

as the installation adopts revisions to the installation's Master Plan, the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan, Cultural Resources Management Plan, and the Range Modernization Plan.

Fort Bliss has approximately 1.1 million acres of land in Texas and New Mexico comprising a complex of facilities and ranges to support training and test activities of the U.S. Army and other organizations. The main components of this complex include the main cantonment area (which houses most support facilities), Biggs Army Airfield, and three military training ranges: South Fort Bliss, Dona Ana Range, and McGregor Range.

The installation is the home of the Army Air Defense Artillery (ADA) Center and Fort Bliss, the Army Air Defense Artillery School, and over 30 tenant units. It is among the largest Army posts in the continental United States (CONUS) and is the only troop training installation in CONUS capable of supporting long-range missile firings.

The following organizations are currently located or anticipated for stationing on the installation:

- The Test and Experimentation Command's Air Defense Artillery Test Directorate provides the ADA Center with an independent organization capable of conducting air defense weapons experimentation, force development, and operational testing.
- Joint Task Force Six provides assistance and support to various law enforcement agencies with drug interdiction missions.
- The U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy trains enlisted leaders.
- The William Beaumont Army Medical Center, a part of the Army Medical Command, provides full-service medical treatment for all military services in Arizona, New Mexico, and West Texas.
- Fort Bliss is the home station for the German Air Force Command in the United States and Canada, and the German Air Defense School.
- Four ADA Brigades aligned under the U.S. Army Forces Command are scheduled to be stationed at Fort Bliss.

Alternatives: The EIS will identify existing mission activities and reasonably foreseeable mission and activity changes projected for Fort Bliss through the installation's Master Plan, Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan, Cultural Resources Management Plan, and Range Modernization Plan. The EIS will describe the existing environment, cultural and natural resources, social, economic, and environmental justice conditions and impacts to those existing

conditions associated with the overall mission of Fort Bliss. The EIS will consider reasonable alternatives including the status quo, implementation of the Master Plan, and full mobilization of active Army and reserve forces planned for Fort Bliss as described in the installation's Mobilization Plan.

Significant issues that will be addressed are current and planned Fort Bliss activities that could potentially impact over 1.1 million acres of the installation. Within this area are at least 13,900 known archaeological sites, 2,000 of which may be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, and potentially five federally listed endangered or threatened species. Implementation of the Master Plan will also result in demolition and new construction of facilities throughout the main cantonment area.

Additional significant issues that must be considered but will be covered with their own environmental documentation are: Continued withdrawal of land from public domain (McGregor Range) for military training; and the U.S. Air Force's Holloman Air Force Base proposal to locate a target area on McGregor Range.

Scoping: Scoping meetings in connection with this EIS will be held in three communities: Las Cruces and Alamogordo, New Mexico, and El Paso, Texas. Meeting times and locations will be published in local newspapers. These meetings will provide the opportunity for the public to become aware of the EIS and for the Army to gather public input regarding the scope of the study. Those unable to attend the scheduled scoping meetings may submit written comments regarding the scope of the EIS throughout the scoping period. A mailing list has been prepared for public scoping and review throughout the process of preparation of this PEIS. This list includes local, state and Federal agencies with jurisdictions or other interests in the project. In addition, the mailing list includes all adjacent property owners, affected municipalities and other interested parties such as conservation organizations. Anyone wishing to be added to the mailing list should contact the person identified below.

For Further Information: Please direct written questions or comments concerning the scope of the Fort Bliss Mission and Master Plan EIS to: Mr. Keith Landreth, Chief of the Cultural/Natural Resource Division, Directorate of Environment, U.S. Army Air Defense Center and Fort Bliss, ATTN: ATZC-

DOE-C, Fort Bliss, Texas 79916; telephone (915) 568-3782.

Raymond J. Fatz,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, (Environment, Safety, and Occupational Health) OASA (I, L&E).

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Corps of Engineers

Cancellation of Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for a Municipal Solid-Waste Landfill Proposed by Resource Investments, Inc. in Pierce County, Washington

AGENCY: Seattle District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Cancellation notice.

SUMMARY: The Seattle District, Corps of Engineers hereby cancels its Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) as published in FR, Vol. 59, No. 74, page 18373, 18 April 1994. A Draft EIS was finalized in December 1995 for the proposed municipal solid waste landfill.

The Notice is canceled because the permit application for the proposed landfill was denied on 30 September 1996 and completion of the Final EIS is not required. The basis for permit denial was that Resource Investments, Inc. failed to clearly demonstrate that there are no less environmentally damaging practicable alternatives for achieving the project purpose; and that the proposed landfill represents an unacceptable risk to public health and safety due to the potential contamination of the Central Pierce County Aquifer System.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions can be forwarded to Mr. James Green, Regulatory Branch, Operations Divisions, Seattle District, Corps of Engineers, Post Office Box 3755, Seattle, WA 98124-3755, Phone (206) 764-3495.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Intent to Establish the Advisory Committee on Appliance Energy Efficiency Standards

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of intent to establish.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), and Title 41, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Subpart 101-6, Final Rule on Federal Advisory Committee Management, I hereby certify the Advisory Committee on Appliance Energy Efficiency Standards is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of Energy by law. This notice of intent follows consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, pursuant to 41 CFR Subpart 101-6.10.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide the Secretary of Energy with advice, information, and recommendations on the appliance energy efficiency standards rulemaking process. The Committee will provide an organized forum for a diverse set of interested stakeholders and technically adept individuals to conduct an in-depth assessment of the Appliance Standards rulemaking process.

Committee members will be chosen to ensure an appropriately balanced membership to bring into account a diversity of viewpoints, including representatives from manufacturer trade associations, energy conservation advocates, utilities, state energy offices, and others who may significantly contribute to the deliberations of the committee. All meetings of this Committee will be noticed ahead of time in the Federal Register.

Further information regarding this Advisory Committee may be obtained from Michael McCabe, Director, Office of Codes and Standards, EE-43, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121, (telephone: 202-586-9155).

Issued in Washington, DC on November 12, 1996.

JoAnne Whitman,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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Secretary of Energy Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Consistent with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the following advisory committee meeting:

Name: Secretary of Energy Advisory Board—Openness Advisory Panel.

Dates and Times: Tuesday, December 3, 1996, 1:30 pm–5:30 pm; Wednesday, December 4, 1996, 8:30 am–5:00 pm.

Place: Covington and Burling Law Firm, Conference Center (11th Floor), 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20044.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Cheney, Acting Executive Director, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-7092.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Purpose of the Committee: The purpose of the Openness Advisory Panel is to provide advice to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board regarding the current status and strategic direction for the Department's classification and declassification policies and programs, as well as other aspects of the Department's ongoing Openness Initiative. The Panel's work will help institutionalize the Department's Openness Initiative.

Tentative Agenda

Tuesday, December 3, 1996

1:30 pm–2:00 pm—Opening Remarks

2:00 pm–3:00 pm—Overviews of the

DOD and CIA Openness Programs

3:00 pm–5:00 pm—Subgroup Reports and Discussion: Priorities in Declassification, Accessibility, Declassification Productivity, Legal Issues

5:00 pm–5:30 pm—Public Comment

5:30 pm—Adjourn.

Wednesday, December 4, 1996

8:30 am–5:00 pm—Working Session.

A final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation: The Chairman of the Panel is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will, in the Chairman's judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its meeting in Washington, D.C. the Panel welcomes public comment. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. The Panel will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. Written comments may be submitted to David Cheney, Acting Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB-1, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585.

Minutes: Minutes and a transcript of the meeting will be available for public review and copying approximately 30 days following the meeting at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, between 9:00 am and

4:00 pm, Monday through Friday except Federal holidays.

Issued at Washington, DC, on November 12, 1996.

Rachel Samuel,

Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Trunkline Gas Company; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

November 8, 1996.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened in these proceedings on November 14, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC, 20426, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the issues in this proceeding.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, contact Marc G. Denking (202) 208-2215 or Lorna J. Hadlock (202) 208-0737.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Market Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

November 8, 1996.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the facilities proposed by Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) and Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (TETCO) in the Market