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**DATES:** DoD will consider all comments received by July 7, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by OMB Control Number 0704-0390, using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail:* [dfars@osd.mil](mailto:dfars@osd.mil). Include OMB Control Number 0704-0390 in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* 703-602-7887.

- *Mail:* Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Attn: Ms. Felisha Hitt, OUSD (AT&L) DPAP (DARS), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Crystal Square 4, Suite 200A, 241 18th Street, Arlington, VA 22202-3402.

Comments received generally will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Felisha Hitt, 703-602-0310. The information collection requirements addressed in this notice are available on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/dfarspgi/current/index.html>. Paper copies are available from Ms. Felisha Hitt, OUSD (AT&L) DPAP (DARS), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title and OMB Number:* Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 229, Taxes, and related clause at DFARS 252.229-7010; OMB Control Number 0704-0390.

*Needs and Uses:* DoD uses this information to determine if DoD contractors in the United Kingdom have attempted to obtain relief from customs duty on vehicle fuels in accordance with contract requirements.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit institutions.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 300.

*Number of Respondents:* 75.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 75.

*Average Burden per Response:* 4 hours.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

**Summary of Information Collection**

The clause at DFARS 252.229-7010, Relief from Customs Duty on Fuel (United Kingdom), is prescribed at DFARS 229.402-70(j) for use in solicitations issued and contracts awarded in the United Kingdom that require the use of fuels (gasoline or diesel) and lubricants in taxis or vehicles other than passenger vehicles. The clause requires the contractor to provide the contracting officer with evidence that the contractor has initiated an attempt to obtain relief from customs duty on fuels and lubricants, as permitted by an agreement between the United States and the United Kingdom.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Defense Acquisition Regulations System**

**Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Types of Contracts (OMB Control Number 0704-0259)**

**AGENCY:** Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. *DoD invites comments on:* (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DoD, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved this information collection requirement for use through August 31, 2008. DoD proposes that

OMB extend its approval for use for three additional years.

**DATES:** DoD will consider all comments received by July 7, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by OMB Control Number 0704-0259, using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail:* [dfars@osd.mil](mailto:dfars@osd.mil). Include OMB Control Number 0704-0259 in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* 703-602-7887.

- *Mail:* Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Attn: Mr. Michael Benavides, OUSD (AT&L) DPAP (DARS), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Crystal Square 4, Suite 200A, 241 18th Street, Arlington, VA 22202-3402.

Comments received generally will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Michael Benavides, 703-602-1302. The information collection requirements addressed in this notice are available on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/dfarspgi/current/index.html>. Paper copies are available from Mr. Michael Benavides, OUSD (AT&L) DPAP (DARS), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title and OMB Number:* Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 216, Types of Contracts, and related clauses at DFARS 252.216-7000, Economic Price Adjustment—Basic Steel, Aluminum, Brass, Bronze, or Copper Mill Products; DFARS 252.216-7001, Economic Price Adjustment—Nonstandard Steel Items; and DFARS 252.216-7003, Economic Price Adjustment—Wage Rates or Material Prices Controlled by a Foreign Government; OMB Control Number 0704-0259.

*Needs and Uses:* The clauses at DFARS 252.216-7000, 252.216-7001, and 252.216-7003 require contractors with fixed-price economic price adjustment contracts to submit information to the contracting officer regarding changes in established material prices or wage rates. The contracting officer uses this information to make appropriate adjustments to contract prices.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 1,564.

*Number of Respondents:* 197.  
*Responses per Respondent:*  
Approximately 2.  
*Annual Responses:* 390.  
*Average Burden per Response:*  
Approximately 4 hours.  
*Frequency:* On occasion.

#### Summary of Information Collection

Paragraph (c) of the clause at DFARS 252.216-7000 requires the contractor to notify the contracting officer of the amount and effective date of each decrease in any established price. Paragraph (d) of the clause permits the contractor to submit a written request to the contracting officer for an increase in contract price.

Paragraph (f)(2) of the clause at DFARS 252.216-7001 requires the contractor to furnish a statement identifying the correctness of the established prices and employee hourly earnings that are relevant to the computation of various indices. Paragraph (f)(3) of the clause requires the contractor to make available, upon the request of the contracting officer, all records used in the computation of labor indices.

Paragraph (b)(1) of the clause at DFARS 252.216-7003 permits the contractor to provide a written request for contract adjustment based on increases in wage rates or material prices that are controlled by a foreign government. Paragraph (c) of the clause requires the contractor to make available its books and records that support a requested change in contract price.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the Proposed Geothermal Development Program, Naval Air Facility El Centro, Imperial County, CA and To Announce Public Scoping Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section (102)(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the regulations implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and the Department of the Navy NEPA regulation (32 CFR part

775), the Department of the Navy (Navy) announces its intent to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for a proposed geothermal development program, which would include potential development and utilization of geothermal resources located beneath approximately 3,110 acres of Navy lands at Naval Air Facility (NAF) El Centro, California in the Superstition Mountain area in western Imperial County, California (the "Project Area"). The Project Area incorporates a very small portion of the Target 101 Shade Tree area which is located 8 miles northwest of NAF El Centro. The geothermal development program would potentially include field exploration, field development, resource utilization, and field closure.

The study will encompass a 2,830-acre parcel of adjacent Department of Interior; Bureau of Land Management (BLM) managed land as necessary to support the proposed Navy action. The BLM will be a cooperating agency in preparing this PEIS. Development of geothermal resources beneath Navy lands in the Project Area would be accomplished by means of a public-private venture capital arrangement between the Navy and an energy developer. Geothermal development will occur after completion of additional site-specific environmental analysis under NEPA.

The Navy will hold public scoping meetings for the purpose of further identifying the scope of issues to be addressed in the PEIS. Federal, State, and local agencies and the public that may be interested in or affected by the Navy's decision for the proposed action are invited to participate in the scoping process for the PEIS. Comments are being solicited to help identify significant issues or concerns related to the proposed action, determine the scope of issues to be addressed in the PEIS, and identify and refine alternatives to the proposed action.

**DATES:** The Navy will conduct public scoping meetings in El Centro, CA and San Diego, CA to encourage and facilitate public participation in the PEIS process and to receive oral and/or written comments. The public scoping meetings will be conducted in English and will be held in an open house format with a brief presentation to describe the proposed action, geothermal development, anticipated environmental impacts, and the PEIS process. Navy representatives will be available to answer questions. Both comment sheets and a recorder will be made available to document individual

comments received at the public scoping meetings scheduled below:

1. Wednesday, May 28, 2008, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., County Center II, 2895 S. Fourth Street, Room B, El Centro, CA;
2. Thursday, May 29, 2008, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Handlery Hotel and Resort, 950 Hotel Circle North, Crystal Ballroom, San Diego, CA.

The time and location of the public scoping meetings will be announced in the local news media. The public scoping period will extend for 60 days after the publication of this notice, from May 5 to July 5, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Steven Bjornstad, Geothermal Program Office (ESC-25), Naval Air Weapons Station, 429 East Bowen Road, Mail Stop 4011, China Lake, CA 93555-6108, telephone: 760-939-4048, fax: 760-939-2449, E-mail: [steven.bjornstad@navy.mil](mailto:steven.bjornstad@navy.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the proposed action is to initiate a geothermal development program to produce electricity from non-hydrocarbon based power generation on Navy lands. The need for the action arises from national policy and Congressional direction. Strong rationale supports development of a secure, low-cost energy supply for military bases to cope with energy shortages and forced allocations of fossil fuel resources without affecting mission capability. The proposed action is to initiate a geothermal development program on Navy lands in the Project Area. The proposed action would not involve any specific surface disturbance in the Project Area. Geothermal development would only occur after completion of additional site-specific environmental analysis under NEPA.

Based upon available geothermal development results in the surrounding area and field investigation research conducted at the site (including geophysical, geological, geochemical and petrophysical field data acquisition and analysis), the Navy assumes that geothermal development would not exceed 35 megawatts (MW) of electrical power generation. Additional geothermal development to increase power generation beyond 35 MW is not anticipated, but if proposed, will be covered in subsequent site-specific environmental analysis under NEPA.

Development of a geothermal facility to generate 35 MW of electrical power would require drilling up to 18 production and injection wells from multi-well pads. It is anticipated that 30 acres of land for well pads, 41 acres for roads, 6 acres for pipelines, 7 acres for the power plant, and 121 acres for