

DD Form 1199, OMB Number 0704—(to be added).

*Type of Request:* New Collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 20,000.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 20,000.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 5,000.

*Needs and Uses:* This collection of information is necessary for the administration and management of the Pentagon's Parking Control Program, and is designed to meet the requirements of the Federal Government mandated car pool program. The information collected hereby, will enable parking management personnel to validate parking requirements and monitor authorized parking on the Pentagon reservation.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* On occasion and annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Mr. Edward C. Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

*DOD Clearance Officer:* Mr. William Pearce.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Pearce, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: March 5, 1997.

Patricia L. Toppings,

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

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### Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program; Scientific Advisory Board Meeting

**ACTION:** Modification of notice published on February 14, 1997 (62 FR 6954).

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following Committee meeting.

**DATE OF MEETING:** April 22, 1997 from 0830 to approximately 1700 and April 23, 1997 from 0800 to approximately 1600.

**PLACE:** Crown Plaza Hotel, 15 West Sixth Street, Cincinnati, OH.

Matters to be Considered: Research and Development proposals and

continuing projects requesting Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program funds in excess of \$1M will be reviewed.

This meeting is open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the Scientific Advisory Board at the time and in the manner permitted by the Board.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Kimberly Kay, 8000 Westpark Drive, Suite 400, McLean, VA 22102, or telephone 703 506-1400 extension 552.

Dated: March 5, 1997.

L.M. Bynum,

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

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### Department of the Army

#### Supplemental Environmental Assessment and Finding of no Significant Impact for the Relocation of the 1111th Signal Battalion, The 1108th Signal Brigade, Information Systems Engineering Command-Conus Elements, and Related Units (MP Company) and Discretionary Moves of Technical Applications Office and Information Mission Area BRAC Office From Fort Ritchie, Maryland, to Fort Detrick, Maryland

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Public Law 101-510, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission recommended the relocation of the 1111th Signal Battalion, the 1108th Signal Brigade, a portion of the Information Systems Engineering Command-CONUS, and associated Base Operations support personnel from Fort Ritchie, Maryland, to Fort Detrick, Maryland. The Army will also relocate the Technical Applications Office (TAO) and the Information Mission Area Base Realignment and Closure Office (IMA BRAC Office) to Fort Detrick, Maryland, pursuant to this recommendation.

An Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared in June 1996 resulting in a Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI). Since that EA was prepared, the number of personnel affected by the realignment has changed slightly for a net increase of 17 personnel (1,164 total). Additionally, several new construction projects have been added including a military police company operations building; a separate storage

facility as an addition to the administration building described in the June 1996 EA; a physical fitness center; and a proposed dining facility. Also, renovations to existing facilities will accommodate the TAO secure administration space and administrative space for the IMA BRACO. These changes resulted in the need for this supplemental EA.

The supplemental EA identified no significant adverse environmental impacts. There is a potential for only minor or insignificant impacts in the areas of noise, water quality, stormwater, geology, soil, asbestos management, radon management, and visual and aesthetic values. Minor adverse impacts will be avoided by implementing best management practices during construction, such as a stormwater management plan and a soil erosion control plan and by restricting construction to the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Potential asbestos, lead-based paint, or radon impacts will be mitigated by conducting the proper testing before renovation (for asbestos and lead-based paint) or after construction (for radon) and taking mitigation actions as necessary. Geology and soil impacts will be avoided by conducting geotechnical studies before site development. Visual impacts will be avoided by grading and landscaping the construction sites that may be visible from the Nallin Farm complex and by turning off the lights on the physical fitness center playing fields by 10 p.m. Therefore, based on the analysis found in the supplemental EA, which is hereby incorporated into the Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI), it is determined the implementation of the proposed action will not have significant individual or cumulative impacts on the quality of the natural or the human environment. Because no significant environmental impacts would result from implementation of the proposed action, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required and will not be prepared.

**DATES:** Public comments will be accepted on or before April 9, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the supplemental EA/FNSI may be obtained by writing to, and any inquiries and comments concerning the same should be addressed to, the Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, ATTN: CENAB-PL-EM (Ms. Elizabeth Quarrick), P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1715, or by calling (410) 962-2886, or by sending a telefax to 410-962-4698. Copies of the supplemental EA/FNSI will also be available at the Fort Detrick Post Library

(Building 501) and the Fort Detrick U.S. Army Garrison Headquarters Public Affairs Office (Building 810). There will be a 30-day comment period on the supplemental EA/FNSI before the Army proceeds with the proposed action.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Elizabeth Quarrick at 410-962-2886.

Dated: March 4, 1997.

Raymond J. Fatz,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health) OASA (I,L&E).*

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### Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

#### Transfer of Jurisdiction of a Portion of Joliet Army Ammunition Plant to the Department of Agriculture for the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On November 6, 1996, in accordance with Pub. L. 104-106, Title XXIX, Subtitle A, entitled "Illinois Land Conservation Act of 1995", the Department of the Army signed a Secretariat Memorandum to transfer approximately 15,080.53 acres of land and improvements at Joliet Army Ammunition Plant, Illinois to the Department of Agriculture for use by the Forest Service as the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie. The purpose of this notice is to effect that transfer pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 2912 (e)(2) of Pub. L. 104-106.

This is a partial transfer of the entire acreage contemplated by the statute. Additional transfers will be made in the future. A map dated December 4, 1996 and a legal description dated December 3, 1996 of the property which is the subject of the subject transfer, are on file with the U.S. Army Engineer District, Corps of Engineers, Louisville, Kentucky and the Office of the Regional Forester, USDA, Forest Service.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Charles E. Woods, 502-625-7104.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents are on file at locations:

1. U.S. Army Engineer District, Louisville, Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 59, Louisville, Kentucky 40201-9889.
2. Office of the Regional Forester, USDA, Forest Service 310 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** None.

Michael G. Barter,  
*Chief, Real Estate Division.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

#### Bonneville Power Administration

#### Columbia River System Operation Review on Selecting an Operating Strategy for the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS)

**AGENCY:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of Record of Decision (ROD).

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of the ROD to select a system operating strategy for the FCRPS, as analyzed in the Columbia River System Operation Review (SOR) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). To meet the need for a review of the multiple-purpose management of the FCRPS, four proposed actions were considered in the SOR EIS. This ROD applies solely to the decision BPA is making on the first of the four actions, selection of a system operating strategy. In response to the need to develop and implement a coordinated system operating strategy for the FCRPS, BPA has decided to: (1) Support recovery of fish species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) by storing water during the fall and winter to meet spring and summer flow targets; (2) protect other resources by managing detrimental effects caused by operations for ESA species by establishing minimum summer reservoir levels, providing public safety through flood protection, and other actions; and (3) provide for reasonable power generation.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the ROD and EIS may be obtained by calling BPA's toll-free document request line: 1-800-622-4520.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Philip Thor, SOR Manager, Bonneville Power Administration, P.O. Box 3621—PGF, Portland, Oregon, 97208-3621, phone number (503) 230-4235.

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on February 21, 1997.

Randall W. Hardy,

*Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.*

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### Office of Energy Research

#### Energy Research Financial Assistance Program Notice 97-08: Innovations in Fusion Energy Confinement Systems

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Research, U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice inviting grant applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Fusion Energy Sciences (OFES) of the Office of Energy Research, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announces its interest in receiving grant applications for innovative experiments in fusion energy confinement systems. Organizations with research projects funded under previous Notice 95-10 which are now due for continuation funding need not submit; however, those seeking renewal funding should submit a renewal application under this Notice. Successful applications will be funded early in FY 1998.

The Office of Fusion Energy Sciences is interested in applications for innovative experimental research that has the possibility of leading to improved fusion energy power plants (this includes tokamak based power plants with qualitatively improved performance). The research should be aimed at experimentally elucidating the physics principles involved. Research projects are sought which are unique, first of a kind and which provide new scientific insights. Although the main thrust of this initiative is experimental, consideration will be given to applications which are directed at scientific assessment of new concepts which are not ready for experimental investigation. Applications for research on existing large tokamaks, separate theory investigations, or initiatives in Inertial Fusion Energy should not be submitted in response to this notice. Collaborative applications submitted from different institutions which are directed at a single proposed experiment will be "bundled" and reviewed collectively.

**DATES:** To permit timely consideration for awards in Fiscal Year 1998, applications submitted in response to this notice must be received no later than 4:30 p.m., May 15, 1997. No electronic submissions of formal applications will be accepted.

**ADDRESSES:** Completed formal applications referencing Program Notice 97-08 should be forwarded to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Research, Grants and Contracts Division, ER-64, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290, ATTN: Program Notice 97-08.