

support current and emerging training and RDT&E requirements; the capability to support realistic, essential training at the level and frequency sufficient to support the Tactical Training Theater Assessment and Planning Program (TAP); and the capability to support training requirements while following Service Personnel Tempo of Operations guidelines.

The three alternatives analyzed in this EIS/OEIS are: the No Action Alternative—Current training activities; Alternative 1—Increase training, modernization and upgrades; and Alternative 2—Increase major at-sea exercises and training.

The No Action Alternative will continue training and RDT&E activities of the same types, and at the same levels of training intensity as currently conducted, without change in the nature or scope of military activities in the EIS/OEIS study area.

Alternative 1, the Preferred Alternative, is a proposal designed to meet the Services' current and near-term operational training requirements. This is the Preferred Alternative, because it would meet all near-term training requirements by increasing training activities, as a result of upgrades and modernization of existing training areas, and increasing the number of exercises. This alternative also includes increased activities due to meeting new training and capability requirements for personnel and platforms.

Implementation of Alternative 2 would include all the actions proposed for MIRC, including the No Action Alternative and Alternative 1, and new activities related to additional major at-sea exercises.

The decision to be made by the DoD REP is to determine which of the alternatives analyzed in the EIS/OEIS best meets the needs of the Services given that all reasonably foreseeable environmental impacts have been considered.

The Draft EIS/OEIS addresses potential environmental impacts on multiple resources, including but not limited to: water resources; air quality; marine mammals; sea turtles; fish and essential fish habitat; seabirds and shorebirds; cultural resources; regional economy; and public health and safety. The Draft EIS/OEIS identifies aspects of the proposed action that could act as stressors to these resources. The stressors considered for analysis of potential environmental consequences include but are not limited to: Vessel movements; aircraft overflights; non-explosive practice munitions; sonar; and underwater detonations and high explosive ordnance.

No significant impacts are identified for any resource area in any geographic location within the MIRC Study Area that cannot be mitigated, with the exception of exposure of marine mammals to underwater sound. The Navy has requested from NMFS a Letter of Authorization in accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act to authorize the incidental take of marine mammals that may result from the implementation of the activities analyzed in the MIRC Draft EIS/OEIS. In accordance with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, the Navy is consulting with NMFS and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for potential impacts to federally listed species.

The MIRC Draft EIS/OEIS has been distributed to Federal, State, and local agencies, elected officials, and other interested individuals and organizations. In addition, copies of the Draft EIS/OEIS are available for public review at the following libraries: University of Guam Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Library, Government Documents Tan Siu Lin Building, UOG Station, Mangilao, GU 96923; Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library, 254 Martyr Street, Hagåtña, GU 96910; Rota Public Library, P.O. Box 879, Rota, MP 96951; Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, P.O. Box 501092, Saipan, MP 96950; and Northern Marianas College Public Library, P.O. Box 459, Tinian, MP 96952.

The Draft EIS/OEIS is also available for electronic public viewing or download at <http://www.MarianasRangeComplexEIS.com>. A paper copy of the Executive Summary or a single CD with the Draft EIS/OEIS will be made available upon written request by contacting Mariana Islands Range Complex EIS, 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100, Attn: EV2, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3134; e-mail at: marianas.tap.eis@navy.mil.

Written comments can be submitted during the open house sessions. Oral statements will be heard and transcribed by a stenographer during the hearing sessions; however, to ensure the accuracy of the record, all statements should be submitted in writing. All statements, both oral and written, will become part of the public record on the Draft EIS/OEIS and will be addressed in the Final EIS/OEIS. Equal weight will be given to both oral and written statements. In the interest of available time, and to ensure all who wish to give an oral statement have the opportunity to do so, each speaker's comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.

If a long statement is to be presented, it should be summarized at the public hearing with the full text submitted

either in writing at the hearing; mailed to Mariana Islands Range Complex EIS, 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100, Attn: EV2, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3134; or e-mailed to marianas.tap.eis@navy.mil. In addition, comments may be submitted on-line at <http://www.MarianasRangeComplexEIS.com> during the comment period. All written comments must be postmarked by March 16, 2009, to ensure they become part of the official record. All timely comments will be addressed in the Final EIS/OEIS.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability for Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Concerning Treatment of the CNS for Status Epilepticus Due to Organophosphate Exposure

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Announcement is made of the availability for licensing of the invention set forth in U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 61/104,311 entitled “* * * Treatment of the CNS for Status Epilepticus Due to Organophosphate Exposure,” filed October 10, 2008. The United States Government, as represented by the Secretary of the Army, has rights in this invention.

ADDRESSES: Commander, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, ATTN: Command Judge Advocate, MCMR-JA, 504 Scott Street, Fort Detrick, Frederick, MD 21702-5012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For patent issues, Ms. Elizabeth Arwine, Patent Attorney, (301) 619-7808. For licensing issues, Dr. Paul Mele, Office of Research & Technology Assessment, (301) 619-6664, both at telefax (301) 619-5034.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The invention is a method of post exposure treatment for chemical warfare nerve agent or organophosphate induced seizure/status epilepticus and neuropathology. The method of treatment utilizes a specific blood-brain

barrier penetrating oxime. The administration of this oxime initiates the reactivation of the central nervous system cholinesterases (AChE and BChE) for pesticide and OP induced central nervous system (and peripherally) inhibited AChE.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Army Education Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Sunshine in the Government Act of 1976 (U.S.C. 552b, as amended) and 41 Code of the Federal Regulations (CFR 102-3.140 through 160, the Department of the Army announces the following committee meeting:

Name of Committee: Army Education Advisory Committee (AEAC).

Date of Meeting: February 25, 2009.

Time of Meeting: 0900-1500.

Place of Meeting: Deputy Chief of Staff G-3/5/7 Conference Room, Building 161, Room 305, Ft. Monroe, VA.

Proposed Agenda: Purpose of the meeting is to allow review, discussions, and deliberations of actions and recommendations from five subcommittees: Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, Command and General Staff College Board of Visitors, Army War College Board of Visitors, Distance Learning/Training Technology Applications Subcommittee, and the Reserve Officer Training Corps Subcommittee. Approved recommendations will be forwarded to the Office of the Administrative Assistant, Secretary of the Army, the appropriate Subcommittee's Alternate Designated Federal Official (ADFO), and the Subcommittee's decision maker.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information please contact Mr. Wayne Joyner at albert.wayne.joyner@us.army.mil or (757) 788-5890. Written submissions are to be submitted to the following address: Army Education Advisory Committee, ATTN: Designated Federal Officer (DFO) (Joyner), 5 Fenwick Road,

building 161, room 217, Fort Monroe, Virginia 23651.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Meeting of the Advisory Committee is open to the public. Attendance will be limited to those persons who have notified the Committee Management Office at least 10 calendar days prior to the meeting of their intention to attend.

Filing Written Statement: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.140d, the Committee is not obligated to allow the public to speak, however, interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the Committee. Individuals submitting a written statement must submit their statement to the DFO at the address listed (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). Written statements not received at least 10 calendar days prior to the meeting, may not be provided to or considered by the committee. The DFO will review all timely submissions with the Chairperson, and ensure they are provided to the members of the committee before the meeting. After reviewing written comments, the Chairperson and the DFO may choose to invite the submitter of the comments to orally present their issue during open portion of this meeting or at a future meeting. The DFO, in consultation with the Chairperson, may allot a specific amount of time for the members of the public to present their issues for review and discussion.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Army Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Joint Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report for the Sacramento River Bank Protection Project Phase II Supplemental Authority providing for implementation of up to 80,000 linear feet of additional bank protection in the Sacramento River Flood Control Project area, Butte, Colusa, Contra Costa, Glenn, Placer, Sacramento, Solano, Sutter, Tehama, Yolo, and Yuba Counties, CA

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The action being taken is the preparation of a joint environmental impact statement/environmental impact report (EIS/EIR) for the Sacramento

River Bank Protection Project (SRBPP) Phase II Supplemental Authority. The SRBPP Phase II Supplemental Authority will result in the implementation of an additional 80,000 linear feet of bank protection in the Sacramento River Flood Control Project area, as authorized by the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2007. The SRBPP Phase II Supplemental Authority is located in the Sacramento River Flood Control Project (SRFCP) area, consisting of the Sacramento River and its Tributaries, CA.

DATES: A series of public scoping meetings will be held as follows:

1. Tuesday, February 17, 2009, 6 to 8 p.m. at Colusa Fairgrounds, Atwood Hall (1303 10th Street, Colusa).

2. Wednesday, February 18, 2009, 6 to 8 p.m. at Jean Harvie Community and Senior Center (14273 River Road, Walnut Grove).

3. Tuesday, February 24, 2009, 4 to 6 p.m. at Library Galleria (828 "I" Street, Sacramento).

4. Wednesday, February 25, 2009, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Chico Masonic Family Center (110 West East Avenue, Chico).

Send written comments by March 16, 2009 to the address below.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and suggestions concerning this project may be submitted to Mr. Matthew Davis, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, Attn: CESPK-PD-R, 1325 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814-2922. Requests to be placed on the mailing list should also be sent to this address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the proposed action and EIS/EIR should be addressed to Matthew Davis at (916) 557-6708, by e-mail Matthew.G.Davis@usace.army.mil, by fax (916) 557-7856, or by mail to (see **ADDRESSES**).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District (Corps) is the federal lead agency for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the Proposed Action. The Central Valley Flood Protection Board of the State of California (CVFPB) is the state lead agency for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Proposed Action.

1. *Proposed Action.* Section 3031 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2007 authorizes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and its local sponsors to construct an additional 80,000 linear feet of bank protection in the SRBPP area. The Corps and the CVFPB are preparing an EIS/EIR to analyze the impacts of constructing an additional 80,000 linear feet of bank protection in the SRBPP area in the form