

interested parties are invited to attend the scheduled meeting. Oral comments will be recorded at the public meeting, but it is recommended that written statements be submitted to assure accuracy. All comments must be received no later than September 1, 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### **Notice of Additional Public Scoping Meeting In Meridian, Mississippi, for the Environmental Impact Statement for Introduction of the Atlantic Fleet F/A-18 E/F Aircraft on the East Coast of the United States**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy (Navy) announced its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental consequences of the introduction of the Atlantic Fleet F/A-18 E/F aircraft on the East Coast of the United States. The Notice of Intent and Public Scoping Meetings appeared in the **Federal Register** on June 26, 2000 (65 FR 39373). One additional Public Scoping Meeting has been scheduled subsequent to that notice.

**DATES:** One additional public scoping open house will be held to receive oral and/or written comments on environmental concerns that should be addressed in the EIS. A public scoping open house will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on August 15, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** The open house will be held at East Mississippi Electric Power Association, 2128 Highway 39 North, Meridian, Mississippi.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Dan Cecchini (Code 2032), Atlantic Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 1510 Gilbert Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23511; telephone (757) 322-4887, fax (757) 322-4984.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Navy has decided to purchase F/A-18 E/F aircraft because of its improved

capabilities over earlier aircraft models. It is designed to fly farther and carry a heavier payload, which will make it a more effective tool for national defense. An EIS and Record of Decision (ROD) were completed in 1998 for the introduction of F/A-18 E/F aircraft on the West Coast. In 1999, the Navy began a phase-in of the F/A-18 E/F aircraft to NAS Lemoore, California. Introduction of the F/A-18 E/F aircraft in the Atlantic fleet area of responsibility will begin in 2004 and be completed by 2008.

The EIS will address the environmental impacts associated with basing and operation of the Atlantic fleet F/A-18 E/F aircraft on the East Coast, retirement of existing F-14 aircraft and earlier F/A-18 models, and new construction and/or renovation of buildings and other support facilities. In addition, the EIS will assess impacts on each local community and economy associated with relocation of military personnel to the area to support the operation and maintenance of the E/F squadrons.

The Navy is currently evaluating East Coast installations to develop reasonable F/A-18 E/F siting alternatives. To date, four Navy and Marine Corps air stations have been identified as potential receiving sites: Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Beaufort, South Carolina; MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina; Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana, Virginia; and NAS Meridian, Mississippi. Other siting alternatives are still being considered. The Navy's preferred alternative is to site all the Atlantic Fleet F/A-18 E/F squadrons at one location; however, splitting the squadrons between two bases is not precluded.

The Navy intends to analyze the potential environmental impacts of the introduction of the Atlantic Fleet F/A-18 E/F aircraft on the environment. This includes, but is not limited to air quality, plant and animal habitats, and water resources, such as streams. It will also evaluate potential effects on the surrounding communities, including land use patterns, transportation, housing, and the regional economy. Further, the Navy will examine potential effects on existing airspace, training range use, and on aircraft noise exposure levels in and around the bases.

The Navy has initiated a scoping process to identify community concerns and local issues that will be addressed in the EIS. Federal, state, local agencies, and interested persons are encouraged to provide oral and/or written comments to the Navy to identify environmental concerns that should be

addressed in the EIS. To be most helpful, scoping comments should clearly describe the specific issues or topics that the EIS should address.

Written comments must be postmarked by September 8, 2000, and should be mailed to: Commander, Atlantic Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 1510 Gilbert Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23511, Attn: Code 2032 (Mr. Dan Cecchini), telephone (757) 322-4887, fax (757) 322-4984.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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#### **Student Financial Assistance, Federal Work-Study Programs; Notice of the Closing Date for Submission of the Campus-Based Reallocation Form (ED Form E40-4P)**

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary gives notice that institutions of higher education participating in the Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program must submit the Campus-Based Reallocation Form by August 25, 2000 to request supplemental FWS funds for the 2000-2001 award year (July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001). The information collected is used to determine whether an institution is eligible to receive supplemental FWS funds for the 2000-2001 award year.

**DATES:** *Closing Date and Method for Submitting a Campus-Based Reallocation Form.* If you participated in the FWS Program for the 1999-2000 award year and want to ensure that you will be considered for supplemental FWS funds for the 2000-2001 award year, you must submit the electronic Campus-Based Reallocation Form by August 25, 2000.

The new Fiscal Operations Report for 1999-2000 and Application to Participate for 2001-2002 (FISAP) software that you received in July 2000 also contains the Campus-Based Reallocation Form (E-40-4P). The Campus-Based Reallocation Form electronic data must be transmitted via the Department's Student Aid Internet Gateway (formerly Title IV Wide Area Network or Title IV WAN). Specific information on this electronic transmission is provided in "Dear Partner" letter CB-00-11 that was

issued in July 2000. Transmit the Reallocation Form data to us only if you are releasing 1999–2000 campus-based funds or are requesting supplemental 2000–2001 FWS funds.

Although the FISAP is not due until October 1, 2000, you must complete the Campus-Based Reallocation Form electronic data transmission prior to midnight, Eastern time, on August 25, 2000. (For purposes of this notice, this deadline means that an institution has all of August 25, 2000, to transmit electronically.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department will reallocate unexpended FWS Federal funds from the 1999–2000 award year as supplemental allocations for the 2000–2001 award year under the FWS Program. Supplemental allocations will be issued this fall in accordance with the reallocation procedures contained in the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). Under section 442(d) of the HEA, unexpended FWS funds returned to the Secretary must be reallocated to eligible institutions that used at least 10 percent of the total FWS Federal funds granted to the institution to compensate students employed in community services. Because reallocated FWS funds will be distributed on the basis of fair share shortfall criteria, you must also have a fair share shortfall to receive these funds. A fair share shortfall means that you have an unmet need for FWS funds as determined by the FWS allocation formula in the HEA that uses data reported on the FISAP. You must use all the reallocated FWS Federal funds to compensate students employed in community services. To ensure consideration for supplemental FWS Federal funds for the 2000–2001 award year, you must submit the Campus-Based Reallocation Form data by August 25, 2000.

### Applicable Regulations

The following regulations apply to the Federal Work-Study Program:

- (1) Student Assistance General Provisions, 34 CFR part 668.
- (2) General Provisions for the Federal Perkins Loan Program, Federal Work-Study Program, and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program, 34 CFR part 673.
- (3) Federal Work-Study Programs, 34 CFR part 675.
- (4) Institutional Eligibility under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 34 CFR part 600.
- (5) New Restrictions on Lobbying, 34 CFR part 82.
- (6) Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and

Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants), 34 CFR part 85.

(7) Drug-Free Schools and Campuses, 34 CFR part 86.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For technical assistance concerning the Campus-Based Reallocation Form or other operational procedures of the campus-based programs, contact Mr. Milton Thomas, Jr., Student Financial Assistance, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Portals Building, Suite 600D, Washington, DC 20202–5353. Telephone (202) 708–9756. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Availability of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for Accomplishing Expanded Civilian Nuclear Energy Research and Development and Isotope Production Missions in the United States, Including the Role of the Fast Flux Test Facility

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Accomplishing Expanded Civilian Nuclear Energy Research and Development and Isotope Production Missions in the United States, Including the Role of the Fast Flux Test Facility [Nuclear Infrastructure Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (NI PEIS)] (DOE/EIS–0310D) for public review and comment. This draft PEIS, prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), analyzes the potential environmental impacts of using various irradiation and processing facilities to meet the following projected mission needs over a period of 35 years: (1) Production of medical, research, and industrial isotopes; (2) production of plutonium-238 to support future National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) space missions; and (3) support for U.S. civilian nuclear research and development activities. In addition to a No Action alternative, DOE evaluated other alternatives that include using existing facilities within the DOE complex, constructing and operating a new research reactor, constructing and operating one or two new accelerators, restarting the Fast Flux Test Facility (FFTF) that is currently in stand-by status, and procuring irradiation services at a commercial light water reactor to produce plutonium-238. As a result of comments received from the public during the scoping period, DOE evaluated a fifth alternative to deactivate FFTF permanently without pursuing any further expansion of the infrastructure to accommodate expanded mission areas. As part of the No Action alternative, DOE has also evaluated the option of purchasing plutonium-238 from Russia through an existing contract. The Department has no preferred alternative at this time, but will identify one in the Final PEIS.

**DATES:** The Department invites the general public, other Federal agencies, and Tribal, State and local Governments to provide comments on this draft PEIS.