

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Scientific research permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a request for amendment of scientific research permit no. 963 submitted by Dr. Randall W. Davis, Department of Marine Biology, Texas A&M University, P.O. Box 1675, Galveston, TX 77553-1675 [Co-investigators: Dr. Michael A. Castellini, and Dr. Terrie M. Williams] has been granted to increase the number of Steller sea lion pups and add adult male sea lions to the take authority.

**ADDRESSES:** The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 13, 1997, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 11846) that an amendment of permit no. 963, issued (60 FR 31450), had been requested by the above-named organization. The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the provisions of § 216.39 of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the provisions of § 222.25 of the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222.23).

Issuance of this amendment, as required by the ESA was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: May 15, 1997.

**Ann D. Terbush,**

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT:** 62 FR 19311.

**PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF MEETING:** 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 27, 1997.

**CHANGES IN THE MEETING:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission has changed the closed meeting to discuss Adjudicatory Matters to 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 29, 1997.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Jean A. Webb, 418-5100.

**Jean A. Webb,**

Secretary of the Commission.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Air Force Medical Operations Agency (AFMOA)-DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Air Force Medical Operations Agency, Family Advocacy Division, announces the proposed reinstatement of a 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 minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by July 22, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to HQ AFMOA/SGOF, 8901 18th Street, Suite 1, Brooks Air Force Base TX 78235-5217, ATTN: Mr. George Fetterman.

**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 the Family Advocacy Program, (210) 536-2032.

**Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:** Request for Family Member Educational Information, Air Force Form 1466A, OMB Number 0701-0122.

**Needs and Uses:** The information collection requirement is necessary to evaluate family members' needs for any special medical or educational services; to assist in making CONUS/OCONUS assignment recommendations; and to code and re-enroll eligible family members into the Exceptional Family Member Program.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households; state or local governments; federal agencies or employees.

**Annual Burden Hours:** 9625.

**Number of Respondents:** 38,500.

**Responses per Respondent:** 1.

**Average Burden per Response:** 15 minutes.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Respondents are dependents and students who may require medical or education services. The form is used to obtain family information needed to evaluate and document the need of military family members for special medical and educational services. Information is collected prior to new assignments. Data is needed to ensure proper medical and educational needs are available at new assignments. Failure to respond could preclude processing assignment.

**Carolyn A. Lunsford,**

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Minuteman III System Dismantlement Based out of Grand Forks Air Force Base, ND

In accordance with the 1995 Base Closure and Realignment Commission recommendations, the United States Air Force Space Command (AFSPC) is issuing this notice to advise the public that the Air Force intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess potential environmental impacts of the dismantlement of the Minuteman (MM) III missile system based at Grand Forks Air Force Base, North Dakota.

Scoping meetings are planned in the towns of Langdon and Cooperstown,

North Dakota for the purpose of identifying environmental concerns that need to be addressed in the EIS. Notice

of the times and locations of the meetings will be made available to the community using the local news media.

The schedule for the scoping meetings is as follows:

Date	Location	Time
June 10, 1997 .....	Cavalier County Courthouse, Meeting Rm, 901 3rd Street Langdon, ND 58249 .....	7:00–10:00 p.m.
June 11, 1997 .....	Griggs County Central High School, 12th & Foster, Cooperstown, ND 58425 .....	7:00–10:00 p.m.

The purpose of these meetings is to identify the environmental issues and concerns that should be analyzed in developing the EIS. Public input and comments are solicited concerning the environmental aspects of the proposed program. To assure the Air Force will have sufficient time to fully consider public inputs on issues, written comments should be mailed to ensure receipt no later than July 15, 1997.

Please direct written comments or requests for further information concerning the MM III system dismantlement EIS to: Lt Col Nancy L. Speake, USAF, P.E., HQ AFCEE/ECM, 3207 North Road, Brooks Air Force Base, TX 78235–5363, (210) 536–3069.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Enhancement of the Capability of the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Kauai, HI To Conduct Missile Defense Testing and Training Activities

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as implemented in the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), the Department of the Navy announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the enhancement of the capability of the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Kauai, Hawaii to conduct missile defense testing and training activities. Agencies invited to cooperate in the preparation of this EIS include the Department of the Army, Department of the Air Force, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, Coast Guard, Department of the Interior, Department of Energy, Federal Aviation Administration, and the State of Hawaii.

The 42,000-square-mile range, located on the west and north side of Kauai and in the adjacent ocean area, is currently operated as a missile test and training

facility by the Navy. Congress has directed the Navy to develop a Theater Ballistic Missile Defense Program (TBMD). Implementing the program at PMRF is in accordance with the Senate Report 103–321 on the 1995 Defense Appropriations Bill, which designated PMRF as “the primary test range for the completion of Navy (TBMD) flight tests.”

The proposed action is to enhance the capability of PMRF to allow testing and training for the Navy’s TBMD program and for the overall DoD Theater Missile Defense (TMD) program. The no-action alternative is the continuation of PMRF’s current activities in support of existing DoD test and training programs. This EIS will examine environmental impacts of developing and operating potential launch sites and tracking stations/areas. Areas being considered for the launch and/or instrumentation sites include: (1) Kauai and the Hawaiian Islands, (2) other Pacific land-based support locations, and (3) ocean areas within and outside U.S. territorial waters.

The distances between PMRF and some of the locations under consideration may exceed limitations in current international agreements related to distances for target missile flights, but they will not exceed distances to the anticipated areas of operations. Any testing would comply with current U.S. policy concerning compliance with treaties and international agreements.

In accordance with Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 343, the Governor of Hawaii has determined that an EIS is required. Since the State and Federal actions and decisions are interconnected, the analyses will be documented in a single joint EIS. The decisions to be made by the State of Hawaii are: (1) Whether to revise the existing restrictive easement with the Navy to extend the easement term from January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2030, and (2) Whether to extend and/or revise other Navy leases and concur with or grant approvals as may be required for Navy use of lands in the Northwestern Hawaiian chain, to support the enhancement of PMRF to facilitate development and testing of TMD systems.

The objective of the EIS is to describe and evaluate environmental impacts of existing activities at the range (the no-action alternative), describe the alternatives for enhancing the range for purposes of testing TBMD systems, and evaluate the environmental impacts from various enhancement alternatives. Environmental resource areas that will be addressed in the EIS include air quality; biological resources, including threatened and endangered species; cultural resources; geology and soils; hazardous materials and waste; health and safety; land use; noise; socioeconomics; transportation, including airspace; utilities; visual and aesthetic resources; and water quality.

The Navy will host four scoping meetings to solicit input on significant issues that should be addressed in the EIS. Each scoping meeting will provide opportunities for clarification of the EIS and alternatives and solicit input from representatives of government agencies and interested individuals. The Navy will set up information stations at these scoping meetings. Each information station will be attended by a Navy representative who will be available to answer questions from meeting attendees. Comments will be entered into the official record via written comment sheets available at each meeting. Written comments will also be accepted via mail or fax. Regardless of the commenting method chosen, all comments will receive the same attention and consideration during EIS preparation.

The four public scoping meetings will be held at the following times and locations: (1) June 17 from 4:00–8:00 pm at the Waimea Neighborhood Center, Waimea, Kauai; (2) June 19 from 4:00–8:00 pm at the Kilauea Neighborhood Center, Kilauea, Kauai; (3) June 21 from 1:00–4:00 pm at the Wilcox Elementary School Cafeteria, Lihue, Kauai; and (4) June 23 from 4:00–8:00 pm at the US Army Reserve Center Assembly Hall, Room 101, Ft. Schafter Flats, Ft. Schafter, Oahu.

**ADDRESSES:** Agencies and the public are encouraged to provide written comments. To be most helpful, comments should clearly describe specific issues or topics that the EIS