Institute Briefing  
Committee time  
Public forum (5:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m.)

Dated: December 19, 2002.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Destruction of Chemical Agents and Munitions at Blue Grass Army Depot, KY

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This announces the availability of the FEIS that assesses the potential environmental impacts of the design, construction, operation and closure of a facility to destroy the chemical agents and munitions currently stored at the Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD). The FEIS examines the potential environmental impacts of the following destruction facility alternatives: (1) Baseline incineration facility; (2) neutralization followed by supercritical water oxidation; (3) neutralization followed by supercritical water oxidation and gas phase chemical reduction; (4) electrochemical oxidation; and (5) no action (i.e., continued storage of chemical munitions at BGAD). Although the no action alternative is not viable under Pub. L. 990145 (DoD Authorization Act of 1986), it was analyzed to provide a comparison with the proposed action. The FEIS identifies pilot testing of neutralization followed by supercritical water oxidation as the agency's preferred alternative for destruction of chemical munitions at BGAD.

**DATES:** The waiting period for the FEIS will end 30 days after publication of the NOA in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**ADDRESSES:** To obtain copies of the FEIS, contact the Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization, Public Outreach and Information Office (ATTN: Mr. Gregory Mahall), Building E-4585, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland 21010-4005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Gregory Mahall at 410-436-1093, by fax at 410-436-5122, by mail at the above listed address or by electronic mail at [gregory.mahall@pmcd.apgea.army.mil](mailto:gregory.mahall@pmcd.apgea.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In its Record of Decision (ROD) on February 26, 1988 (53 FR 5816, February 26, 1988) for the Final Programmatic