

review generally should form the basis for reviews under all federal environmental laws that pertain to a given action. Another commenter requested revisions to include a schedule or other mechanism for coordinating ESA, Marine Mammal Protection Act, NHPA, and other interagency consultation processes so as to increase efficiency and create enforceable timelines. Another commenter asked for additional discussion about entering into programmatic agreements with other regulatory agencies such as the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

The final guidance recognizes that the purpose and need statement and the proposed action for the programmatic NEPA review are critical for determining the compliance requirements under other applicable laws and regulations, such as ESA, NHPA, and Clean Water Act. Language has been added to the final guidance to emphasize that an agency should consider the appropriate level of compliance with other laws for a programmatic NEPA review, for example by considering programmatic agreements under the ESA and NHPA, and the potential for a separate, more focused and specific consultation, for any subsequent tiered NEPA review.

Hard Look Doctrine

A few commenters asked for further clarification on how the “hard look” doctrine should be met for programmatic NEPA analysis. The final guidance explains that a programmatic NEPA review should contain sufficient discussion of the relevant issues and opposing viewpoints to enable the decisionmaker to take a “hard look” at the environmental effects and make a reasoned choice among alternatives.

The final guidance describes the hard look doctrine in greater detail and an agency should include a statement in its programmatic NEPA review that explains rationale as to how various environmental effects were analyzed given the scope of the programmatic decisions being made.

Mitigation and Monitoring

Several commenters voiced concerns that the final guidance does not adequately address mitigation and monitoring. Some commenters noted that agencies often fail to follow through on mitigation strategies throughout the programmatic NEPA process, and solely focus on mitigation at the broad-level review. These commenters also recommend that agencies be required to incorporate not only monitoring but also triggers and methods to update

mitigation requirements depending on the monitoring results. Some of these commenters also requested that CEQ provide more direction about the necessity of mitigation monitoring and adaptive management in the context of environmental review.

The CEQ regulations provide a framework for mitigating adverse environmental impacts. Mitigation and monitoring are key components of NEPA regardless of whether the NEPA process is programmatic. The final guidance recognizes that programmatic NEPA reviews provide an opportunity for agencies to incorporate comprehensive mitigation planning and monitoring strategies into the Federal policymaking process at a broad or strategic, rather than specific or site-by-site, level. New language has been added to include recognition that best management practices, adaptive management practices, and standard operating procedures may also be incorporated. The final guidance now notes that adaptive management can provide the basis for an agency to change the course of implementation without the need for developing supplemental NEPA reviews and the associated documentation.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4332, 4342, 4344 and 40 CFR parts 1500, 1501, 1502, 1503, 1505, 1506, 1507, and 1508)

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Judicial Proceedings since Fiscal Year 2012 Amendments Panel (Judicial Proceedings Panel); Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing this notice to announce the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Judicial Proceedings since Fiscal Year 2012 Amendments Panel (“the Judicial Proceedings Panel” or “the Panel”). The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: A meeting of the Judicial Proceedings Panel will be held on Friday, January 16, 2015. The Public Session will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, 333 Constitution Avenue NW., Courtroom #20, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Julie Carson, Judicial Proceedings Panel, One Liberty Center, 875 N. Randolph Street, Suite 150, Arlington, VA 22203. Email: whs.pentagon.em.mbx.judicial-panel@mail.mil Phone: (703) 693-3849. Web site: <http://jpp.whs.mil>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This public meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.150.

Purpose of the Meeting: At this meeting, the Judicial Proceedings Panel will deliberate on the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Pub. L. 112-239), as amended, Section 576(a)(2) requirement to conduct an independent review and assessment of judicial proceedings conducted under the Uniform Code of Military Justice involving adult sexual assault and related offenses since the amendments made to the Uniform Code of Military Justice by section 541 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Pub. L. 112-81; 125 Stat. 1404), for the purpose of developing recommendations for improvements to such proceedings. The Panel is interested in written and oral comments from the public, including non-governmental organizations, relevant to this tasking.

Agenda:

- 8:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m. Administrative Session (41 CFR 102-3.160, not subject to notice & open meeting requirements)
 - 9:00 a.m.–4:45 p.m. Panel Deliberations on Initial JPP Report
 - 4:45 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Public Comment
- Availability of Materials for the Meeting:** A copy of the January 16, 2015 meeting agenda or any updates to the agenda, to include individual speakers not identified at the time of this notice, as well as other materials presented related to the meeting, may be obtained at the meeting or from the Panel’s Web site at <http://jpp.whs.mil>.

Public’s Accessibility to the Meeting: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, and the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Seating is limited and is on a first-come basis.

Special Accommodations: Individuals requiring special accommodations to access the public meeting should contact Ms. Julie Carson at

whs.pentagon.em.mbx.judicial-panel@mail.mil at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Procedures for Providing Public Comments: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments to the Panel about its mission and topics pertaining to this public session. Written comments must be received by Ms. Julie Carson at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting date so that they may be made available to the Judicial Proceedings Panel for their consideration prior to the meeting. Written comments should be submitted via email to Ms. Carson at *whs.pentagon.em.mbx.judicial-panel@mail.mil* in the following formats: Adobe Acrobat or Microsoft Word. Please note that since the Judicial Proceedings Panel operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, all written comments will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection. If members of the public are interested in making an oral statement, a written statement must be submitted along with a request to provide an oral statement. Oral presentations by members of the public will be permitted between 4:45 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on January 16, 2015 in front of the Panel. The number of oral presentations to be made will depend on the number of requests received from members of the public on a first-come basis. After reviewing the requests for oral presentation, the Chairperson and the Designated Federal Officer will, having determined the statement to be relevant to the Panel's mission, allot five minutes to persons desiring to make an oral presentation.

Committee's Designated Federal Officer: The Board's Designated Federal Officer is Ms. Maria Fried, Judicial Proceedings Panel, 1600 Defense Pentagon, Room 3B747, Washington, DC 20301–1600.

Dated: December 18, 2014.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Business Board; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: DoD.

ACTION: Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing this notice to announce the following Federal advisory committee meeting of the Defense Business Board. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The public meeting of the Defense Business Board (hereafter referred to as “the Board”) will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2015. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. (Escort required; see guidance in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section, “Public's Accessibility to the Meeting.”)

ADDRESSES: Room 3E863 in the Pentagon, Washington, DC (Escort required; see guidance in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section, “Public's Accessibility to the Meeting.”)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *Committee's Designated Federal Officer:* The Board's Designated Federal Officer is Phyllis Ferguson, Defense Business Board, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Room 5B1088A, Washington, DC 20301–1155, *phyllis.l.ferguson2.civ@mail.mil*, 703–695–7563. For meeting information please contact Ms. Debora Duffy, Defense Business Board, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Room 5B1088A, Washington, DC 20301–1155, *debora.k.duffy.civ@mail.mil*, (703) 697–2168.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102–3.150.

Purpose of the Meeting: At this meeting, the Board will deliberate the findings and draft recommendations from the “*Guiding Principles to Optimize DoD's Science and Technology Investments*,” and the “*Transforming Department of Defense Core Business Processes for Revolutionary Change*” Task Groups.

The mission of the Board is to examine and advise the Secretary of Defense on overall DoD management and governance. The Board provides independent advice which reflects an outside private sector perspective on proven and effective best business practices that can be applied to DoD.

Availability of Materials for the Meeting: A copy of the agenda and the

terms of reference for each Task Group study may be obtained from the Board's Web site at <http://dbb.defense.gov/meetings>. Copies will also be available at the meeting.

Meeting Agenda:

8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.—Task Group Outbrief and Board Deliberations on “*Guiding Principles to Optimize DoD's Science and Technology Investments*.”

10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.—Task Group Outbrief and Board Deliberations on “*Transforming Department of Defense Core Business Processes for Revolutionary Change*.”

Public's Accessibility to the Meeting: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165, and the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Seating is limited and is on a first-come basis. All members of the public who wish to attend the public meeting must contact Ms. Debora Duffy at the number listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

CONTACT section no later than 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14 to register and make arrangements for a Pentagon escort, if necessary. Public attendees requiring escort should arrive at the Pentagon Metro Entrance with sufficient time to complete security screening no later than 8:00 a.m. on January 22. To complete security screening, please come prepared to present two forms of identification and one must be a pictured identification card.

Special Accommodations: Individuals requiring special accommodations to access the public meeting should contact Ms. Duffy at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Procedures for Providing Public Comments

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.140, and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments to the Board about its mission and topics pertaining to this public meeting.

Written comments should be received by the DFO at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the Board for their consideration prior to the meeting. Written comments should be submitted via email to the address for the DFO given in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section in either Adobe Acrobat or Microsoft Word format. The public will be offered an opportunity for oral comments during the public session as time permits. Please note that since the Board operates under the provisions of the