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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Section 4(j) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA) (15 U.S.C. 2053(j)) requires the Commission to establish an agenda for action under the laws the Commission administers, and to the extent feasible, select priorities for action at least 30 days before the beginning of each fiscal year. Section 4(j) of the CPSA provides further that before establishing its agenda and priorities, the Commission shall conduct a public hearing and provide an opportunity for the submission of comments.

On March 5, 2020, the CPSC published a notice in the **Federal Register** to announce that a priorities hearing would be conducted on April 15, 2020 (85 FR 12908) and requested written comments. On April 3, 2020, the CPSC postponed the public hearing date until further notice and extended the comment period for written comments until May 1, 2020. (85 FR 18925). By this notice the Commission announces that the public hearing will be held on May 27, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. EDT via CPSC Webinar. All attendees should pre-register for the Webinar. To pre-register for the Webinar, please visit <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3513228129651454990> and fill in the information. After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Detailed instructions for the hearing participants and other interested parties will be made available on the CPSC website on the public calendar: <https://cpsc.gov/newsroom/public-calendar>. The FY 2021 Budget Request can be found at: www.cpsc.gov/about-cpsc/agency-reports/performance-and-budget.

Alberta E. Mills,

Secretary, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

**Board of Regents, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences;
Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting**

AGENCY: Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD(P&R)), 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 Board of Regents, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (Board, USU) will take place.

DATES: Friday, May 15, 2020 open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 10:25 a.m. The closed session will follow from approximately 10:30 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Both the open and closed portions of the meeting will be held online. If you are interested in observing the open portion of the Board meeting online, please contact usu_external_affairs@usuhs.edu for connectivity information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Sarah Marshall, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at (301) 295-3955 or sarah.marshall@usuhs.edu. Mailing address is 4301 Jones Bridge Road, Bethesda, MD 20814. Website: <https://www.usuhs.edu/vpe/bor>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Due to circumstances beyond the control of the DoD and the DFO, the Board, USU was unable to provide public notification required by 41 CFR 102-3.150(a) concerning its meeting on May 15, 2020. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee Management Officer for the DoD, 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 purpose of the meeting is to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Defense, through the USD(P&R), on academic and administrative matters critical to the full accreditation and successful operation of USU. These actions are necessary for USU to pursue its mission, which is to educate, train and comprehensively prepare uniformed services health professionals, officers, scientists, and leaders to support the Military and Public Health Systems, the National Security and National Defense Strategies of the United States, and the readiness of our Uniformed Services.

Agenda: The actions scheduled to occur include the review of any administrative matters of general consent (e.g., degree conferrals, faculty appointments and promotions, award recommendations, etc.) that may have been electronically voted on since the

previous Board meeting on February 5, 2020; Board actions, to include recommendations for degree conferrals, faculty appointments and promotions, and faculty/student awards presented by the deans of USU's schools and colleges; a report by the USU President; a report by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs; reports from the Hébert School of Medicine, the Daniel K. Inouye Graduate School of Nursing, the Postgraduate Dental College, and the College of Allied Health Sciences; a report from the Office of Accreditation and Organizational Assessment; a report from the Office of Finance and Administration; and a report from the Brigade Commander. A closed session will be held following the open session to discuss active investigations and personnel actions.

Meeting Accessibility: Pursuant to Federal statutes and regulations (5 U.S.C. Appendix, 5 U.S.C. 552b, and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165), the meeting will be held online and is open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 10:25 a.m. Members of the public wishing to observe the meeting should contact External Affairs via email at usu_external_affairs@usuhs.edu no later than 2 business days prior to the meeting. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2, 5-7), the DoD has determined that the portion of the meeting from 10:30 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. shall be closed to the public. The USD(P&R), in consultation with the DoD Office of General Counsel, has determined in writing that this portion of the Board's meeting will be closed as the discussion will disclose sensitive personnel information, will include matters that relate solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of the agency, will involve allegations of a person having committed a crime or censuring an individual, and may disclose investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purposes.

Written Statements: Pursuant to section 10(a)(3) of the FACA and 41 CFR 102-3.140, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments to the Board about its approved agenda pertaining to this meeting or at any time regarding the Board's mission. Individuals submitting a written statement must submit their statement to the USU External Affairs email address at usu_external_affairs@usuhs.edu. Written statements that do not pertain to a scheduled meeting of the Board may be submitted at any time. If individual comments pertain to a specific topic being discussed at the planned meeting, then these statements must be received at least 5 calendar days prior to the meeting. Otherwise,

the comments may not be provided to or considered by the Board until a later date. The DFO will compile all timely submissions with the Board's Chair and ensure such submissions are provided to Board Members before the meeting.

Dated: May 13, 2020.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

National Wetland Plant List

AGENCY: Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), as part of an interagency effort with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), is announcing the availability of the final 2018 National Wetland Plant List (NWPL). The NWPL provides plant species indicator status ratings, which are used in determining whether the hydrophytic vegetation factor is met when conducting wetland delineations under the Clean Water Act and wetland determinations under the Wetland Conservation Provisions of the Food Security Act. Other applications of the NWPL include wetland restoration, establishment, and enhancement projects. The list will become effective on May 18, 2020 and will be used in any wetland delineations performed after this date. Delineations completed prior to this date may still use the 2016 NWPL. Completed wetland delineation/determination forms should reference the version of the NWPL used to complete the form.

DATES: The 2018 NWPL will become effective on May 18, 2020.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Attn: CECW-CO-R, 441 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20314-1000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brianne McGuffie, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Regulatory Community of Practice, Washington, DC 20314-1000, by phone at 202-761-4750 or by email at brianne.e.mcguffie@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) administers the National Wetland Plant List (NWPL) for the United States (U.S.) and its territories. Responsibility for the NWPL was transferred to the Corps from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) in 2006. The NWPL has undergone several revisions since its inception in 1988. Additions or deletions to the NWPL represent new records, range extensions, nomenclatural and taxonomic changes, and newly proposed species. The latest review process began in 2018 and included review by Regional Panels (RPs), the National Panel (NP), and the public, who provided input on changes to the wetland indicator status of 20 species and 37 individual ratings. The proposed indicator changes were announced in a **Federal Register** Notice, 84 FR 26824, June 10, 2019, with the comment period ending on August 9, 2019. Two comments were received during that time.

Wetland Indicator Status Ratings

On the NWPL, there are five categories of wetland indicator status ratings, used to indicate a plant's likelihood for occurrence in wetlands versus non-wetlands: Obligate Wetland (OBL), Facultative Wetland (FACW), Facultative (FAC), Facultative Upland (FACU), and Upland (UPL). These rating categories are defined by the NP as follows: OBL—almost always occur in wetlands; FACW—usually occur in wetlands, but may occur in non-wetlands; FAC—occur in wetlands and non-wetlands; FACU—usually occur in non-wetlands, but may occur in wetlands; UPL—almost always occur in non-wetlands. These category definitions are qualitative descriptions that better reflect the qualitative supporting information, rather than numeric frequency ranges. The percentage frequency categories used in the older definitions are only used for testing problematic or contested species being recommended for indicator status changes. Plus and minus designations and wetland indicator designations such as No Indicator (NI), No Occurrence (NO), and No Agreement (NA) were removed in 2012 and are no longer used on the NWPL. More information on the specifics of how to use these ratings is available on the NWPL website at <http://wetland-plants.usace.army.mil/>.

The NWPL is utilized in conducting wetland determinations under the authority of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3801 *et seq.*) and wetland delineations under the authority of Section 404 of the Clean

Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 401 *et seq.*). For the purposes of determining how often a species occurs in wetlands, wetlands are defined as either (1) those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions (33 CFR 328.3) or (2) “except when such term is part of the term ‘converted wetland,’ means land that has a predominance of hydric soils; is inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support a prevalence of hydrophytic vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions; and under normal circumstances does support a prevalence of such vegetation.” (16 U.S.C. 3801(a)(27) and 7 CFR 12.2). Wetlands are identified using the three-factor approach. Because each species being evaluated occurs as part of a vegetation assemblage, examining the other species present in relation to their assigned wetland fidelity may be useful in assessing hydrophytic vegetation.

Discussion of Public Comments

For the 2018 NWPL update, the NWPL NP and RPs reviewed proposed wetland rating changes or additions for 20 species and 37 regional ratings (some species were reviewed for multiple regions) submitted by the general public. Eight of these species were proposed for addition to the NWPL, and 12 species were submitted for a rating change request in one or more regions. Submitted information was reviewed by the NP and RPs, and proposed 2018 ratings for these species were determined. Along with soliciting information on the species being evaluated, we also solicited comments on the overall NWPL process. This information was detailed in the **Federal Register** Notice, 84 FR 26824, June 10, 2019 and is provided in the table below.

In response to the initial **Federal Register** notice, two comments were received, each relating to a particular species: One recommending *Epilobium brachycarpum* to be FACU in the Arid West and one recommending *Hymenocallis occidentalis* to be “OBL, or FACW at a minimum” in the Atlantic and Gulf Coastal Plain and Great Plains. These recommendations were reviewed by the NWPL Regional Panels and National Panel, along with literature, specimen collection data, and professional experience and final ratings determined: FAC for *Epilobium*