

The Army has adopted all practicable mitigation measures to avoid or minimize environmental harm. Mitigation measures are summarized in the ROD and are described in greater detail in Chapter 4 of the Final EIS.

Recommencing live-fire military training activities at MMR was selected because it best meets the military's collective training requirements. The decision to proceed with a variation of Alternative 2 incorporates analyses in the Final EIS, involvement from the public, consideration of the cumulative impacts associated with all the alternatives evaluated, and the training requirements of the 25th ID.

The EIS considered construction of facilities at Pohakuloa Training Area on the island of Hawaii (Alternative 4). This alternative did not meet the purpose and need of the proposed action as well as the selected action. A fuller rationale for the decision can be found in the ROD.

Dated: July 16, 2009.

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Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health).

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 22, 2009.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information

Management Services, Office of Management, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: July 21, 2009.

Angela C. Arrington,

Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

Federal Student Aid

Type of Review: New.

Title: Notice Inviting Proposals for Experimental Sites.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 50.

Burden Hours: 250.

Abstract: With this notice, the Secretary invites proposals to reinvent the administration of Federal student assistance programs through the use of the experimental sites authority (Section 487A(d) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended). The program is intended to encourage institutions to develop innovative strategies to improve Title IV program administration.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 4091. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of

Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting and partially closed meetings.

SUMMARY: The notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Assessment Governing Board. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify members of the general public of their opportunity to attend. This notice is appearing in the **Federal Register** less than 15 days before the date of the meeting of the Board because of late additions to the closed meeting schedule. Individuals who will need special accommodations in order to attend the meeting (*i.e.*; interpreting services, assistive listening devices, materials in alternative format) should notify Munira Mwalimu at 202-357-6938 or at Munira.Mwalimu@ed.gov no later than July 31, 2009. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

DATES: August 6-8, 2009.

Times

August 6: Committee Meetings

Assessment Development Committee: Closed Session—8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Ad Hoc Committee on NAEP Testing and Reporting on Students with Disabilities and English Language Learners: Open Session—2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Executive Committee: Open Session—4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Closed Session—5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

August 7

Full Board: Open Session—8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.; Closed Session—12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Open Session—1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

Assessment Development Committee: Open Session—10 a.m. to 11 a.m.; Closed Session—11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Committee on Standards, Design and Methodology: Open Session—10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Reporting and Dissemination Committee: Open Session—10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

August 8

Nominations Committee: Closed Session—7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.

Full Board: Closed Session—8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.; Open Session—10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Location: Mandarin Oriental Hotel, 1330 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Munira Mwalimu, Operations Officer, National Assessment Governing Board, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 825, Washington, DC 20002-4233, Telephone: (202) 357-6938.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Assessment Governing Board is established under section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994, as amended.

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The Board's responsibilities include selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment specifications and frameworks, developing appropriate student achievement levels for each grade and subject tested, developing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons, developing guidelines for reporting and disseminating results, and releasing initial NAEP results to the public.

On August 6, 2009, the Assessment Development Committee will meet in closed session from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the Ad Hoc Committee on NAEP Testing and Reporting on Students with Disabilities and English Language Learners will meet in open session from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thereafter, the Executive Committee will meet in open session from 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and in closed session from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

During the closed session on August 6, 2009 the Assessment Development

Committee will review secure NAEP test questions in grades 4, 8, and 12 for the 2010 operational assessments in U.S. History and secure writing prompts in the computer-based platform at grades 8 and 12 for the 2010 pilot test. The meeting must be conducted in closed session as disclosure of test items would significantly impede implementation of the NAEP program, and is therefore protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552(b) of Title 5 U.S.C.

On August 6, 2009, the Executive Committee will receive a briefing from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) on options for NAEP contracts covering the 2008–2012 assessment years, based on funding for Fiscal Year 2009–2010. The discussion of contract options and costs will address the implications for congressionally mandated goals and adherence to Board policies on NAEP assessments. This part of the meeting must be conducted in closed session because public discussion of this information would disclose independent government cost estimates and contracting options, adversely impacting the confidentiality of the contracting process. Public disclosure of information discussed would significantly impede implementation of the NAEP contracts, and is therefore protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552(b) of Title 5 U.S.C.

The second portion of the closed session of the Executive Committee is for discussion of nominees for the office of Vice-Chair of the Board for the one-year term from October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010. Under the current NAGB by-laws, the Board selects a Vice-Chair from among its members. The Executive Committee will review the names of the candidates for Vice Chair, and will forward a recommendation to the whole Board for a final vote. These discussions pertain solely to internal personnel rules and practices of an agency and will disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. As such, the discussions are protected by exemptions 2 and 6 of section 552(b) of Title 5 U.S.C.

On August 7, the full Board will meet in open session from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. The Board will review and approve the agenda and the May 2009 Board meeting minutes. Following these actions, the Chairman will introduce the Governing Board's new Executive Director, Cornelia Orr, who will then address the Board. Following her remarks, John Easton, Director, Institute of Education Sciences, will provide some remarks and engage in open

discussion with the Board. This will be followed by an update from the Acting Commissioner of Education, Stuart Kerachsky, on the work of the National Center for Education Statistics.

From 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., two of the Board's standing committees—the Reporting and Dissemination Committee, and the Committee on Standards, Design and Methodology will meet in open sessions. The Assessment Development Committee will meet in open session from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. From 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. the Assessment Development Committee will meet in closed session to review secure writing prompts in the computer-based platform for the 2010 pilot test in grades 8 and 12 and reading passages at grade 4 for the 2010 special study on accessible booklets. This portion of the Assessment Development Committee is closed since disclosure of test items and data would significantly impede implementation of the NAEP program, and is therefore protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552(b) of Title 5 U.S.C.

The full Board will meet in closed session from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. to receive a briefing on the 2007 NCES Study on Mapping State Proficiency Standards onto the NAEP Scale from Peggy Carr, the Associate Commissioner of NCES. The Governing Board will be provided with embargoed data on the Mapping Study that cannot be discussed in an open meeting prior to their official release. Premature disclosure of data would significantly impede implementation of the NCES statistics program, and is therefore protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552(b) of Title 5 U.S.C.

From 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m., the full Board will receive a briefing on the Expert Panel reports to the Ad Hoc Committee on NAEP Testing and Reporting of Students with Disabilities and English Language Learners. This will be followed by an update on the Common Core Standards Project from 3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Thereafter, the Board will receive an update on the NAEP 2012 Technological Literacy Framework Project. The August 7 session of the Board meeting is scheduled to adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

On August 8, the Nominations Committee will meet in closed session from 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. to review and discuss confidential information regarding nominees received for Board vacancies for terms beginning on October 1, 2009. These discussions pertain solely to internal personnel rules and practices of an agency and will disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would

constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. As such, the discussions are protected by exemptions 2 and 6 of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

The full Board will meet in closed session on August 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. to receive a demonstration on NAEP Science Interactive Computer Tasks. The interactive computer tasks are secure items and cannot be discussed in an open meeting. Premature disclosure of the test items would significantly impede implementation of the NAEP program, and is therefore protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

Thereafter, the Board will meet in open session from 10:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. to review and take action on Committee reports. The August 8, 2009 session of the Board meeting is scheduled to adjourn at 12 p.m.

Detailed minutes of the meeting, including summaries of the activities of the closed sessions and related matters that are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of section 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) will be available to the public within 14 days of the meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite #825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

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Dated: July 21, 2009.

Cornelia Orr,

Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board, U.S. Department of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of an Additional Scoping Meeting for the Environmental Impact Statement for the Long-Term Management and Storage of Elemental Mercury, Extension of the Public Comment Period, and Correction

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of an Additional Scoping Meeting, Extension of the Public Comment Period, and Correction.

SUMMARY: On July 2, 2009, the Department of Energy (DOE or the Department) published its Notice of Intent to prepare an *Environmental Impact Statement for the Long-Term Management and Storage of Elemental Mercury (Mercury Storage EIS)* (74 FR 31723). In that Notice of Intent, DOE invited public comments on the proposed scope of the Mercury Storage EIS during a 45-day public scoping period and announced seven public scoping meetings would be held in the vicinity of the sites proposed for evaluation in this EIS as candidate facilities for the long-term management and storage of elemental mercury generated within the United States. DOE is now announcing the addition of a public scoping meeting to be held on August 13, 2009, in Portland, Oregon, and an extension of the public scoping period. DOE also is correcting language contained in the July 2, 2009, Notice of Intent.

DATES: DOE is extending the scoping period from the 45 days previously announced to 52 days. DOE invites public comment on the scope of this EIS during a public scoping period that commenced on July 2, 2009, and has been extended from August 17, 2009, to August 24, 2009. DOE will hold all of the public scoping meetings on this EIS from 5:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m.. The added public scoping meeting will be held as follows:

August 13, 2009. Red Lion Portland Convention Center, 1021 NE., Grand Avenue, Portland, OR 97232.

All other public scoping meetings will be held as announced in the July 2, 2009, Notice of Intent. Additional details on all scoping meetings will be provided in local media and at <http://www.mercurystorageeis.com>.

In defining the scope of the EIS, DOE will consider all comments received or postmarked by the end of the scoping period. Comments received or postmarked after the scoping period end date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the scope of the EIS may be submitted by

mail to: Mr. David Levenstein, EIS Document Manager, P.O. Box 2612 Germantown, MD 20874, by toll free fax to 1-877-274-5462; or through the EIS Web site at <http://www.mercurystorageeis.com>.

To be placed on the EIS distribution list, any of the methods listed under **ADDRESSES** above can be used. In requesting a copy of the Draft EIS, please specify whether the request is for a copy of the Summary only, the entire Draft EIS, or the entire Draft EIS (which includes the Summary) on a compact disc. In addition, the Draft EIS will be available on the DOE NEPA Web site at <http://www.gc.energy.gov/NEPA/> and at the EIS Web site referenced above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information about the EIS, please contact Mr. David Levenstein, EIS Document Manager, Office of Regulatory Compliance (EM-10), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585. For general information concerning DOE's NEPA process, contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (GC-20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; e-mail: askNEPA@hq.doe.gov; telephone 202-586-4600; fax 202-586-7031; or leave a message at 1-800-472-2756. This Notice will be available at <http://www.gc.energy.gov/NEPA/> and at <http://www.mercurystorageeis.com>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 2, 2009 (74 FR 31723), the Department published a Notice of Intent in the **Federal Register**. We believe it is necessary to issue the following correction to read:

- On page 31723, the first sentence of the "Background" section is corrected to read: The Mercury Export Ban Act of 2008 (Pub. L. No. 110-414), amends section 6 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) (15 USC 2605) to prohibit, effective October 14, 2008, any Federal agency from conveying, selling, or distributing (with certain limited exceptions) to any other Federal agency, any State or local government agency, or any private individual or entity any elemental mercury under the control or jurisdiction of the Federal agency. In all other respects, the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of the July 2, 2009, Notice of Intent remains the same.

The Mercury Export Ban Act also prohibits the export of elemental mercury from the United States effective January 1, 2013 (subject to certain essential use exceptions). Section 5 of the Act, *Long-Term Storage*, directs DOE to designate a facility or facilities for the