

Boulevard, Mystic, CT 06355; telephone: (860) 572-0731.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee will meet to further consider and develop all the alternatives under consideration for the SBRM amendment.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: March 9, 2007.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service. [FR Doc. E7-4703 Filed 3-14-07; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 030807D]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council's (Council) Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS)/Enforcement Committee will meet to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, April 9, 2007, at 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Mystic, 20 Coogan Boulevard, Mystic, CT 06355; telephone: (860) 572-0731.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items of discussion in the committee's agenda are as follows:

1. Introduction: safety, regulation compliance, and familiarizing industry with proper use of VMS.
2. Presentation by Office for Law Enforcement: the capabilities and limitations of VMS as an enforcement tool.
3. Comments and recommendations from the public, VMS users, state agencies, and the Coast Guard. The committee has received the following requests:
 - a. Safe harbor notification, to suspend fishing trip, due to storms or other emergencies;
 - b. Produce a laminated sheet of emergency contacts;
 - c. Declaration in/out of a fishery while at sea, rather than in port;
 - d. Change polling frequency, to be based on fishery declaration;
 - e. Closed area transit notification, to replace gear stowage requirement;
 - f. Completion of the days-at-sea (DAS) web page by NMFS;
 - g. Inform fishermen of existing safety features on their VMS units, by vendors;
4. Industry and law enforcement dialog on VMS usage, and how it can be improved; and
5. Other business.

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

ACTION: Notice of availability of final programmatic environmental impact statement (PEIS) for increased testing activities at White Sands Missile Range (WSMR), NM.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), DTRA has prepared and issued a final PEIS for the proposed testing activities at WSMR. The PEIS addresses the potential environmental impacts associated with implementing the proposed action, alternative, and no action alternative over a 10 year period. The purpose of the proposed action is to provide adequate test areas and facilities to evaluate the lethality effectiveness of weapon systems used against simulated enemy ground targets producing, storing, or controlling Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD). There is a need to improve weapon systems designed to defeat enemy military assets including hardened and reinforced structures. These enemy military assets can house WMD and pose a significant threat to international stability and peaceful coexistence among nations. The military structures and equipment of the United States and its allies must also be refined to better withstand attack by enemy weapons systems to reduce collateral damage. The PEIS presents descriptions of the proposed action, an overview of the affected environment at and near the test sites, and the potential environmental consequences associated

with the proposed action and alternatives, including the no action alternative.

The final PEIS evaluates two alternatives in addition to the no action alternative. The proposed action (alternative 1, DTRA's Preferred Alternative) involves expanding existing test beds and creating new ones; expanding the range of test types including targets, simulants, delivery systems and explosives; implementing infrastructure improvements at the Permanent High Explosive Test Site Administrative Park; and testing special weapons and delivery systems.

Alternative two contains all of the actions described in alternative one plus the use of chemical simulants and taggants/tracers that are considered to have higher toxicity levels than those considered under alternative one. The increased hazards of using these chemicals lead to identifying alternative one as the preferred alternative.

DATES: Effective Dates: DTRA will take no final action on the proposed activities before April 15, 2007 or April 16, 2007. After April 15, 2007, DTRA will issue a Record of Decision (ROD). This ROD will document the Agency's final determinations, in light of the PEIS, with regard to its intended activities at WSMR. A NoA will be published in the **Federal Register** announcing the ROD's availability for public viewing.

ADDRESSES: The final PEIS is available for public viewing on the DTRA Web site, <http://www.dtra.mil>, and at the following public libraries: Albuquerque Public Library, 501 Copper Ave. Northwest, Albuquerque, NM; Socorro Public Library, 401 Park Street, Socorro, NM; Alamogordo Public Library, 920 Oregon Ave., Alamogordo, NM; Branigan Memorial Library, 200 East Picacho Ave., Law Cruces, NM; Consolidated Library Building 464, White Sands Missile Range, NM; Holloman Air Force Base Library, 596 4th Street, Holloman Air Force Base, NM; and the El Paso Public Library, 501 North Oregon Street, El Paso, TX.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A draft PEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on January 27, 2006 (71 FR 4571) for a 60-day public review and comment period that ended March 28, 2006. Public hearings were held February 28, 2006 in Alamogordo, March 1, 2006 in Las Cruces, and March 2, 2006 in Socorro, NM. All comments received were addressed and incorporated into the final PEIS.

Dated: March 9, 2007.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, DoD.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board Chairs Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB) Chairs. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, March 29, 2007, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Friday, March 30, 2007, 8 a.m.–12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Suncoast Hotel & Casino, 9090 Alta Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89145, (702) 636-7111 or 1-877-677-7111.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: E. Douglas Frost, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-5619.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the EM SSAB is to make recommendations to DOE in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

Thursday, March 29, 2007

8 a.m. Welcome/Introductions
8:30 a.m. Round Robin: Top Three Issues—Each Chair
9:30 a.m. Presentation by Assistant Secretary James Rispoli
10:15 a.m. Discussion of the Federal Advisory Committee Act
12 p.m. Lunch
1:30 p.m. Office of Engineering & Technology Presentation
3 p.m. Break
3:15 p.m. EM SSAB Discussion
4:15 p.m. Wrap-Up

Friday, March 30, 2007

8:30 a.m. Presentation by Environmental Management Advisory Board Vice Chair
9 a.m. Update/Discussion: Remote-Handled Transuranic Waste
10 a.m. EM SSAB Wrap-Up
11 a.m. Closing Remarks

12 p.m. Adjourn

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed either before or after the meeting with the Designated Federal Officer, E. Douglas Frost, at the address above or by phone at (202) 586-5619. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should also contact E. Douglas Frost. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: Minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the U.S. Department of Energy Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday–Friday except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by calling E. Douglas Frost at (202) 586-5619 and will be posted at <http://www.em.doe.gov/stakepages/ssabchairs.aspx>.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Fossil Energy

Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Tuesday, April 24, 2007, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Wednesday, April 25, 2007, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Table Mountain Inn, 1310 Washington Avenue, Golden, Colorado 80401.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edith Allison, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Oil and Natural Gas,