

membership on an advisory committee or subcommittee, or effectively administer its advisory committee or subcommittee activities.

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Robert Sidman,

Deputy Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Real Property Master Plan Implementation at Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point, North Carolina

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army (Army) announces its intent to conduct public scoping under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to gather information to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for proposed near-term real property actions and the update of the Real Property Master Plan (RPMP) for Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point (MOTSU). MOTSU is a 16,435-acre installation located on the banks of the Cape Fear River between the towns of Boiling Spring Lakes and Southport, North Carolina. The scoping process will help identify reasonable alternatives, potential environmental impacts, and key issues of concern to be analyzed in the EIS. The Army intends to comply with the requirements of section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act in parallel with this NEPA process and invites federally recognized Tribes and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of North Carolina to participate in the consultation process.

DATES: Scoping comments must be submitted/sent on or before November 11, 2023. There will be a public meeting, as discussed below.

ADDRESSES: Please send written comments to James A. Rupkalvis, Installation Manager, 6280 Sunny Point Road, Southport, NC 28461-7800 or via email to james.a.rupkalvis.civ@army.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen C Herring, Legislative Affairs Officer, Public and Congressional Affairs Office, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command; telephone (618) 220-6119; email: stephen.c.herring.civ@army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: MOTSU is the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command's East Coast strategic ammunition port and is the Department of Defense's primary ammunition seaport supporting the European, African, and Middle Eastern areas of operation. The proposed action includes barricade safety, waterfront maintenance, Pleasure Island Explosive Safety Clear Zone security, linear infrastructure (e.g., roads, rail, utilities, firebreaks), stormwater mitigation, and cantonment area infill. In addition to these projects planned for the fiscal year 2025 through 2031 timeframe, the proposed action includes modernizing operation areas and general repair and maintenance of infrastructure, to include facilities, wharves, roads, rail, utilities, and perimeter security. The purpose of the proposed action is to provide MOTSU a master plan that will guide installation-wide real property management and development. The need for the proposed action is to maintain and modernize MOTSU's infrastructure so its staff and assets are safe and secure and so its vital, long-term, trans-shipment mission is assured. The master plan allows for a coordinated approach to the maintenance and modernization of critical infrastructure.

The EIS will evaluate the potential impacts associated with implementing the proposed RPMP activities, to include analyzing Full-Plan Implementation, a Partial Implementation Alternative, and a No-Action Alternative. Any other reasonable alternatives identified during the scoping process will be considered for evaluation in the EIS. The EIS will assess the impacts of the alternatives on resources and identify mitigation measures. Resource areas to be addressed include land use and coastal zone management, cultural resources, socioeconomic and environmental justice, transportation and utilities infrastructure, hazardous materials, hazardous waste, toxic substances, and contaminated sites. The proposed action could result in significant adverse effects to endangered species, 100-year floodplains, wetlands, and waters of the Cape Fear River. Anticipated permits and other authorizations include findings of no practicable alternatives for actions proposed in floodplains and wetlands per Executive Orders 11988 and 11990 respectively, Endangered Species Act consultations and take permits, National Historic Preservation Act consultations, Clean Water Act section 401 water quality certifications and section 404 permits, Rivers and

Harbors Act section 10 permits, Sediment Pollution Control Act permits, and North Carolina Coastal Area Management Act federal consistency determinations. Actual permits and other authorizations will be determined for each project following that project's final design.

Members of the public, federally recognized Native American Tribes, and Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to participate in the scoping process for the preparation of this EIS by attending the virtual public meeting and/or submitting written comments. The Army requests input on identification of potential alternatives, information, and analyses relevant to the proposed action.

Written comments must be sent within 30 days of publication of this NOI in the **Federal Register**. A virtual public meeting will be held during this period. The date and location of the meeting will be announced at least seven days in advance through local media, newspapers, and on the project's website. Materials, including posters, fact sheet(s), and comment forms will be made available on <https://www.sddc.army.mil/SitePages/Environmental%20Programs.aspx>.

James W. Satterwhite Jr.,

U.S. Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program Scientific Advisory Board; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment (USD(A&S)), 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 Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP) Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) will take place.

DATES: SERDP SAB will hold a meeting open to the public. Day 1—Wednesday, October 11, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. (EST). Day 2—Thursday, October 12, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:35 p.m. (EST). Day 3—Friday, October 13, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. (EST).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be accessible in person or by videoconference. The in-person meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Reagan National Airport, 2020 Richmond Highway, Arlington, VA 22202. Information for accessing the videoconference is provided in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, “Meeting Accessibility”.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Kimberly Spangler, 571-372-6565 (voice), kimberly.y.spangler.civ@mail.mil (email). Mailing address is SERDP Office, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Suite 16F16, Alexandria, VA 22350-3605. Website: <https://serdp-estcp.org/about>. 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 Designated Federal Officer, the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program Scientific Advisory Board was unable to provide public notification required by 41 CFR 102-3.150(a) concerning its October 11-13, 2023 meeting. 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 chapter 10 of title 5 United States Code (U.S.C.) (commonly known as the “Federal Advisory Committee Act” or “FACA”), 5 U.S.C. 552b (commonly known as the “Government in the Sunshine Act”), and 41 CFR 102-3.140 and 102-3.150.

Availability of Materials for the Meeting: Additional information, including the agenda or any updates to the agenda, is available on the <https://serdp-estcp.org/about>.

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of the meeting is for the SERDP SAB to make recommendations regarding technologies, research, projects, programs, activities, and, if appropriate, funding within the scope of SERDP Fiscal Year (FY) 2024.

Agenda

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

- 9:00 a.m. Convene
- 9:05 a.m. SAB Strategy Session
- 9:35 a.m.—Statement of Need Overview: Detection, Localization, Classification, and Remediation of Military Munitions Underwater
- 9:45 a.m.—Improving Advanced Geophysical Classification Performance in the Marine Environment—SAB Discussion and Vote

- 10:45 a.m.—Phenomenology Enriched Learning for Imaging and Classification of Underwater Military Munitions—SAB Discussion and Vote
- 11:30 a.m.—Continual Learning Machines for Robust Underwater UXO Classification—SAB Discussion and Vote
- 1:15 p.m.—Statement of Need Overview: Installation Resilience Research: Theoretical Frameworks for Compound Threats
- 1:25 p.m.—Predicting Impacts of Species Loss on Ecosystem Resilience: An Experimental Test of a Novel Theoretical Framework—SAB Discussion and Vote
- 2:10 p.m.—Statement of Need Overview: Development of Improved Concentration Technologies for Treatment of Matrices Impacted by Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)
- 2:20 p.m.—Novel Functionalization of Conventional Sorbents for Enhanced Selectivity and Improved Concentration of Ultrashort- and Short-Chain PFAS—SAB Discussion and Vote
- 3:20 p.m.—Statement of Need Overview: Improved Understanding of Destructive Treatment Processes for PFAS in the Subsurface
- 3:30 p.m.—A Novel In Situ Subsurface PFAS Destruction Strategy that Uses Ligand-Coordinated Zero-Valent Metals at Ambient Conditions—SAB Discussion and Vote
- 4:15 p.m.—Public Comment Period
- 4:30 p.m.—Adjourn for the Day

Thursday, October 12, 2023

- 9:00 a.m.—Convene
- 9:05 a.m.—Statement of Need Overview: Sustainable Energetics Synthesis and Preparation
- 9:10 a.m.—Designing a High-throughput Cell-based Screen for N-Oxygenase Engineering—SAB Discussion and Vote
- 10:00 a.m.—Statement of Need Overview: Biological Impacts to DoD Coating Performance
- 11:00 a.m.—Coating Deterioration: Impacts of Multi-Domain Biofilms and Preventative Measures—SAB Discussion and Vote
- 12:55 p.m.—Statement of Need Overview: Self-Assembly Behavior of PFAS Found in Soil and Groundwater at Aqueous Film-Forming Foam-Impacted Sites
- 1:05 p.m.—Mechanistic Investigation of Assembly and Stability of Supramolecular forms of PFAS on Environmentally Relevant Surfaces and Development of Surface Analytical Protocols—SAB Discussion and Vote

- 1:50 p.m.—Self-assembly of PFAS Mixtures in the Presence of Inorganic Ions and Hydrocarbon Surfactants During Wetting and Drying—SAB Discussion and Vote
- 2:35 p.m.—Public Comment Period
- 2:50 p.m.—Adjourn for the Day

Friday, October 13, 2023

- 9:00 a.m.—Convene
- 9:05 a.m.—Statement of Need Overview: Advanced Wildland Fire Research to Improve Military Land Use Efficiency
- 9:15 a.m.—Linking Smoke to Fire: The Effect of Burn Conditions on Fuel Availability, Smoke Production, and Atmospheric Processing—SAB Discussion and Vote
- 10:00 a.m.—Developing Detailed Emission Source Terms for Next-Generation Wildland Fire and Smoke Modeling Tools Using Improved Near-field Fire Measurements—SAB Discussion and Vote
- 11:00 a.m.—From Fuel to Smoke: Measuring and Modeling the Chemistry and Composition of the Prescribed Fire Flame and Near-Field Plume—SAB Discussion and Vote
- 11:45 a.m.—Public Comment Period
- 12:00 p.m.—Adjourn

Public Comment Period: Just before the adjourning of each day the chair of the board will ask those in the room and in the virtual meeting if there are any oral public comments. If there are, the chair will call on each person to speak. The individual will have up to 5 minutes to address the board. After oral comments are given any written comments will be read by the Designated Federal Officer.

Meeting Accessibility: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 1009(a) and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, this meeting is open to the public. The meeting will be held in person and via videoconference. The in-person meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Reagan National Airport, 2020 Richmond Highway, Arlington, VA 22202. Seating is on a first-come basis. If you wish to attend by videoconference you must register at this link: (<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsdu2hqTToHzPOyGGtXJoUg6vllHw353c>). Once registered, the web address and audio number will be provided. For purposes of transparency and attendance reporting you will be required to use your actual first name and last name as your username.

Special Accommodations: Individuals requiring special accommodations to access the public meeting should contact Dr. Kimberly Spangler at (571) 372-6565 (voice) no later than Friday October 13, 2023 (by 5:00 p.m. EST) so

that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Written Statements: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.140 and section 5 U.S.C. 1009(a)(3), interested persons may submit a written statement to the SERDP SAB. Individuals submitting a statement must submit their statement no later than 5:00 p.m. EST, Thursday, October 12, 2023 to kimberly.y.spangler.civ@mail.mil (email) or to (571) 372–6565 (voice). If a statement pertaining to a specific topic being discussed at the planned meeting is not received by Friday, October 13, 2023, prior to the meeting, then it may not be provided to, or considered by, the Committee during the October 11–13, 2023 meeting. The Designated Federal Officer, Dr. Kimberly Spangler will review all timely submissions with the SERDP SAB Chair and ensure such submissions are provided to the members of the SERDP SAB before the meeting.

Dated: October 10, 2023.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Request for Information on Potential New Program, From Seedlings to Scale (S2S)

AGENCY: Institute of Education Sciences, Department of Education.

ACTION: Request for information.

SUMMARY: The National Center for Education Research (NCER), a center within the Institute of Education Sciences (IES), is seeking insight to guide its efforts to fund quick-turnaround high-reward, scalable solutions intended to improve education outcomes for all students.

DATES: We must receive your comments by November 13, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). However, if you require an accommodation or cannot otherwise submit your comments via [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), please contact the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. The Department will not accept comments submitted after the comment period. To ensure that the Department does not receive duplicate copies, please submit your comments only once. Additionally, please include

the Docket ID at the top of your comments.

Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to www.regulations.gov to submit your comments electronically. Information on using [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), including instructions for accessing agency documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket, is available on the site under the “FAQ” tab.

Privacy Note: The Department’s policy is generally to make comments received from members of the public available for public viewing in their entirety on the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov. Therefore, commenters should be careful to include in their comments only information that they wish to make publicly available. We encourage, but do not require, that each respondent include their name, title, institution or affiliation, and the name, title, mailing and email addresses, and telephone number of a contact person for the institution or affiliation, if any.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Higgins, Education Research Analyst, National Center for Education Research, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202–7240. Telephone: (202) 987–1531. You may also email your questions to erin.higgins@ed.gov, but as described above, comments must be submitted via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov).

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability and wish to access telecommunications relay services, please dial 7–1–1.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Our education system is tasked with helping Americans across their entire lifespan to successfully engage in civic activity and participate in an ever-evolving workforce, building the foundation for the Nation’s future.

In the Explanatory Statement accompanying the fiscal year (FY) 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 117–328), Congress directed IES to invest in quick-turnaround high-reward, scalable solutions intended to improve education outcomes for all students.¹ To fulfill this directive, IES’s Accelerate, Transform, and Scale (ATS) initiative will support advanced education research and development (R&D) to create scalable solutions to improve

education outcomes for all learners and eliminate persistent achievement and attainment gaps. Through this initiative, IES will invest in bold, innovative ideas that come from interdisciplinary, diverse teams that have the potential to make dramatic advances towards solving seemingly intractable problems and challenges in the education field.

ATS will pilot efforts modeled on the advanced research projects agencies (ARPAs) found throughout the Federal government. ARPAs leverage insights from traditional/basic research to develop and scale breakthrough solutions and capabilities in focused areas that research or industry do not traditionally support. Many domains of R&D are primed for breakthrough advances that can make inroads on long standing education goals, such as personalizing student and educator learning, dramatically increasing learners’ motivation and engagement, transforming the implementation and usefulness of assessments, and supporting successful transitions from school to career and between careers.

To advance ARPA-style efforts in education, the ATS initiative will build on several existing IES investments, including the Leveraging Evidence to Accelerate Recovery Nationwide (LEARN) Research Network, the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program, the Standards for Excellence in Educational Research (SEER) Research Network for Digital Learning Platforms, prize challenges, and the Transformative Research in the Education Sciences research program. ATS will also support new activities that emphasize creating scalable, high impact solutions, such as going from idea to prototype and preparing existing tools, techniques, and products with evidence of effectiveness for scaling.

This RFI is focused on a proposed new program within ATS we are calling “From Seedlings to Scale” (S2S). IES is considering a three-phase investment strategy for S2S to support transformative ideas as they grow from seedlings to scalable solutions. As proposed, S2S would focus on high quality research, robust product development, and sustainability and scaling in the education marketplace. The performance goals below highlight how, at a high-level, each of those elements could be combined into a successful project.

Across the three proposed phases of funding, the Department envisions that successful performers would:

- Develop a full product or a broadly-applicable, new capability.
- Foster collaboration between product developers, researchers, and

¹ United States Congress. Committee Print of the Committee on Appropriations, U.S. House of Representatives, on H.R. 2617/Public Law 117–328. 117th Congress, Second Session. Washington: US. Govt. Publishing Off. 2023.