

meeting will be open to the public. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, (Pub. L. 92-463).

DATES: September 21, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Sheraton National Hotel, Columbia Pike & Washington Blvd., Arlington, VA.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND AGENDA: The DoD Healthcare Quality Initiatives Review Panel will meet in open session from approximately 8:30 am to 5:30 pm on September 21, 1999.

This meeting will include:

- Welcoming remarks and introductions
- Historical overview
- Review of statue
- Review of charter
- Orientation/Overview for Panel
- Suggested process for operation of the Panel; deliverable and timelines
- Twenty minutes for public comments

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Public seating for this meeting is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. For information please contact Gia Edmonds at (703) 933-8325.

Dated: September 3, 1999.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Group of Advisors to the National Security Education Board Meeting

AGENCY: National Defense University.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of a forthcoming meeting of the Group of Advisors to the National Security Education Board. The purpose of the meeting is to review and make recommendations to the Board concerning requirements established by the David L. Boren National Security Education Act, Title VIII of Public Law 102-183, as amended.

DATES: October 5, 1999.

ADDRESSES: National Security Education Program Office, 1101 Wilson Boulevard—Suite 1210, Arlington, Virginia 22209.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Edmond J. Collier, Deputy Director, National Security Education Program, 1101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1210, Rosslyn P.O. Box 20010, Arlington, Virginia 22209-2248; (703) 696-1991. Electronic mail address: colliere@ndu.edu.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Group of Advisors meeting is open to the public.

Dated: September 3, 1999.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison officer,

Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Advisory Committee Meeting Notice

AGENCY: U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), DoD.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 10 (a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following meeting:

Name of Committee: Distance Learning/ Training Technology Subcommittee of the Army Education Advisory Committee.

Date: 5-6 October 1999.

Place: Fort Eustis, Virginia.

Time: 0830-1630 (5 Oct 99); 0830-1640 (6 Oct 99).

Proposed Agenda: Swearing in of new members, a Command Overview briefing, and review of The Army Distance Learning Program (TADLP). This will include multimedia authoring standards, DL infrastructure, Deployable Training, Video Teletraining, a demonstration of DL Classroom, and demonstrations of CD ROM and Internet training products.

For Further Information Contact: All communications regarding this subcommittee should be addressed to Mr. Richard Karpinski, at Commander, Headquarters TRADOC, ATTN: ATTG-CF (Mr. Karpinski), Fort Monroe, VA 23651-5000; telephone number (757) 728-5531.

Supplementary Information: Meeting of the advisory committee is open to the public. Because of restricted meeting space, attendance will be limited to those persons who have notified the Advisory Committee Management Office in writing at least five days prior to the meeting of their intention to attend. Contact Mr. Karpinski (757) 728-5531 for meeting agenda and specific locations.

Any member of the public may file a written statement with the committee before, during, or after the meeting. To the extent that time permits, the committee chairman may allow public presentations or oral statements at the meeting.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Availability of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (dPEIS) for the Dredged Material Management Plan (DMMP) for the Port of New York/New Jersey (PANY/NJ)

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The responsible lead agency is the U.S. Army Engineer District New York. The DMMP project area is in and surrounds the Port of New York/New Jersey and includes the New York Bight Apex, the Lower Bay Complex, which includes the Lower Bay, Raritan and Sandy Hook Bays, the Upper Bay Complex which includes the Hudson and East Rivers, Kill Van Kull, and Newark Bay, and the lands contiguous to these water bodies for a radius of approximately 20 miles. The document contains three reports the dPEIS, the DMMP, and the Technical Appendix for the DMMP. The dPEIS explores the available options and the Recommended Course of Action identified in the DMMP.

DATES: Written comments received within 45 days of the publication of the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register** will be considered by the Corps in decision-making for the final PEIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding the scoping process or requests for the draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement may be directed to Mr. Robert J. Kurtz, EIS Coordinator, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Planning Division-Technical Services, New York District, Jacob K. Javits Federal Building, New York, New York 10278-0090, (212) 264-2230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Several authorities exist to conduct navigation studies and maintain the New York Harbor, these include the Rivers and Harbors Appropriation Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 401-466n), the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972 (Clean Water Act—CWA), and the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (MPRSA). With respect to the preparation of the DMMP, Corps planning guidance stated in EC1165-2-200 requires each district to maintain responsibility for preparation of long-term plans to accomplish the mission defined in the above documents.

The linked problems associated with dredging in the Port are that sedimentation creates shallow depths,

and a substantial volume of the material to be dredged contains contaminants at levels that may limit disposal options. The Port of New York/New Jersey has an ambient average depth of about 19 feet. Vessel draft for many years has exceeded this depth, requiring dredging. Furthermore the draft of modern vessels continue to increase. Currently, the newest vessels have drafts in excess of 50 feet. The shallow harbor requires continued dredging and even deepening of channels to accommodate deeper draft vessels. The current estimate for annual dredging averages in excess of 8.2 million cubic yards through 2010. This figure includes both maintenance and new work projects. The second problem is caused by anthropogenic (human generated) industrial activity that adds pollutants to the Port sediments. Currently, between 67 and 75% of the annual dredging volume may contain contaminants at concentrations that require special sites and handling to dispose of the dredged material to protect the marine and estuarine environment and biota.

The Port is a vital economic and environmental resource to the entire region and the nation. Dredging must occur in order that the Port of New York/New Jersey (PANY/NJ) remain a viable port for shipping in the future. Failure to do this, risks the loss of some 166,600 jobs and over \$25 billion in commerce per year. There is also an opportunity to develop plans to safely place dredged material while investigating means of protecting and restoring the Port of New York/New Jersey's estuary. The Port stakeholders have met monthly under the Dredged Material Management Integration Work Group (DMMIWG) for the last several years. This work group represents the Federal and state governments including regulatory and government resources agencies, the State of New York and New Jersey, the Port Authority of the Port of New York/New Jersey, Port users and involved stakeholder organizations. Its purpose has been to provide a forum for input to the planning process for the DMMP, and to coordinate that effort. This effort includes the Harbor Estuary Plan (HEP) and its Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) signed by all the major agencies with responsibilities for the port and its environment. In addition to this, formal port meetings are held monthly among port planners (NYD, PANY/NJ, States of NY and NJ) to discuss future needs and disposal/management options for the long-term. Other meetings have been held with local interested parties

including working groups assembled by the borough presidents of Brooklyn and Staten Island.

The Corps of Engineers has held scoping meetings with the public on this plan. Public meetings included poster sessions on various options and the overall planning process during February through April 1997. Scoping meetings that included posters explaining the scope of the EIS, followed by question/answer periods and the opportunity to make taped statements, were held during April 1998. Written comments were also solicited and gathered at these meetings. Notices of public meetings held in 1997 and 1998 were sent out to agencies, and to more than 2,000 public officials, repositories and members of the public. Additionally, a Notice of Intent to produce a PEIS including an outline of the scope was published in the **Federal Register** on February 24, 1998. Two reports were circulated prior to the public meetings. The reports are the Interim Report (October 1996) and the Status Report (December 1997). Written comments to these reports, along with verbal comments at the meetings, were considered in revising the EIS scope, and addressing public concerns in the PEIS and DMMP.

Simeon Hook,

Acting Chief, Planning Division.

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EMERGENCY STEEL GUARANTEE LOAN BOARD

EMERGENCY OIL AND GAS GUARANTEED LOAN BOARD

Public Meeting To Receive Input Regarding Operations of the Emergency Steel Guarantee Loan Program and the Emergency Oil and Gas Guaranteed Loan Program

AGENCY: Emergency Steel Guarantee Loan Board; Emergency Oil and Gas Guaranteed Loan Board.

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: On August 17, 1999, President Clinton signed Public Law 106-51, an act establishing two loan guarantee programs. One program guarantees loans to qualified steel and iron ore companies and the second guarantees loans to qualified oil and gas companies. The law established two Loan Guarantee Boards (Boards), each comprising the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, as Chair of the Board, the Secretary of Commerce, and the

Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, to oversee the programs. The Boards have certain responsibilities under the law, including the issuance of necessary regulations. To receive public input regarding operations of the two programs, the Boards are holding a public meeting on September 22, 1999.

DATES: The public meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 22, 1999, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with a lunch break from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Parties interested in participating in the public meeting must register with Dan Fee ((202) 482-6151) by close of business, Friday, September 17, 1999. Those who would like to present oral testimony at the meeting should so inform Mr. Fee when they register. Written comments and written statements of oral testimony must be submitted by September 17, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Main Auditorium, Washington, DC 20230. Written comments and written statements of oral testimony should be sent to: Dan Fee, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 5515, Washington, DC 20230. To enable prompt review and public access, paper submissions should include a version of the document on diskette in WordPerfect or Word format. Diskettes must be labeled with the name of the submitting party and the name and version of the word processing program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Fee, (202) 482-6151.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 17, 1999, President Clinton signed into law Public Law 106-51, an act providing authority for guarantees of loans to qualified steel and iron ore companies and to qualified oil and gas companies. Chapter 1 of Public Law 106-51, called the Emergency Steel Loan Guarantee Act of 1999, established a program for guaranteeing loans made by private sector lending institutions to qualified steel and iron ore companies. Chapter 2, called the Emergency Oil and Gas Guaranteed Loan Program Act of 1999, established a program for guaranteeing loans made by private sector lending institutions to qualified oil and gas companies. Each program is overseen by its own Loan Guarantee Board. While the Boards are distinct, the membership on each Board is identical. The Boards are composed of the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, as Chair of