Panel Members, shall be appointed by the Chairman and their appointments shall be renewed on an annual basis by the Secretary of Defense. The panel membership shall select the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the panel for renewable one-year terms. In addition, the Secretary of Defense may invite other distinguished Government officers to serve as non-voting observers of the panel, and appoint consultants, with special expertise, to assist the panel on an ad hoc basis. Non-voting observers and those non-voting experts and consultants appointed by the Secretary of Defense shall not count toward the panel’s total membership. Panel members who are not full-time or permanent part-time federal officers or employees, shall be appointed to serve as experts and consultants under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 3109 and shall serve as special government employee members. With the exception of travel and per diem for official panel related travel, panel members shall serve without compensation.

The Secretary of Defense may approve the appointment of Panel members for one to four year terms of service; however, no member, unless authorized by the Secretary of Defense, may serve more than two consecutive terms of service. This same term of service limitation also applies to any DoD authorized subcommittees.

Each panel member is appointed to provide advice on behalf of the government on the basis of his or her best judgment without representing any particular point of view and in a manner that is free from conflict of interest.

The Department, when necessary, and consistent with the Panel’s mission and DoD policies and procedures, may establish subcommittees deemed necessary to support the panel. Establishment of subcommittees will be based upon a written determination, to include terms of reference, by the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense or the advisory committee’s sponsor. Such subcommittees shall not work independently of the chartered panel, and shall report all their recommendations and advice to the panel for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered panel; nor can any subcommittee members update or report directly to the DoD or any Federal officers or employees.

All subcommittee members shall be appointed in the same manner as the panel members; that is, the Secretary of Defense shall appoint subcommittee members even if the member in question is already a panel member. Subcommittee members, with the approval of the Secretary of Defense, may serve a term of service on the subcommittee of one to four years; however, no member shall serve more than two consecutive terms of service on the subcommittee. Subcommittee members, if not full-time or part-time government employees, shall be appointed to serve as experts and consultants under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 3109, and shall serve as special government employees, whose appointments must be renewed by the Secretary of Defense on an annual basis. With the exception of travel and per diem for official panel related travel, subcommittee members shall serve without compensation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Freeman, Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, 703–692–5952.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The panel shall meet at the call of the panel’s designated federal officer, in consultation with the panel’s chairperson. The estimated number of panel meetings is two per year. In addition, the designated federal officer is required to be in attendance at all panel and subcommittee meetings for the entire duration of each and every meeting; however, in the absence of the designated federal officer, the alternate designated federal officer shall attend the entire duration of the panel or subcommittee meeting.

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements to Ocean Research Advisory Panel’s membership about the panel’s mission and functions. Written statements may be submitted at any time or in response to the stated agenda of planned meeting of Ocean Research Advisory Panel. All written statements shall be submitted to the designated federal officer for the ocean research advisory panel, and this individual will ensure that the written statements are provided to the membership for their consideration. Contact information for the Ocean Research Advisory Panel Designated Federal Officer can be obtained from the GSA’s FACA Database—https://www.fido.gov/facadatabase/public.asp.

The Designated Federal Officer, pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.150, will announce planned meetings of the Ocean Research Advisory Panel. The designated federal officer, at that time, may provide additional guidance on the submission of written statements that are in response to the stated agenda for the planned meeting in question.

Dated: February 1, 2012. 

Aaron Siegel, Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Record of Decision for the White Elk Military Operations Area White Pine and Elko Counties, Nevada Final Environmental Impact Statement

ACTION: Notice of Availability (NOA) of a Record of Decision (ROD).

SUMMARY: On November 4, 2011, the United States Air Force signed the ROD for the White Elk Military Operations Area (MOA) as a result of findings in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) dealing with airspace over White Pine and Elko Counties, Nevada. The ROD states the Air Force decision to select the Proposed Action to establish the White Elk MOA airspace adjacent to the Utah Test and Training Range over White Pine County and Elko County in eastern Nevada along with the authorization of supersonic operations in the overlying Currie/Tippet Air Traffic Control Assigned Airspace (ATCAA) and use of training chafe and flare in the White Elk MOA and Currie/Tippet ATCAA airspace.

The decision was based on matters discussed in the Final EIS, inputs from the public and regulatory agencies, and other relevant factors. The Final EIS was made available to the public on May 20, 2011 through a NOA in the Federal Register (Volume 76, Number 98, Page 29241) with a wait period that ended on June 20, 2011. The ROD documents only the decision of the Air Force with respect to the proposed Air Force actions analyzed in the Final EIS.

Authority: This NOA is published pursuant to the regulations (40 CFR Part 1506.6) implementing the provisions of the NEPA of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321, et seq.) and the Air Force’s Environmental Impact Analysis Process (EIAP) (32 CFR Parts 989.21(b) and 989.24(b)(7)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Nicholas M. Germanos, 129 Andrews
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Record of Decision for the Air Space Training Initiative Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina Final Environmental Impact Statement

ACTION: Notice of Availability (NOA) of a Record of Decision (ROD).

SUMMARY: On December 9, 2011, the United States Air Force signed the ROD for the Airspace Training Initiative Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The ROD states the Air Force decision to select the Preferred Alternative and adopt the mitigation measures identified in the Final EIS and also the additional compensatory mitigations identified after the Final EIS.

The decision was based on matters discussed in the Final EIS, inputs from the public and regulatory agencies, and other relevant factors. The Final EIS was made available to the public on June 25, 2010 through a NOA in the Federal Register (Volume 75, Number 122, Page 36386) with a wait period that ended on July 25, 2010. The ROD documents only the decision of the Air Force with respect to the proposed Air Force actions analyzed in the Final EIS.

Authority: This NOA is published pursuant to the regulations (40 CFR Part 1506.6) implementing the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321, et seq.) and the Air Force’s Environmental Impact Analysis Process (EIAP) (32 CFR Parts 899.21(b) and 899.24(b)(4)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr Jay Nash; HQ/USAF/A4/7, 1030 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330–1030; (703) 693–4001.

Shannon N. Sanchez,
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000; Revision to the List of Covered Facilities

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of revision of listing of covered facilities.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (“Department” or “DOE”) periodically publishes revisions to its list of facilities covered under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000, as amended (“EEOICPA” or “Act”). This notice amends the list of covered facilities by removing the designation of the Monsanto Chemical Company in Dayton, Ohio, and the United Lead Company of New Jersey as atomic weapons employer (AWE) facilities. Records related to the Monsanto facility indicate that Monsanto provided construction and management and operations services at the Dayton facility during the period identified on the facility list pursuant to contracts with DOE and, therefore, it should not be designated as an AWE facility.

This notice formally makes the changes to the listing of covered facilities as indicated below:

- Removes the United Lead Company in Middlesex, New Jersey, as an AWE facility under EEOICPA because it was duplicative of the listing of the Middlesex Sampling Plant—a DOE facility in New Jersey for which United Lead Company was the operator.
- The Monsanto Chemical Company facility in Dayton, Ohio, is no longer designated as an AWE facility. This change has no effect on any determination by the Department of Labor regarding the status of the site.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 25, 2012.

Glenn S. Podonsky,
Chief Health, Safety and Security Officer, Office of Health, Safety and Security.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms J. Warner; Office of the Chief, Health, Safety and Security Officer, 5238 ATRC, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585.