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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Army's proposed action, referred to as the Schofield Generating Station Project (SGSP), is a lease of 10.3 acres of land and a related 2.5 acre interconnection easement on Schofield Barracks to Hawaiian Electric, as well Hawaiian Electric's construction, ownership, operation, and maintenance of a 50 MW biofuel-capable power generation plant and 46-kilovolt subtransmission line.

The SGSP would be a source of renewable power that would provide an energy security service to Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Army Airfield, and Field Station Kunia if loss of service occurs from the normal sources of electricity supporting these installations. Any electricity produced from renewable biofuels would also help achieve the Army goals of producing renewable energy on Army-owned real property.

The SGSP would benefit Hawaiian Electric and the residents of Oahu. It would provide a quick-starting facility to help maintain grid stability; provide a facility at a higher elevation and away from coastlines; provide a physically secure facility on a military installation; and makes progress toward the Hawaii Renewable Portfolio Standard.

The SGSP would operate on a mix of biofuel and diesel, as required to meet Hawaiian Electric's Renewable Portfolio Standard and the Army's renewable energy goals, and may help sustain a local demand for biofuels. Since the SGSP would be multi-fuel capable, it would be able to run on a combination of fuels as necessary to ensure operations are economically viable and can continue under adverse operating conditions.

The EIS will assess the potential for direct, indirect, and cumulative effects on the human, natural, and cultural environment and identify mitigation measures for any adverse effects.

The EIS will examine two alternative operating scenarios for the proposed action. Under the first scenario, the SGSP would run approximately six hours per day, and consume up to eight million gallons of fuel per year. Under the second scenario, the SGSP would operate seven days a week and 24 hours per day, and would consume up to 31.5 million gallons of fuel per year.

The EIS will analyze a No Action Alternative, as prescribed by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations, to serve as the

baseline against which the proposed action and alternatives are compared. Under this alternative, the SGSP would not be built. The EIS process will also examine whether there are additional reasonable alternatives that could meet the needs of both the Army and Hawaiian Electric.

Key resources of concern, for which potentially significant impacts could occur, include air quality, traffic, and stormwater. The Army is preparing supporting studies for those resources.

The Department of the Army encourages all interested members of the public, as well as federal, state, and local agencies to participate in the scoping process for the preparation of this EIS. Interested members may participate in scoping meetings, submit written comments, or both. Written comments will be accepted within a 45-day period following the publication of the Notice of Intent (NOI) in the **Federal Register**. Scoping meetings will be held on the Island of Oahu, Hawaii during the first week of February 2014.

Notification of the locations and times for the meetings will be published in the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### **Reopening and Extending the Public Comment Period for the Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for EA-18G Growler Airfield Operations at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Washington**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Navy (DoN) is reopening and extending the public scoping period for the notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for EA-18G Growler Airfield Operations at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island, Washington. This notice announces an extension of the public scoping period until January 31, 2014.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** EA-18G EIS Project Manager (Code EV21/SS); Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Atlantic, 6506 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, Virginia 23508.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On September 5, 2013 (78 FR 54635), the

DoN published a notice of intent to prepare an EIS for EA-18G Growler Airfield Operations at NAS Whidbey Island, Washington and also announced public scoping meetings. DoN provided a 120-day public scoping period which ended on January 3, 2014. The original public scoping period was intended to avoid any complications or delays that could result from government shutdowns and the end of the calendar year.

This notice announces an extension of the public scoping period until January 31, 2014. Scoping comments may be submitted in writing to the EA-18G EIS Project Manager (Code EV21/SS); Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Atlantic, 6506 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, Virginia 23508, or electronically via the project Web site (<http://www.whidbeyeis.com>). All written comments must be postmarked or received (online) by January 31, 2014, to ensure they become part of the official record.

Dated: January 14, 2014.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### **National Board for Education Sciences; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of an open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of an upcoming meeting of the National Board for Education Sciences (NBES). The notice also describes the functions of the Committee. Notice of this meeting is required by Section 10(a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is intended to notify the public of their opportunity to attend the meeting.

**DATES:** January 31, 2014.

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

**ADDRESSES:** 80 F Street NW., Large Board Room, Washington, DC 20001

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellie Pelaez, 555 New Jersey Avenue NW., Room 600 E, Washington, DC 20208; phone: (202) 219-0644; fax: (202) 219-1402; email: [Ellie.Pelaez@ed.gov](mailto:Ellie.Pelaez@ed.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Board for Education Sciences is authorized by Section 116 of the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002