

Item	Estimated time for response (minutes)	Estimated annual responses	Estimated annual burden hours
Replace Online Access Card	5	70	6
User Training Application Forms	10	98	17
Security Identification Badges for Public Users (PTO-2224)	5	1,000	80
Renew Security Identification Badges for Public Users	5	3,200	256
Replace Security Identification Badge	5	100	8
Total	11,369	1,097

Estimated Total Annual Non-hour Respondent Cost Burden: \$4,152. There are no capital start-up, maintenance, or recordkeeping costs associated with this information collection. However, this collection does have annual (non-hour) costs in the form of filing fees and postage costs.

There are no application or renewal fees for online access cards or security identification badges. However, there is a \$15 fee for issuing a replacement

security identification badge. The previous \$15 fee for obtaining a replacement online access card has been eliminated. The USPTO estimates that it will reissue approximately 100 security badges annually that have been lost or need to be replaced, for a total of \$1,500 per year in replacement fees.

There are registration fees for the user training courses offered at the Public Search Facilities. The regular cost for a public course is \$25 per class, and

individual instruction may also be arranged for \$120 per class. The USPTO estimates that it will receive 96 registrations for public courses and 2 registrations for individual instruction per year, for a total of \$2,640 in training registration fees. Therefore, this collection has a total of \$4,140 per year in filing fees in the form of security badge replacement fees and training registration fees.

Item	Estimated annual responses	Fee amount	Estimated annual fee costs
Application for Public User ID (Online Access Card) (PTO-2030)	2,951	\$0.00	\$0.00
Issue Online Access Card	1,975	0.00	0.00
Renew Online Access Card	1,975	0.00	0.00
Replace Online Access Card	70	0.00	0.00
User Training Application Forms (Public Course)	96	25.00	2,400.00
User Training Application Forms (Individual Course)	2	120.00	240.00
Security Identification Badges for Public Users (PTO-2224)	1,000	0.00	0.00
Renew Security Identification Badges for Public Users	3,200	0.00	0.00
Replace Security Identification Badge	100	15.00	1,500.00
Total	11,369	4,140.00

Users may incur postage costs when submitting a user training application form to the USPTO by mail. The USPTO expects that approximately 30 of the estimated 98 training forms received per year will be submitted by mail. The USPTO estimates that the average first-class postage cost for a mailed training form will be 39 cents, for a total postage cost of approximately \$12 per year for this collection.

The total annual (non-hour) respondent cost burden for this collection in the form of filing fees and postage costs is estimated to be \$4,152 per year.

IV. Request for Comments

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 (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be

collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, *e.g.*, the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 23, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Availability of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for DTRA Activities on White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321-4370, as implemented by the Council of Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) announces the availability of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for DTRA activities on White Sands Missile Range (WSMR), New Mexico. As a major cooperating agency, WSMR has participated in the

preparation of the PEIS. Future development of DTRA's testing facilities and program, and its scope require a PEIS to adequately address potential environmental impacts.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be forwarded to the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, ATTN: WSMR PEIS Comments, 1680 Texas St., SE., Kirtland AFB, NM 87117-5669; faxed to (505) 853-1793; or emailed to WSMR_PEIS_Comments@abq.dtra.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: DTRA Public Affairs at (703) 767-5870 or (800) 701-5096.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: White Sands Missile Range covers approximately 8,288 km² (3,200 mi²) of south-central New Mexico. Proposed DTRA activities at WSMR have the potential to significantly impact certain natural, social, cultural, and economic resources in the region. The study area for environmental analyses includes the Hard Target Defeat Test bed (HTDT), Permanent High Explosive Test Site (PHETS), Seismic hardrock In Situ Test site (SHIST), Alternate SHIST, and Large Blast/Thermal Simulator (LBTS). The objective has been to provide a thorough, comprehensive and PEIS that will serve as a planning and decision-making tool, a public information source, and a reference for mitigation tracking concerning DTRA future activities.

Alternatives consist of modifications of specific activities; variations in type and toxicity of simulants; and the No Action alternative. These alternatives were developed during preparation of the Draft PEIS as a result of environmental analyses of the activities and public input.

Significant Issues: Certain biologically diverse areas on White Sands Missile Range utilized by the Defense Threat Reduction Agency serve as habitat or potential habitat for protected floral and faunal (plant and animal) species. To date, several locations in the areas studied have been identified as important cultural resources. The most significant are Ground Zero and McDonald Ranch House, part of Trinity Site National Historic Landmark located within the Permanent High Explosive Test Site boundaries.

Significant issues that are addressed in the Draft PEIS include:

1. The continued operation and maintenance of various test structures used as targets for weapon system evaluations.
2. Construction of new test structures, enlargement of existing test beds, and possible development of new test beds.

3. Testing, operations and maintenance activities at tunnel targets in the Capitol Canyon area (HTDT).

4. The use of chemical and biological simulants in collateral damage tests.

5. Planned improvements to the DTRA Administrative Park within the PHETS boundaries.

Public hearings will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2006, at the Civic Center in Alamogordo, NM (800 East First Street, Alamogordo, NM); on Wednesday, March 1, 2006, at the Ramada Palms in Las Cruces, NM (201 E University Ave., Las Cruces, NM); and on Thursday, March 2, 2006, at the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Macey Center, in Socorro, NM (801 Leroy Place, Socorro, NM) to facilitate public input to the PEIS.

All hearings will begin at 5 p.m. with a 2-hour open house session for the public to ask questions of subject matter experts. These sessions will be followed by the public hearings, beginning at 7 p.m. in order to receive public comments.

Please note any changes to the times, dates, and locations for the hearings will be published in local newspapers and on the PEIS Web site at www.dtra.mil/Toolbox/Directorates/TD/programs/dpeis/index.cfm.

For those that cannot attend the public hearings, written comments via mail or e-mail are encouraged. Comments should clearly identify and describe the specific issue(s) or topics that the PEIS should address.

To be considered in the Final PEIS, comments and suggestions must be postmarked no later than 60 days following this **Federal Register** announcement.

Dated: January 23, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the Defense Department Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS)

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10(a), Public Law 92-463, as amended, notice is hereby given of a forthcoming meeting of the Defense Department Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS). The purpose of

the Committee meeting is to introduce new members and conduct orientation training. The meeting is open to the public, subject to the availability of space.

Interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the Committee and make an oral presentation of such. Persons desiring to make an oral presentation or submit a written statement to the Committee must notify the point of contact listed below no later than 5 p.m., 17 February 2006. Oral presentations by members of the public will be permitted only on Wednesday, 22 February 2006 from 4:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. before the full Committee. Presentations will be limited to two minutes. Number of oral presentations to be made will depend on the number of requests received from members of the public. Each person desiring to make an oral presentation must provide the point of contact listed below with one (1) copy of the presentation by 5 p.m., 17 February 2006 and bring 35 copies of any material that is intended for distribution at the meeting. Persons submitting a written statement must submit 35 copies of the statement to the DACOWITS staff by 5 p.m. on 17 February 2006.

DATES: 22 February 2006, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., 23 February 2006, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., 24 February 2006, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Location: Double Tree Hotel Crystal City National Airport, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: MSgt Gerald Posey, USA DACOWITS, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Room 2C548A, Washington, DC 20301-4000. Telephone (703) 697-2122. Fax (703) 614-6233.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Meeting agenda.

Wednesday, 22 February 2006, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Welcome & Administrative Remarks.
New Member Orientation.
Public Forum.

Thursday, 23 February 2006, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

New Member Orientation.

Friday, 24 February 2006, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

New Member Orientation.

Note: Exact order may vary.