

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary****Defense Science Board; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Defense Science Board (DSB) will take place.

**DATES:** Closed to the public Thursday, February 13, 2020 from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The address of the closed meeting is conference Room 3E928 at the Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Kevin Doxey, (703) 571-0081 (Voice), (703) 697-1860 (Facsimile), [kevin.a.doxey.civ@mail.mil](mailto:kevin.a.doxey.civ@mail.mil) (Email). Mailing address is Defense Science Board, 3140 Defense Pentagon, Room 3B888A, Washington, DC 20301-3140. Website: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dsb/>. The most up-to-date changes to the meeting agenda can be found on the website.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Department of Defense and the Designated Federal Officer (DFO), the Defense Science Board was unable to provide public notification required by 41 CFR 102-3.150(a) concerning the meeting on February 13, 2020 of the Defense Science Board. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150(b), waives the 15-calendar day notification requirement.

This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. Appendix), the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), and 41 CFR 102-3.140 and 102-3.150.

**Purpose of the Meeting:** The mission of the DSB is to provide independent advice and recommendations on matters relating to the DoD's scientific and technical enterprise. The objective of the meeting is to obtain, review, and evaluate classified information related to the DSB's mission. DSB membership will meet with DoD Leadership to discuss classified current and future national security challenges and priorities within the DoD.

**Agenda:** The DSB Winter Quarterly Meeting will begin on February 13, 2020

at 8:45 a.m. with opening remarks by Mr. Kevin Doxey, the DFO, and Dr. Craig Fields, DSB Chairman. The first presentation will be from Dr. Mark Rosker, the Director of DARPA's Microsystems Technology Office, who will provide a classified brief on his view of technical defense challenges and priorities. Following lunch, Mr. James Baker, Director of the Office of Net Assessment, will provide a classified brief of his view of defense challenges and priorities. Next, Lieutenant General Jack Shanahan, Director of the Joint Artificial Intelligence Center, will provide a classified brief of his view of defense challenges and priorities. Finally, Dr. Michael Griffin, Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, will provide a classified brief of his view of defense challenges and priorities. The meeting will adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

**Meeting Accessibility:** In accordance with Section 10(d) of the FACA and 41 CFR 102-3.155, the DoD has determined that the DSB meeting will be closed to the public. Specifically, the Under Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering), in consultation with the DoD Office of General Counsel, has determined in writing that the meeting will be closed to the public because it will consider matters covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1). The determination is based on the consideration that it is expected that discussions throughout will involve classified matters of national security concern. Such classified material is so intertwined with the unclassified material that it cannot reasonably be segregated into separate discussions without defeating the effectiveness and meaning of the overall meetings. To permit the meeting to be open to the public would preclude discussion of such matters and would greatly diminish the ultimate utility of the DSB's findings and recommendations to the Secretary of Defense and to the Under Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering).

**Written Statements:** In accordance with Section 10(a)(3) of the FACA and 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140, interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the DSB at any time regarding its mission or in response to the stated agenda of a planned meeting. Individuals submitting a written statement must submit their statement to the DSB DFO provided in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section at any point; however, if a written statement is not received at least three calendar days prior to the meeting, which is the subject of this notice, then it may not be

provided to or considered by the DSB until a later date.

Dated: February 19, 2020.

**Aaron T. Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary**

[Docket ID DOD-2019-OS-0136]

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), DoD.

**ACTION:** 30-Day information collection notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 26, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be emailed to Ms. Jasmeet Seehra, DoD Desk Officer, at [aira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:aira_submission@omb.eop.gov). Please identify the proposed information collection by DoD Desk Officer, Docket ID number, and title of the information collection.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Angela James, 571-372-7574, or [whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil](mailto:whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:** Custodianship Certification to Support Claims on Behalf of Minor Children of Deceased Members of the Armed Forces, DD Form 2790, OMB Control Number 0730-0010.

**Type of Request:** Extension.

**Number of Respondents:** 300.

**Responses per Respondent:** 1.

**Annual Responses:** 300.

**Average Burden per Response:** 24 minutes.

**Annual Burden Hours:** 120.

**Needs and Uses:** Per DoD Financial Management Regulation, 7000.14-R, Volume 7B, Chapter 46, paragraph 460103A(1), an annuity for a minor child is paid to the legal guardian, or, if there is no legal guardian, to the natural parent who has care, custody, and control of the child as the custodian, or to a representative payee of the child. An annuity may be paid directly to the child when the child is

considered to be of majority age under the law in the state of residence. The child then is considered an adult for annuity purposes and a custodian or legal fiduciary is not required.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Voluntary.

**OMB Desk Officer:** Ms. Jasmeet Seehra.

You may also submit comments and recommendations, identified by Docket ID number and title, by the following method:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the agency name, Docket ID number, and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

**DoD Clearance Officer:** Ms. Angela James.

Requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. James at [whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil](mailto:whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil).

Dated: February 20, 2020.

**Morgan E. Park,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register, Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

#### Guidance To Establish Policies for the Agency Levee Safety Program Entitled Engineer Circular 1165-2-218

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has developed draft agency guidance, entitled Engineer Circular 1165-2-218, to consolidate and formalize policies and procedures for its Levee Safety Program. The intent of the Levee Safety Program is to understand, monitor, and manage flood risk associated with levees over time, provide a framework to sustain long term benefits, and adapt activities and actions based on the dynamic nature of

flood risk. USACE is seeking feedback from non-federal levee sponsors, interested associations, Tribes, other federal agencies, and any other interested individuals on this proposed draft guidance document. This notice announces the availability of the draft Engineer Circular for comment. The comment period on the draft document starts with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** and will last for 60 days. The draft Engineer Circular is available for review on the USACE Levee Safety Program website (<https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Levee-Safety-Program/>) and at (<http://www.regulations.gov>) reference docket number COE-2020-0003.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before April 27, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by docket number COE-2020-0003 by any of the following methods:

**Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov> (<http://www.regulations.gov>). Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

**Email:** [EC218@usace.army.mil](mailto:EC218@usace.army.mil) (mail to: [EC218@usace.army.mil](mailto:EC218@usace.army.mil)) and include the docket number, COE-2020-0003, in the subject line of the message.

**Mail:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Attn: CECW-EC/3E62, 441 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20314-1000.

**Hand Delivery/Courier:** Due to security requirements, we cannot receive comments by hand delivery or courier.

**Instructions:** If submitting comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal, direct your comments to docket number COE-2020-0003. All comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available on-line at <http://www.regulations.gov> (<http://www.regulations.gov>), including any personal information provided, unless the commenter indicates that the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI, or otherwise protected, through [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or email. The [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) website is an anonymous access system, which means we will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an email directly to USACE without going through [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the

internet. If you submit an electronic comment, we recommend that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If we cannot read your comment because of technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, we may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic comments should avoid the use of any special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses.

**Docket:** For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (<http://www.regulations.gov>). All documents in the docket are listed. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, such as CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Tammy Conforti at 202-761-4649, email [EC218@usace.army.mil](mailto:EC218@usace.army.mil) (mail to: [EC218@usace.army.mil](mailto:EC218@usace.army.mil)) or visit <http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Levee-Safety-Program/> (<http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Levee-Safety-Program/>).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Engineer Circular 1165-2-218, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Levee Safety Program, provides the context and policies for the implementation of program activities. Although Engineer Circulars are typically used to establish internal agency policy, this document has been drafted to include four volumes applicable to both USACE and non-federal levee sponsors. The Engineer Circular will be temporary in nature and will expire two years after the date of publication, providing USACE time to learn through implementation experience, identify clarifications or additional resources required, and to work with our partners in implementing the program. After two years, Engineer Circular 1165-2-218 will either be revised, rescinded, or converted to an Engineer Regulation, which does not expire.

**Questions to Shape Focus of Public Comment Review:** The purpose of this review is to solicit feedback on clarity and understandability of the draft Engineer Circular; on clarity and appropriateness of roles and responsibilities related to the program; and on clarity of program objectives, requirements, and available support.