

must be received by the MDA no later than June 7, 2004.

Copies of the EA and Draft FONSI will be made available for review at the following public libraries:

- Hawaii State Library, Hawaii Documents Center, 478 South King Street, HI 96813.
- Lihu'e Regional Library, 4344 Hardy Street, Lihu'e, HI 96766-1251.
- California State Library, Library and Courts Building, 914 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 05814.
- Lompoc Public Library, 501 E. North Avenue, Lompoc, CA 93436.

A downloadable electronic version of the EA and Draft FONSI are available on the MDA Internet site:

<http://www.acq.osd.mil/bmdo/bmdolink/html/>.

ADDRESSES: Written and oral comments regarding the EA and Draft FONSI should be submitted to MLP EA, c/o ICF Consulting, 9300 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22031; via toll-free fax 1-877-851-5451; or via e-mail mlp.ea@icfconsulting.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MDA has a requirement to develop, test, deploy, and plan for decommissioning a Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS) to provide a defensive capability for the United States, its deployed forces, friends, and allies from ballistic missile threats. The proposed action would provide the MDA with the capability to conduct launches using multiple realistic target and interceptor trajectories in existing test ranges and the BOA. In addition, the proposed action would allow MDA the capability to use sensors at test support positions in remote areas of the ocean by locating these sensors onboard the MLP.

The sensors that would be used from the MLP include radars, telemetry, and optical systems. Examples of radars that could be used include: TPS-X, Mk-74, and Coherent Signal Processor radars that already exist, and the BMDS radar, being developed by the MDA. Telemetry systems could include the Transportable Telemetry System and mobile range safety systems. Mobile optical systems such as the Stabilized High-Accuracy Optical Tracking System could also be placed on the MLP. Additional sensor systems may be temporarily based on the MLP as required. The targets that would be launched from the MLP include: pre-fueled and non-pre-fueled liquid propellant missiles and solid propellant missiles. The interceptor missiles that would be launched from the MLP use solid propellant. The MLP would be designed to operate from any of the following locations: Western Range, PMRF/KTF, USAKA/RTS, and

the BOA. Two alternatives to the proposed action were considered in the EA. The first alternative would include using the MLP for the launch of missiles but not for testing sensors. The second alternative would include using the MLP to test sensors and launch pre-fueled liquid propellant missiles and solid propellant missiles but not non-pre-fueled liquid propellant missiles.

Potential impacts of the proposed action and alternatives were analyzed in the EA. Potential environmental impacts of the proposed action and alternatives include impacts to air quality, airspace, biological resources, geology and soils, health and safety, hazardous materials and hazardous waste, noise, transportation and infrastructure, and water resources. Potential impacts of the No Action Alternative were analyzed in the EA. Under the No Action Alternative, activities to be conducted from the MLP that have already been analyzed would continue and additional activities using the MLP would be considered on a case-by-case basis. The No Action Alternative would result in no impact to the environmental baseline as described for the affected environment in the EA; however, it could severely limit the MDA's ability to cost-effectively conduct and monitor realistic testing of the BMDS.

Potential cumulative impacts resulting from the proposed use of the MLP to support specific test events are also addressed in the EA.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Close Meeting

AGENCY: Defense Intelligence Agency, Joint Military Intelligence College.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of Subsection (d) of section 10 of Public Law 92-463, as amended by section 5 of Public Law 94-409, notice is hereby given that a closed meeting of the DIA Joint Military Intelligence College Board of Visitors has been scheduled as follows:

DATES: Tuesday, 1 June 2004, 1100 to 1700; and Wednesday, 2 June 2004, 0800 to 1600.

ADDRESSES: Joint Military Intelligence College, Washington, DC 20340-5100.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. A. Denis Clift, President, DIA Joint Military Intelligence College, Washington, DC 20340-5100 (202/231-3344).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The entire meeting is devoted to the discussion of classified information as defined in section 552b(c)(1), title 5 of the U.S. Code and therefore will be closed. The Board will discuss several current critical intelligence issues and advise the Director, DIA, as to the successful accomplishment of the mission assigned to the Joint Military Intelligence College.

Dated: April 28, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board (DSB) Task Force on Strategic Strike Skills will meet in closed session on June 24, 2004, at the U.S. Strategic Command, Omaha, Nebraska. The Task Force will assess the future strategic strike force skills needs of the Department of Defense (DoD).

The mission of the DSB is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. Last summer the DSB assessed DoD needs for future strategic strike forces. Assessed was the application of technology for non-nuclear weapons systems, communications, planning systems, and intelligence as well as the integration of strategic strike with active defenses as part of the new triad. This "skills" study will complement the previous strategic forces study by focusing on the people and the skills necessary to develop, maintain, plan, and successfully execute future strategic strike forces. At this meeting, the Task Force will: assess current skills available, both nuclear and non-nuclear of current long-range strike forces; identify, assess and recommend new/modified/enhanced skill sets necessary for successful future strike force development, planning, and operations; and recommend a strategy for the