

Superintendent by keeping him or her informed about issues of concern throughout the Sanctuary, offering recommendations on specific issues, and aiding the Superintendent in achieving the goals of the National Marine Sanctuary Program. Specifically, the Council's objectives are to provide advice on: (1) Protecting natural and cultural resources and identifying and evaluating emergent or critical issues involving Sanctuary use or resources; (2) Identifying and realizing the Sanctuary's research objectives; (3) Identifying and realizing educational opportunities to increase the public knowledge and stewardship of the Sanctuary environment; and (4) Assisting to develop an informed constituency to increase awareness and understanding of the purpose and value of the Sanctuary and the National Marine Sanctuary Program.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. Sections 1431, *et. seq.* (Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program)

Dated: November 8, 2007.

Daniel J. Basta,

Director, National Marine Sanctuary Program, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Diamond Alkali Superfund Site, Passaic River, New Jersey: Notice of Availability of and Request for Comments on the Draft Natural Resource Damage Assessment Plan (Draft NRDA Plan)

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Department of the Interior (U.S. DOI), collectively acting as Federal natural resource trustees (Federal Trustees), have concluded their preliminary investigation of potential injuries to natural resources under their trusteeship that may have occurred due to releases of hazardous substances at the Diamond Alkali Superfund Site (Site). Following 43 CFR part 11, the Federal Trustees have prepared a Draft NRDA Plan outlining possible activities at this Site.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Through this notice, the public is asked

to provide comments on the Draft NRDA Plan within thirty (30) calendar days from the publication date of this notice. Comments can be sent to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New Jersey Field Office, 927 N. Main Street, Pleasantville, NJ 08232, 609-383-3938 ext 26 or 21, tim_kubiak@fws.gov or melissa_foster@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NOAA, acting as the lead administrative trustee on behalf of itself and the U.S. DOI, have concluded their preliminary investigation of potential injuries to natural resources under their trusteeship that may have occurred as the result of releases of hazardous substances at this Site. Under 43 CFR 11, the Federal Trustees have completed a Preassessment Screen. The agencies serve as Federal Trustees under authority of Subpart G of the National Contingency Plan, 40 CFR Sections 300.600(b)(1-3), and 300.605.

The Federal Trustees decided to pursue an NRDA for this Site, and have issued letters to companies identified as potentially responsible parties (PRPs) in connection with the release of hazardous substances and subsequent damages resulting from potential natural resource injuries (see **Federal Register** notice, Vol. 72, No. 152, p. 44498, August 9, 2007). The notice letters asked PRPs to participate in the development, performance, and funding of an NRDA.

This Draft NRDA Plan was prepared by the Federal Trustees, and is the next step in the NRDA process. It documents exposure of natural resources to hazardous substances and identifies anticipated procedures for evaluating natural resource injuries potentially caused by such exposure.

The Draft NRDA Plan and related documents may be found at: <http://www.darrp.noaa.gov/northeast/passaic/index.html>.

Dated: November 13, 2007.

Captain Ken Barton,

Acting Director, Office of Response and Restoration, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the Spectrum Management Advisory Committee (Committee). The Committee provides advice to the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information on spectrum management matters.

DATES: The meeting will be held on December 6, 2007, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 4830, 1401 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. Public comments may be mailed to Spectrum Management Advisory Committee, 1401 Constitution Avenue N.W., Room 4725, Washington, D.C. 20230 or emailed to spectrumadvisory@ntia.doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Meredith Baker, Designated Federal Official, at (202) 482-1840 or mbaker@ntia.doc.gov; Joe Gattuso at (202) 482-0977 or jgattuso@ntia.doc.gov; and/or visit NTIA's web site at www.ntia.doc.gov/.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Secretary of Commerce established the Spectrum Management Advisory Committee (Committee) to implement a recommendation of the President's Initiative on Spectrum Management pursuant to the President's November 29, 2004 Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies on the subject of "Spectrum Management for the 21st Century."¹ This Committee is subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2, and is consistent with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Act, 47 U.S.C. § 904(b). The Committee provides advice to the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information on needed reforms to domestic spectrum policies and management to enable the introduction of new spectrum-dependent technologies and services, including long-range spectrum planning and policy reforms for expediting the American public's access to broadband services, public safety, and digital television. The Committee functions solely as an advisory body in compliance with the FACA.

Matters to Be Considered: The Committee will receive recommendations and reports from its Technical Sharing Efficiencies and

¹ *President's Memorandum on Improving Spectrum Management for the 21st Century*, 49 Weekly Comp. Pres. Doc. 2875 (Nov. 29, 2004) (Executive Memorandum).

Operational Sharing Efficiencies subcommittee. It will consider matters to be taken up at its next meeting and will receive the final written report formally presenting recommendations adopted at its previous meeting on May 30, 2007. It will also provide an opportunity for public comment on these matters.

Time and Date: The meeting will be held on December 6, 2007, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. These times and the agenda topics are subject to change. Please refer to NTIA's web site, <http://www.ntia.doc.gov>, for the most up-to-date meeting agenda.

Place: U.S. Department of Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 4830, 1401 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. The meeting will be open to the public and press on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited. When arriving for the meeting, attendees must present photo or passport identification or a U.S. Government building pass, if applicable, and should arrive at least one-half hour prior to the start time of the meeting. The meeting will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring special services, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids are asked to contact Joe Gattuso at (202) 482-0977 or jgattuso@ntia.doc.gov at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting.

Status: Interested parties are invited to attend and to submit written comments. Interested parties are permitted to file written comments with the Committee at any time before or after a meeting. If interested parties wish to submit written comments for consideration by the Committee in advance of this meeting, they should be sent to the above listed address and received by close of business on November 30, 2007 to provide sufficient time for review. Comments received after November 30, 2007, will be distributed to the Committee but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting. It would be helpful if paper submissions also include a three and one-half inch computer diskette in HTML, ASCII, Word or WordPerfect format (please specify version). Diskettes should be labeled with the name and organizational affiliation of the filer, and the name of the word processing program used to create the document. Alternatively, comments may be submitted electronically to spectrumadvisory@ntia.doc.gov. Comments provided via electronic mail may also be submitted in one or more of the formats specified above.

Records: NTIA is keeping records of all Committee proceedings. Committee records are available for public inspection at NTIA's office at the address above. Documents including the Committee's charter, membership list, agendas, minutes, and any reports are or will be available on NTIA's Committee web site at <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/advisory/spectrum>.

Dated: November 16, 2007.

Kathy D. Smith,
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Availability of a Record of Decision (ROD) for Base Realignment and Closure Actions and Enhanced Use Lease (EUL) Actions at Fort Meade, MD

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Record of decision.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army announces the availability of a ROD which summarizes the decision for implementing realignment actions as directed by the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission and Department of Defense (DoD) EUL actions at Fort Meade, Maryland.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of the ROD, contact the Public Affairs Office, Fort George G. Meade, 4550 Pershing Hall, Room 120, Fort Meade, MD 20755-5025; e-mail meade.pao@conus.army.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Melanie Moore, Public Affairs Office, at (301) 677-1361 during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Army has decided to proceed with implementing the Proposed Action consistent with the analysis in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) dated August 2007, supporting studies and comments provided during formal comment and review periods. The Proposed Action includes construction and operation of proposed facilities to accommodate incoming military missions at Fort Meade. To implement the BRAC recommendations, Fort Meade will be receiving personnel, equipment, and missions from various closure and realignment actions within the DoD. To implement the BRAC Commission recommendations, the Army will provide the necessary

facilities, buildings, and infrastructure to support incoming military missions and a net gain of about 5,700 personnel as mandated by the 2005 BRAC Commission's recommendations at Fort Meade. In addition, the Army will implement the DoD EUL actions which will include issuing a 50-year lease to a private developer for development of office and administrative buildings for an estimated 10,000 personnel on two parcels of land. In consideration, the developer will develop and construct two 18-hole golf courses on a third parcel of land. The No Action Alternative would not meet the Army's purpose and need for the Proposed Action as the BRAC realignment is required by Congress and needed for Army transformation to be effective.

Special consideration was given to the effect of the Proposed Action on natural resources, cultural resources, and traffic. All practicable means to avoid or minimize environmental harm from the selected alternative have been adopted. The Army will minimize effects on all environmental and socioeconomic resources by implementing best management practices as described in the EIS. Mitigation measures, as described in the ROD, will be implemented (subject to the availability of funding) to minimize, avoid, or compensate for the adverse effects identified in the EIS for water resources, biological resources, and transportation. The EIS also identifies transportation projects that could minimize adverse impacts from implementing the Proposed Action. The ROD describes the approach the Army will take to mitigate traffic concerns.

The ROD determines that implementing the Proposed Action reflects a proper balance between initiatives for protection of the environment, appropriate mitigation, and actions to achieve the Army's requirements.

An electronic version of the ROD can be viewed or downloaded from the following Web site: http://www.hqda.army.mil/acsim/brac/nepa_eis_docs.htm.

Dated: November 13, 2007.

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