

Department of Defense. At this meeting the Task Force will address the threat to U.S. interests posed by the growth of underground facilities in unfriendly nations. The Task Force should investigate technologies and techniques to meet the international security and military strategy challenges posed by these facilities.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. No. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II, (1994)), it has been determined that this DSB Task Force meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c)(1) (1994), and that accordingly this meeting will be closed to the public.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Defense Science Board Task Force on Submarine of the Future

**ACTION:** Notice of Advisory Committee Meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Science Board Task Force on Submarine of the Future will meet in closed session on May 19-20, 1997 at Science Applications International Corporation, 4001 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting the Task Force will assess the nation's need for attack submarines in the 21st century.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of no Significant Impact (FNSI) for the Disposal and Reuse of Fort Holabird Defense Investigative Service and Cummins Apartments Parcels, Baltimore, 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 Commission recommended the closure of Fort Holabird upon relocation of its remaining tenant, the Defense Investigative Service (DIS). The law further directs that the organization be relocated to a new facility at Fort Meade, Maryland. In addition, Public Law 104-106 allows for the conveyance of the 6.6 acres under and around Cummins Apartments, housing located on a parcel of Fort Holabird, to the current owner of the apartment building(s).

The EA analyzes the environmental and socioeconomic effects of the closure of Fort Holabird, and the sale of land associated with Cummins Apartments. The relocation of the organization to Fort Meade and the planned construction of a new facility is covered in a separate EA. The Fort Holabird disposal EA also evaluates potential reuse of the property.

The EA evaluated three disposal alternatives: encumbered disposal, unencumbered disposal, and the no-action alternative. The preferred alternative is encumbered disposal. This involves transfer of the property with conditions, imposed by the Army and incorporated into transfer documents, on future reuse. Currently, there are no encumbrances associated with the parcels. There are, however, several potentially contaminated areas in the vicinity of the DIS parcel. These areas require further environmental evaluation. If the ongoing investigation reveals contamination that needs to be remediated, it may be necessary to dispose of the property with encumbrances to protect and allow continued access to affected area.

In addition to the proposed Army disposal actions, the EA also evaluates three potential reuse scenarios for the DIS parcel (high-intensity, medium-intensity, and low-intensity reuse scenarios). These scenarios were developed by the Army in cooperation with the City of Baltimore to evaluate a range of reasonably foreseeable impacts

from reuse by other parties, as an indirect action resulting from the disposal. A local community reuse plan is being prepared.

The Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Military District of Washington, has concluded the proposed disposal and reuse of the DIS and Cummins Apartments parcels do not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the environment. Because no significant adverse effects are expected as a result of the disposal and reuse of the parcels, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required, and will not be prepared.

**DATES:** Public comments must be submitted on or before May 27, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the EA and FNSI may be obtained by writing to, and any inquiries should be addressed to, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: Ms. Maria de la Torre (CENAB-PL-EM), P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1715, or by telefax at (410) 962-4698, within 30 days of the publication of this notice. Individuals wishing to review the EA may also examine a copy at the Enoch Pratt Library, 400 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Charlotte Rodriguez at (202) 685-3255.

Dated: April 18, 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for Hamilton Army Airfield, California, Disposal and Reuse Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the President's Council on Environmental Quality, the Army has prepared an FEIS for the disposal of lands at Hamilton Army Airfield (HAAF), California. The FEIS also describes the potential impacts of a range of potential reuse alternatives. The ROD, based on the FEIS, finds no significant impacts are associated with disposal of HAAF. Any impacts or mitigation associated with reuse depending on intensity and scenario chosen will be the responsibility of non-