

document(s) that may be tiered from this Final PEIS.

Alternative 3 is the Army's preferred alternative and includes all actions in Alternatives 1 and 2 and additionally would adopt the training uses of the Fort Bliss Training Complex as presented in Chapter 4.0—Future Development Concept, of the Fort Bliss Training Area Development Concept. If approved programmatically, evaluation of specific projects proposed in the future will be evaluated in a separate environmental document(s).

The revised Long-range Component of the Fort Bliss Real Property Master Plan, the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan, the Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plan, and the Training Area Development Concept are available for review in the following libraries: El Paso Public Library Main Library, 501 North, Oregon Street, El Paso, TX; Irving Schwartz Branch, El Paso Public Library, 1865 Dean Martin Drive, El Paso, TX; Westside Branch, El Paso Public Library, 125 Belvidere Street, El Paso, TX; Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, NM; Library, Dell City, TX; Library, 920 Oregon, Alamogordo, NM; New Mexico State University Branson Library, Frenger at Williams, Las Cruces, NM; New Mexico State University, Roswell, Library, 52 University Boulevard, Roswell, NM; University of Texas at El Paso Library, 500 West University Avenue, El Paso, TX; and Library, 20 Curfew Place, Cloudcroft, NM.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Future Development and Operations at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: This announces the availability of the DEIS that assesses the effects of future development and operations at Fort Meade on the natural and human environment.

The Proposed Action is the preferred alternative of the DEIS, and includes future development and operations of

Fort Meade's Real Property Master Plan expected to occur on the installation between 2000 and 2005 as part of plans to further Fort Meade's new mission as a Federal administrative center. The Proposed Action identifies 11 projects as being representative of the expected build out during this time. These consist of construction of new facilities that would consolidate tenants from dilapidated World War II structures and off-post leased facilities into more cost efficient and effective facilities; demolition and construction of barracks and mess halls; and providing on-post development opportunities for tenants on installations that are currently subject to Base Realignment and Closure. Other alternatives considered by the DEIS include the No Action Alternative and Alternative A. The No Action Alternative is defined as the normal daily operations at Fort Meade and adjacent areas as of 1999. Alternative A consists of constructing 9 of the 11 projects purposed by the Proposed Action, and excludes the two projects least likely to occur. Alternative A would reduce the number of additional personnel envisioned by the full build out of the Proposed Action to the installation by 272, or 30 percent of the 912 additional personnel included in the Proposed Action.

DATES: Written comments received within 45 days of the publication of this Notice of Availability by the Environmental Protection Agency in the **Federal Register** for this action will be considered by the Army during final decision making and the preparation of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

ADDRESSES: Send requests for a copy of the DEIS or provide written comments to Commander, Fort George G. Meade, ATTN: ANME-DPW (Mr. Jim Gebhardt), Bldg. 239, 2½ Street and Ross Road, Fort Meade, Maryland 20755-5115.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jim Gebhardt, Environmental Engineer, Fort Meade Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Management Office at (301) 677-9365.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DEIS concluded that the cumulative impacts of all past, present and reasonably foreseeable future actions would have a significant impact on traffic and air quality in the study area. Whereas the population in the area immediately surrounding Fort Meade is not expected to noticeably increase, growth in population and activity in the Region of Influence (Anne Arundel and Howard Counties) are expected to exceed the average annual rate in Maryland. Detailed studies concluded, however,

that the contribution of Fort Meade is small relative to the regional air quality and traffic problems, and that it is reasonable to proceed with the Proposed Action while intensifying efforts to work in partnership with the State and others to address the larger traffic and air quality issues.

Fort Meade is currently undertaking four initiatives that will help mitigate the adverse air quality impacts in the region: (1) Conversion of existing oil-fired heating systems to natural gas, (2) use of vehicles powered by natural gas, (3) installation of more energy-efficient devices, and (4) fostering an extensive tree planting and reforestation program. To address traffic impacts, Fort Meade is considering encouraging the use of alternative transportation (*e.g.*, carpooling and flextime), although major rail or bus lines do not currently service the installation. In addition, the construction of the MD Route 198 bypass onto Fort Meade via the former Tipton Army Airfield by the Maryland State Highway Administration is designed to limit the through traffic at Fort Meade to those who reside, work or visit the installation for recreation or other purposes. This is expected to reduce congestion at the intersection of MD Routes 198 and 32.

Other resources that would be measurably affected by the Proposed Action or Alternative A are water quality (by stormwater runoff), utility systems infrastructure, and noise. Considering the best management practices planned by Fort Meade to address these effects, no significant impacts to these resources from the Proposed Action, Alternative A or cumulative effects of other actions are expected to occur. The completion of the 11 projects under the Proposed Action would increase Fort Meade's annual economic contribution to the Region of Influence.

A public meeting will be held after publication of this Notice of Availability of the DEIS during the 45-day public comment period at a date to be announced in the local news media. All interested individuals, private organizations, and government agencies are encouraged to provide input into the EIS review process. All comments received will be addressed and included in the FEIS.

Resource agency coordination was undertaken with the following agencies: U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service; National Park Service; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Department of the Environment, Department of Agriculture, Highway Administration,

and Historical Trust; Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning, Soil Conservation District, and Department of Public Works.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice to Amend Systems of Records.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army is amending a system of records notice in its existing inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

DATES: This proposed action will be effective without further notice on April 12, 2001 unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Records Management Division, U.S. Army Records Management and Declassification Agency, ATTN: TAPC-PDD-RP, Stop 5603, 6000 6th Street, Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060-5603.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Janice Thornton at (703) 806-4390 or DSN 656-4390 or Ms. Christie King at (703) 806-3711 or DSN 656-3711.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of the Army systems of records notices subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.

The specific changes to the records system being amended are set forth below followed by the notice, as amended, published in its entirety. The proposed amendments are not within the purview of subsection (r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, which requires the submission of a new or altered system report.

Dated: March 5, 2001.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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SYSTEM NAME:

Civilian Schooling for Military Personnel (February 22, 1993, 58 FR 10002).

CHANGES:

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CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Delete entry and replace with 'Any Active Duty Army, Army National Guard and Army reserve member who applies for and is selected or attendance at a civilian school or training with industry, or participation in a fellowship/scholarship of training or instruction.'

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Delete entry and replace with 'Name, grade, Social Security Number, address, home phone, duty phone, permanent legal address, branch of service, date of birth, marital status, number of dependents, Application for Detail as Student in a Civilian Educational Institution and Report of Training to Agency, state of legal residence, military occupational specialties, enlistment status, component, foreign service, civilian educational data, military educational data, transcripts, social fraternities, honorary fraternities, clubs, degree major, class standing and personal resumes, school contracts; student training report; photographs; enlisted qualification record; theses; statements of service and school obligation.'

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

Delete entry and replace with '10 U.S.C. 3013, Secretary of the Army; 10 U.S.C. 4301, Members of Army: Detail as Students, Observers and Investigators at Educational Institutions, Industrial Plants, and Hospitals; Army Regulation 621-1, Training of Military Personnel at Civilian Institutions and E.O. 9397 (SSN).'

PURPOSE(S):

Delete 'pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4301'.

STORAGE:

Delete entry and replace with 'Paper records in file folders, microfilm and electronic storage media.'

RETRIEVABILITY:

Add to entry 'Social Security Number, and other numerous data elements.'

SAFEGUARDS:

Delete entry and replace with 'Records are maintained in areas accessible only to authorized personnel and only in the performance of assigned duties. Use of automated systems require user identification and passwords granted to authorized personnel responsible for the administration and processing of individual student data.'

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

CHANGE TO READ:

Offices having Army-wide responsibility: Documents on the development and supervision of civilian schooling for military personnel and annual review of the Army's Civilian Education Program records maintain as permanent; all other records in this category maintain and destroy after 15 years. Training agencies: Maintain records for 15 years then destroy. United States Military Academy: Paper originals destroy after verification that information has been transferred to microfilm. Maintain microfilm as permanent. For all other activities and offices maintain records for two years then destroy.

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SYSTEM NAME:

Civilian Schooling for Military Personnel.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

U.S. Total Army Personnel Command, Chief, Civilian Education, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332-0400. Segments exist at Army commands/installations, organizations/activities, including overseas areas. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Army's compilation of record systems notices.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Any Active Duty Army, Army National Guard and Army Reserve member who applies for or is selected for attendance at civilian school or for training with industry, or participation in a fellowship/scholarship program of training or instruction.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

File contains Department of the Army Forms 1618-R, Application for Detail as Student Officer in a Civilian Educational Institution of Training with Industry Program; 2593-R, Application for Selection for Scientific and Engineering Graduate School; and 3719-R, Information Questionnaire for Recipients of Top Five Percent Army Fellowship (ROTC and U.S.MA),